

BOTH... AND**EITHER ... OR****NEITHER ... NOR**

We use **BOTH... AND** to join the subjects of two different sentences in one sentence which has a **POSITIVE MEANING**. The verb of the sentence is always **PLURAL**.

Example: **Both** Ann and Jane like Maths.

Subjects: 1. Ann 2. Jane Verb: like (not likes)

Example: **Both** the lions and the tigers **are** wild animals.

Subjects: 1. Lions 2. tigers Verb: are



We use **NEITHER... NOR** to join the subjects of two different sentences in one sentence which has a **NEGATIVE MEANING**. The verb is always affirmative and agrees with the subject.

Example: **Neither** Ted **nor** Mark likes snakes.

Neither Ted **nor** his friends like snakes.

Neither Sheila **nor** Mary wants to travel abroad.

(NOT **Neither** Sheila **nor** Mary don't want to travel abroad.)

We use **EITHER... OR** to refer to **any one of two things/ people**. It takes a singular or plural verb depending on the subject.

Example: **Either** Tim or his parents **ARE** going to Italy this year.

Either Mike or his friend **IS** going to Italy this year.

You can have **either** a dog **or** a cat for your birthday. (not both)

A- Write the correct word

- 1 (Neither / Either) Sarah nor her sisters are very tall.
- 2 I don't like (either / neither) football or rugby very much.
- 3 John Brick is (both / either) thoughtful and generous.
- 4 The shop assistant in the shop persuaded me to buy (either / both) the skirt and the jacket.
- 5 (Neither / Either) Bob nor Sam went to university.
- 6 Adult crocodiles are (either / both) strong and lively.
7. You can have (neither / either) a cake or a doughnut, but not both!



B- Rewrite the whole sentence correcting the mistakes.

- 1 We can either stay in nor go out.
- 2 I spoke to both Ann or Sally.
- 3 She neither apologized nor explained.
- 4 Neither Joe or Tom came to the party.
- 5 Nick was both tired or hungry when he arrived home.

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