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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