

Both...and, either...or, neither...nor

We use both...and – together to emphasize two people or things	We use either...or together to emphasize that there is an alternative	We use neither...nor together to emphasize that two alternatives are not possible, likely or true
Both Ann and Jane like Maths.	You can have either a dog or a cat for your birthday.	Neither Ted nor Mark <u>likes</u> snakes. Neither Ted nor his friends <u>like</u> snakes.

I Underline 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!

II Rewrite the incorrect sentences.

- 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 and hungry when he arrived home.

III Make up sentences, linking these ideas. Use both...and, either...or, neither...nor. Example: Kate plays the violin. And she sings. Kate both plays the violin and sings.

- 1 We can watch TV or we can play computer games now.
We can either _____
- 2 Alan couldn't read Chinese. And he couldn't write it.
Alan could neither _____
- 3 I didn't know Sam's address. My sister didn't know his address.
Neither I _____
- 4 My new flat is larger than my old flat. And it is closer to my office.
My new flat is both _____
- 5 Dan didn't meet Tom's sister. And he didn't meet Tom's brother.
He didn't meet either _____
- 6 It was a very boring lecture. It was very long too. The lecture _____
- 7 Jill is on holiday and so is her sister. Both _____



Write sentences with **both ... and ... / neither ... nor ... / either ... or ...**

1. Chris was late. So was Pat. *Both Chris and Pat were late.*
2. He didn't say hello, and he didn't smile. *He neither said hello nor smiled.*
3. It was a boring movie. It was long too.
The movie _____

4. Joe doesn't have a car. Sam doesn't have one either.

5. Emily speaks German and she speaks Russian too.

6. Ben doesn't watch TV and he doesn't read newspapers.

Ben

7. Is that man's name Richard? Or is it Robert? It's one of the two.

That man's name

8. I don't have time to go on holiday. And I don't have the money.

I have

9. We can leave today or we can leave tomorrow – whichever you prefer.

We