Paired Conjunction

You can connect related ideas with paired conjunctions:

Either ... or

We use **Either .... or** to offer a choice between two alternatives.

Either .... or is used in sentences in a positive sense meaning.

Either Marcelo **or** Luz will go to the party.

You should bring **either** coffee **or** tea.

Neither ... nor

We use **Neither .... nor** like a negative conjunction.

Neither .... nor is used in sentences in a negative sense meaning.

Neither my father **nor** my mother has been to Cuzco before.

Not only ... but also

OWhen you use not only... but also in a statement, notice that not only but also go immediately before the words or expression that they modify.

When you use a correlative conjunction, both clauses have to be parallel. You have to use before two nouns, two adjectives, two verbs,etc.

In Trujillo people **not only** need food **but also** water.

Paul Newman is **not only** rich **but also** generous.

My father **not only** brought me to Cajamarca **but also** found a good job for me.

Not only can go at the beginning of a sentence. Notice that it is followed by:

AUXILIARY VERB + SUBJECT

Not only did my father bring me to Cajamarca; he also found a good job for me

PRACTICE (write your answers in lower case letters)
Combine each pair of sentences into one new sentence. Use the words in the box.

either . . . or
neither . . . nor
not only . . . but also

1. Riding a bike in the city is not easy Riding a bike in the city is not pleasant.

2. You can help your community by volunteering your time. If you are too busy, you can donate money.

3. Smoke-filled rooms are unpleasant. Smoke-filled rooms are unhealthy.

4. The traffic was awful. The weather was terrible

5. Someone has to do something about traffic in Cajamarca. It might be the police chief or it might be the mayor.