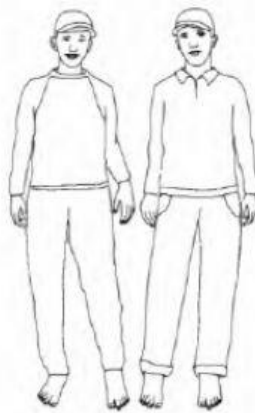


# Link words

*both ... and, either ... or, neither ... nor, not only ... but also, so ... that*

In this unit you learn how to connect parts of sentences together.

## Both ... and, neither ... nor



*Both Dan **and** Tony are wearing caps.  
Neither Tony **nor** Dan have got shoes on.*

You can also use these phrases with adjectives to describe people or things.

*She was **both** intelligent **and** pretty.  
The book was **neither** original **nor** interesting.*

You use **either ... or** when there is a choice.

*You can **either** have ice cream **or** fruit for dessert.  
You can **either** buy it in a bookshop **or** online.*

You use **not only ... but also** to describe two important things about a person or thing.

*The chicken was **not only** cold **but** it **also** tasted strange.  
He's **not only** a famous singer **but** he's **also** made five films.*

You can also use **so + adjective** or **adverb + that** as a way of describing people or things.

*The exam was **so** easy **that** I finished it in less than an hour.*

*She ran **so** quickly **that** I couldn't catch her.*

You can also use this phrase without **that**.

*The train was **so** slow, I was late for school.*

### Exercise 1

Choose the correct word.

- 1 Every girl will get either a scarf **or** / **and** a box of chocolates.
- 2 Neither their family **and** / **nor** their friends knew they were married.
- 3 The club was not only small **but** / **or** also very dark.
- 4 They ran **such** / **so** fast that they fell over.
- 5 I decided to buy **both** / **neither** the red dress and the green one.
- 6 I was so angry with Adriana **nor** / **that** I couldn't speak.

### Exercise 2

Put the correct word in each gap.

**nor | and | not only | or | so | both**

#### Vijay

Vijay is a great guy and <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ his friends and his colleagues think he is fantastic. At work, he is <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ quick, but also very careful. In fact, he is <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ popular that when he got married, his colleagues wanted to buy him a really nice present.

Neither his best friend <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ his parents could suggest anything, so they decided to give him and his wife some money. Vijay said they would use it to buy either a sofa <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ some plants for their garden. He invited a lot of people to the wedding, and both his family <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ his friends had a great time.

### Exercise 3

Which sentences are correct?

- 1 They stole not only my passport but also my money. ☐
- 2 The bag was so heavy that I could carry it. ☐
- 3 I would like to study either medicine and law. ☐
- 4 I was both upset and angry when I heard the news. ☐
- 5 Travel around my city is neither quick or easy. ☐
- 6 I think I will have either the fish or the pasta. ☐

**Exercise 4**

Complete the sentences by writing one word in each gap.

- 1 You may take either an apple \_\_\_\_\_ a banana, but not both.
- 2 Both her parents \_\_\_\_\_ her teachers are worried about her.
- 3 Unfortunately, the hotel was \_\_\_\_\_ comfortable nor clean.
- 4 The wall was \_\_\_\_\_ high that we couldn't climb over it.
- 5 The path was not only steep \_\_\_\_\_ also dangerous.
- 6 Neither her friends \_\_\_\_\_ her family phoned her.

**Exercise 5**

Put each sentence into the correct order.

- 1 neither clever / nor funny / his behaviour / was / .

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- 2 but / also delicious / the food was / only healthy / not / .

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- 3 I was / I had / to go / to bed / so tired / .

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- 4 the bike / both the car / and / were / stolen / .

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- 5 either / scissors / or some / I need / a knife / .

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- 6 to go home / we decided / was / the weather / so bad / .

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**Exercise 6**

Match the sentence halves.

- 1 The tourist guide was neither interesting
- 2 My parents gave me both a watch
- 3 My shoes were so uncomfortable
- 4 I lost not only my money
- 5 I usually travel either by bus
- 6 We understood neither the letter

- a nor helpful.
- b but also my camera.
- c nor the email.
- d I couldn't walk.
- e and a phone.
- f or by train.