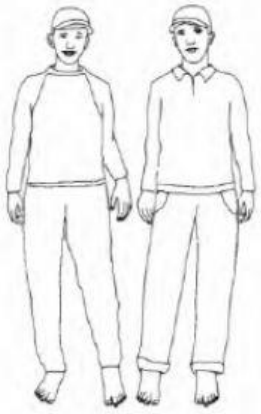
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Link words

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.*

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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 [1]_____ his friends and his colleagues think he is fantastic. At work, he is [2]_____ quick, but also very careful. In fact, he is [3]_____ popular that when he got married, his colleagues wanted to buy him a really nice present.

Neither his best friend [4]_____ 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 [5]_____ some plants for their garden. He invited a lot of people to the wedding, and both his family [6]_____ 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. ❑

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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 / .

_____

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

_____

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

_____

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

_____

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

_____

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

_____

Exercise 6

Match the sentence halves.

1 The tourist guide was neither interesting	**a** nor helpful.
2 My parents gave me both a watch	**b** but also my camera.
3 My shoes were so uncomfortable	**c** nor the email.
4 I lost not only my money	**d** I couldn't walk.
5 I usually travel either by bus	**e** and a phone.
6 We understood neither the letter	**f** or by train.

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