

**both**

Form

both + noun + and + noun  
both + adjective + and + adjective

**Use****Example**

To emphasise that each of two things is true

**Both** Adam **and** Vicky said Colin was very kind.  
Simon is **both** rude **and** unkind.

To say the same thing about two things

My sister and I were **both** shocked by what you said.  
Jack and Jill **both** know lots of jokes.

**Helpful hints**

We sometimes use *of* with *both*. We always use this when it comes before a pronoun.

✓ I used to be good friends with Lisa and Mike, but I've had an argument with **both of** them.

**either**

Form

either + noun + or + noun  
either + adjective + or + adjective  
either + verb + or + verb

**Use****Example**

To talk about a choice between two things

I think I'll buy a Valentine's card with **either** a puppy **or** a kitten on it.  
I'm not sure how Tom will react – he'll be **either** happy **or** shocked!  
You can **either** tell him how you feel **or** hope he notices.

**Helpful hints**

We sometimes use *of* with *either*. We always use this when it comes before a pronoun.

✓ I really like Robert and Martin – I'll go out with **either of** them!

**neither**

Form

neither + noun + nor + noun  
neither + adjective + nor + adjective  
neither + verb + nor + verb

**Use****Example**

To emphasise that each of two negative things is true

I've got **neither** the time **nor** the energy to take up a new hobby at the moment.  
What you said to Lucy was **neither** true **nor** fair.

**Helpful hints**

We sometimes use *of* with *neither*. We always use this when it comes before a pronoun.

✓ **Neither of** us found Jason's joke funny.

**so, nor**

Form

so + do/have/be/modal + subject  
nor + do/have/be/modal + subject

**Use****Example**

To add more information to a positive statement

Lisa is really unkind, and **so** is Angela.  
You're good at listening to people, and **so** am I.

To add more information to a negative statement

My brother hasn't been invited to the party, and **nor** has his friend.  
Tom wouldn't forgive Jenny if she told everyone his secret, and **nor** would I.

**Helpful hints**

You can also use these structures on their own in a conversation.

✓ 'I like Hannah's sense of humour.'  
'**So do I.**'

✓ 'I don't find Mark funny.'  
'**Nor do I.**'

**A** If the phrase in bold in each sentence is correct, put a tick (✓). If it is wrong, write the correct phrase.

- 1 I was surprised that **both and Mary and Oliver** were late for the meeting. ....
- 2 My mum said she was **both of** proud and nervous when I appeared in the school play. ....
- 3 Why don't **both of you** wait here while I go and see if Stuart is in? .....
- 4 **Both of books** have got pages missing. ....
- 5 Can I throw **and both** these magazines away, Derek? .....
- 6 When I won the race, I was **and exhausted and** happy. ....
- 7 Edward and Nigel **both of them** wanted to go on holiday, but they couldn't afford it. ....
- 8 Did **both you and** Sylvia grow up in the south of France? .....

**B** Join the two sentences using *either ... or*.

- 1 You can have ice cream for dessert. You can also have fruit.  
You can .....
- 2 I'm considering studying maths at university and I'm considering studying physics.  
I'm considering .....
- 3 I might play chess tonight. I might read a book.  
I might .....
- 4 Perhaps John has forgotten about our meeting. Perhaps he's got lost.  
John has .....
- 5 Some nights my dad cooks. Some nights he washes up.  
Every night, my dad .....
- 6 We can order a pizza. We can order a Chinese takeaway.  
We can .....
- 7 I might have lost the piece of paper with Dave's number on it. I might have thrown it away.  
I've .....
- 8 You could write to your cousin. You could give her a call.  
You could .....

**C** Circle the correct word.

- 1 Neither Alex **or** / **nor** Gareth knew that I'd seen them take the money.
- 2 I thought it was strange when both Ian **and** / **or** Anne left at the same time.
- 3 We could order either a chicken salad **and** / **or** a green salad.
- 4 Evi was neither embarrassed **and** / **nor** angry when Victoria told her to shut up.
- 5 Passengers can both watch recent movies **and** / **or** listen to great albums on many of our flights.
- 6 I have neither the money **or** / **nor** the time to go on holiday right now.



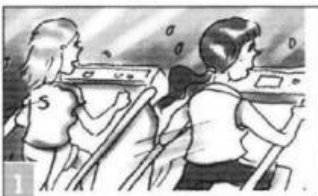
**D** Join the two sentences using *neither ... nor*.

- 1 Jim wasn't surprised by what I said. He wasn't shocked by what I said.  
Jim .....
- 2 Carol doesn't have a car. She also doesn't have a motorbike.  
Carol .....
- 3 Al doesn't play tennis. He doesn't watch it on TV.  
Al .....
- 4 The manager wasn't very helpful. The receptionist wasn't very helpful.  
Neither .....
- 5 Pauline couldn't read until she was seven. She also couldn't write until she was seven.  
Pauline .....
- 6 I haven't been to Poland before. Boris hasn't been to Poland before.  
Neither .....

**E** Write one word in each gap.

- June:** ... and so we went to see that new Tim Banks comedy last week.  
**Polly:** Oh, so (1) ..... we. What did you think? We weren't very impressed.  
**June:** (2) ..... were we. It wasn't very funny.  
**Polly:** I didn't want to go, but Kevin likes that cinema. So (3) ..... I, actually. We've been there hundreds of times.  
**June:** The one in town? Oh, so (4) ..... we. The ice cream there is great, and (5) ..... is the popcorn! I could eat it all night.  
**Polly:** Yes! So (6) ..... ! I don't like their drinks, though.  
**June:** Oh, no. (7) ..... do I. Anyway, we're thinking of going to see what's on this evening.  
**Polly:** (8) ..... are Jack and I. Let's meet up. I don't finish work until seven.  
**June:** (9) ..... do I. I'll see what's on and give you a ring. I'm looking forward to it already.  
**Polly:** So (10) ..... I. Okay, speak to you later.

**F** Write what they say using the words given in the correct form. Add any other words you need and use your imagination.



1 both / enjoy / run

2 have / either

3 neither / like

4 she / go home / so / I