

109 too and so ... ; either and neither ...



1 too, so ...

We use *too* after a positive verb to agree with someone or to add information:

'I'm cold.' 'I am, *too*.'

'Sophie passed the exam!' 'Nat did, *too*.'

We can say the same thing with *so*, but *so* comes before the verb and the verb comes before the subject:

'I'm cold.' 'So *am* I.'

'We love skiing.' 'So *do* we.'

'He went to Greece.' 'So *did* she.'

'I've got an interview.' 'So *have* I.'

'I'd love to try that restaurant.' 'So *would* I.'



We always put the verb before the subject, and we don't repeat the main verb:

'I passed the exam!' ~~X 'So did I pass!'~~ ~~X 'So I passed!'~~ ~~X 'So I did!'~~
✓ 'So *did* I!'

2 either, neither ...

We use *either* after a negative verb to agree with someone or to add information:

'I'm not getting up yet.' 'I'm not *either*.'

'My mum doesn't like that programme.' 'My mum doesn't *either*.'

We can say the same thing with *neither*, but *neither* comes before a positive verb and the verb comes before the subject:

'I'm not getting up yet.' 'Neither *am* I.'

'I don't like this cold weather.' 'Neither *do* I.'

'She can't swim yet.' 'Neither *can* he.'

'We've never been to Egypt.' 'Neither *have* we.'

'I mustn't be late again.' 'Neither *must* I.'

3 Disagreeing with people

We can disagree or say that something is different with short answers like this:

POSITIVE	'This music's too loud!'	'No, it isn't!'
	'I like spicy food.'	'Oh, I don't.'
NEGATIVE	'I haven't finished my homework yet.'	'Oh, I have.' (not I've)

NATURAL ENGLISH We often use *Oh* before we disagree. It sounds a little more polite:

'I want to go sightseeing today.' 'Oh, I don't. Let's go to the beach again.'

Practice

1 Choose the correct reply to each statement.

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| 0 I can't believe that story. | Neither do I. / <u>Neither can I.</u> |
| 1 Jade's cousin has been to Australia. | So has mine. / Neither has mine. |
| 2 The sports centre is closed today. | The pool is, too. / The pool is either. |
| 3 We didn't really enjoy that meal. | Neither did we. / So did we. |
| 4 My legs really hurt after that walk! | Mine do either. / So do mine. |
| 5 Our holiday was fantastic! | Neither was ours. / Ours was, too. |
| 6 I didn't hear the news until this morning. | So did we. / Neither did we. |

2 GRAMMAR IN USE The students want to be in the college band.

Look at the information and complete the conversations.

STUDENT	LIKES	DOESN'T LIKE	CAN	CAN'T
ELENA	classical music	jazz	sing	play an instrument
ANDREAS	jazz	classical music	play the violin	sing
BRIGITTE	jazz	classical music	sing	play an instrument
MAREK	popular and classical music	jazz	play the guitar	sing

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| 0 LEADER | OK, who can sing in your group? | 2 LEADER | What kind of music do you like Brigitte? |
| ELENA | Well, I can sing. | BRIGITTE | Well, I really like jazz. |
| BRIGITTE | <u>So can I.</u> | ANDREAS | |
| ANDREAS | <u>I can't.</u> | MAREK | Oh, I don't. |
| MAREK | <u>Neither can I.</u> | ELENA | |
| 1 LEADER | What about instruments? | 3 LEADER | Do you all like classical music? |
| ELENA | I can't play an instrument. | ANDREAS | Well, I don't really. |
| BRIGITTE | | BRIGITTE | |
| ANDREAS | | MAREK | |
| | I can play | ELENA | I love it! |
| MAREK | | | |
| | I can play | | |

3 Write sentences that are true for you.

- 0 I drink a lot of tea. I don't. I drink a lot of coffee.
- 00 I don't drink a lot of milk. Neither do I.
- 1 I live with my wife and children.
- 2 I don't like jazz.
- 3 I love driving fast.
- 4 I have blond hair.
- 5 I went out last night.
- 6 I can't play an instrument.