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PAIRED EXPRESSIONS

Parallel Structure

Rule: The same grammatical form should follow each word of a paired expression.

Instructions: Complete each sentence by choosing the word from the brackets that matches the grammatical form of the **bolded** word.

1. At the talent show, you can both **sing** and _____ (dance / dancing) during your audition.
2. The winners will receive either **a trophy** or _____ (a medal /winning a medal).
3. The tech crew is responsible for both **arranging** the stage and _____ (testing / to test) the sound system.
4. We are looking for students who are not only **talented** but also _____ (reliable / reliability).
5. During the performance, you should neither **run** nor _____ (jump / jumping) on the equipment.

Subject-Verb Agreement

Rule: "Both/and" always takes a plural verb.

For "either/or," "neither/nor," and "not only/but also," the verb must agree with the subject closest to it.

Instructions: Fill in the gap with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. Both the lead singer and the guitarists _____ (be) waiting backstage right now.
2. Either the student council members or the principal always _____ (decide) who wins the grand prize.
3. Not only the dancers but also the magician _____ (have) requested extra rehearsal time.
4. Neither the posters nor the social media announcement _____ (be) ready in time for the launch.
5. Neither the judges nor the host _____ (know) the secret guest performer's identity yet.

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Inverted Word Order

*Rule: When using negative paired expressions like "Not only" or "Neither/nor" to start a clause, you must use inverted subject/verb order (e.g., "Not only **did he**...").*

Instructions: Complete the sentences by putting the subject and verb in the correct inverted order.

1. Not only _____ (she / play) the drums, but she also writes her own songs.
2. During our past rehearsal, neither _____ (the lights / work) nor _____ (the microphone / function).
3. Not only _____ (the tickets/be) expensive, but they also **sold** out in ten minutes.
4. Neither _____ (the band/has) arrived yet, nor _____ (they / have) sent a message.
5. Not only _____ (we / need) more volunteers, but we also need better equipment.

Formation of Expression

Rule: You must combine paired expressions correctly (e.g., Neither/nor, Both/and) and never mix them.

Instructions: Complete the pairs by adding the correct missing conjunction (**and, or, nor,** or **but also**).

1. **Both** the art gallery _____ the drama performance will take place in the main hall.
2. **Neither** the basketball team _____ the cheerleaders are allowed to use the gym during the show.
3. You can **either** sign up for the solo category _____ join a group performance.
4. **Not only** was the script funny, _____ it was very moving.
5. **Neither** my friends _____ my parents could believe how professional the show looked.

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