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# GRAMMAR WORKSHEET

## EITHER ... (OR) / NEITHER ... (NOR)

Either ... (or)	Neither ... (nor)
Use <b>either</b> when you talk about two things or people. Examples: (1) "I would like either cookies or popcorn. I can't decide." (2) "I would like either (of the snacks)." (3) "I don't want to eat either snack."	Use <b>neither</b> (for negative sentences) when you talk about two things or people. Examples: (1) "Jack has been to neither Canada nor the United States." (2) "Jack has been to neither (of the countries)." (3) <b>There is no negative for neither.</b>

NOTE: **Either** and **neither** can also come at the beginning of a sentence.

Examples:

**Either** we will go out, or we will stay at home.

**Neither** of the restaurants is open today.

- **Complete the sentences. Use: either, or, neither, nor**

1. Neither the UK nor Spain is in Asia.
2. Let's meet on either Monday or Tuesday.
3. They weren't at \_\_\_\_\_ of the stores.
4. Neither Maria \_\_\_\_\_ Eduardo was at home.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ of the answers is correct. Try again.
6. Either it will rain tomorrow, \_\_\_\_\_ it won't rain.
7. The hat was \_\_\_\_\_ too large, \_\_\_\_\_ too small. I was the right size.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ of the movies were interesting. They were both boring.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ of my classmates could come to the party. They were both sick.
10. I don't like \_\_\_\_\_ of those two coffee shops.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ cats \_\_\_\_\_ dogs are allowed in the restaurant.
12. We can take a flight at \_\_\_\_\_ one o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ three-thirty.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Vancouver nor Toronto is the capital city of Canada.
14. Either tomorrow \_\_\_\_\_ the day after tomorrow is a good day to meet.
15. I can't find \_\_\_\_\_ of my pencils.



**Grammar Focus** Either ... (or) / Neither ... (nor)

**Level** Intermediate (CEFR B1)

## ANSWER KEY

## My Notes



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|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Neither / nor | 9. Neither        |
| 2. either        | 10. either        |
| 3. either        | 11. Neither / nor |
| 4. nor           | 12. either / or   |
| 5. Neither       | 13. Neither       |
| 6. or            | 14. or            |
| 7. neither / nor | 15. either        |
| 8. Neither       |                   |

### Grammar Note:

(From the American Copy Editors Society)

### A tricky agreement problem: Neither-nor

When two subjects are joined by *neither-nor* or *either-or*, choosing the right number for the verb can be tricky for writers. Focus your attention on the noun closest to the verb. If it is singular, as in the sentence above, choose the singular verb. If the noun is plural, choose the plural form of the verb.

For more information:

<http://grammarguide.copydesk.org/2012/01/10/a-tricky-agreement-problem-neither-nor/>