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GRAMMAR WORKSHEET

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

| Either ... (or) | Neither ... (nor) |
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| Use either 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 neither (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) There is no negative for neither. |

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 are 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/>