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EITHER … (OR) / NEITHER … (NOR)

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<td>Examples: (1) “I would like either cookies or popcorn. I can’t decide.”</td>
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<td>(2) “I would like either (of the snacks).”</td>
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<td>(3) “I don’t want to eat either snack.”</td>
<td>(3) There is no negative for neither.</td>
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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. __________ the UK _______ Spain are in Asia.
2. Let’s meet on __________ 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.

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Grammar Focus  Either ... (or) / Neither ... (nor)
Level Intermediate (CEFR B1)

ANSWER KEY

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.

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