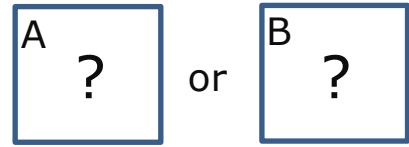


Either vs. Neither

A

Either

Used to offer a choice between two possibilities.



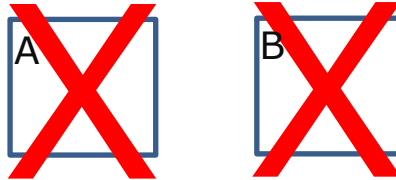
- *Either Mike or Lisa will be there.*
- *Either you leave me alone or I will call the police.*
- *We should bring either coffee or tea.*
- *You can either help us or go to your room.*



B

Neither

Equivalent to **not + either**.



- *Neither Mike nor Lisa will be there.*
- *He speaks neither English nor French.*
- *We brought neither coffee nor tea.*
- *I will neither help you nor go to my room.*

C

Neither and either are used to show agreement with negative sentences.

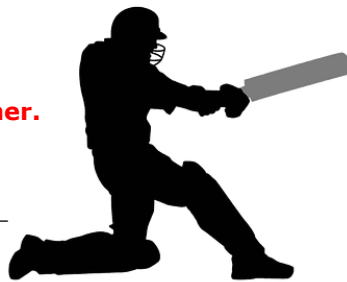
Person A	Person B	Person B
	NEITHER	EITHER
I am not hungry.	Neither am I.	= I'm not hungry either .
I'm not going to quit.	Neither am I.	= I'm not going to quit either .
They don't speak French.	Neither do I.	= I don't speak French either .
Mary didn't go to the party.	Neither did I.	= I didn't go either .
He won't stop talking.	Neither will you.	= You won't stop either .
You haven't finished your meal.	Neither have you.	= You haven't finished either .

TOO + NOT = EITHER

WRONG → I'm not hungry ~~too~~ (Too is for positive statements)

CORRECT → I'm not hungry **either**.

Exercises



1) Agree with the sentences using **neither** and **either**.

I don't play cricket.

(either) I don't play cricket either.

(neither) Neither do I.

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|---|---|
| a) He doesn't study Japanese.
<i>(either)</i> _____
<i>(neither)</i> _____ | f) She couldn't go yesterday to the party.
<i>(either)</i> _____
<i>(neither)</i> _____ |
| b) They can't go now.
<i>(either)</i> _____
<i>(neither)</i> _____ | g) They haven't been to Korea.
<i>(either)</i> _____
<i>(neither)</i> _____ |
| c) He isn't a big fan of the band.
<i>(either)</i> _____
<i>(neither)</i> _____ | h) He won't go to London this year.
<i>(either)</i> _____
<i>(neither)</i> _____ |
| d) They aren't traveling now.
<i>(either)</i> _____
<i>(neither)</i> _____ | i) She doesn't run very fast.
<i>(either)</i> _____
<i>(neither)</i> _____ |

2) Complete with **(EITHER... OR)** and **(NEITHER... NOR)**.

- a) _____ Kate _____ Sue can help now. They are both busy at the moment.
- b) It's _____ black _____ grey. I can't remember.
- c) This is my final offer. You _____ take it _____ leave it.
- d) We can arrange for you _____ a local family, _____ a student house.
- e) His mother didn't believe _____ her son _____ her daughter. They were both lying.
- f) You can _____ help us _____ go to your room.
- g) In chess you _____ win _____ lose.
- h) She can _____ read _____ write. She is illiterate.
- i) You can stay _____ with me _____ with Janet, you decide.
- j) I _____ drive to the airport _____ I get a taxi.



3) Complete with **EITHER** and **NEITHER**.

- a) You can get to Montreal by train or bus. _____ way it'll take an hour.
- b) I don't eat seafood and my wife doesn't _____.
- c) I asked two people to help me start my car, but _____ of them knew what to do.
- d) _____ candidate would be ideal for the administrative job. They don't have experience.
- e) _____ parent came to meet the teacher. He waited and nobody came.
- f) _____ of the children can come with us, we don't mind which one.
- g) _____ dress fitted her. They all looked awful.
- h) _____ of them were interested in going to university, they have other objectives.
- i) _____ of us went to the concert, we had other arrangements.

