

# Both, Either, and Neither

Medium

A2 | Elementary | Pre-intermediate

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Conjunction

Coordination

Countable and uncountable

Determiner

Negation

Noun

Pronoun

Subject

Word order

1. Finish the enthusiastic travel agent's email to a client.

We can book the mountain cabin or the beach house. \_\_\_\_ option sounds fantastic for your weekend getaway!

Select one.

- A) Either
- B) Both
- C) Neither
- D) Every

2. Help the food critic write a scathing review of two local diners! Select ALL the sentences that use "both," "either," or "neither" grammatically correctly.

Select all that apply.

- A) Both restaurants are completely overpriced.
- B) I do not want to eat at either of them.
- C) Neither restaurant has a dessert menu.
- D) Both restaurant is closed on Mondays.
- E) I don't want to eat at neither of them.

3. Complete the food critic's dramatic review of a local restaurant.

I tasted the chocolate cake and the lemon tart, but unfortunately, \_\_\_\_ of them was edible.

Select one.

- A) both
- B) either
- C) neither
- D) none

4. Fill in the blanks to complete this angry traveler's hotel review.

The hotel offered us a room with a view of a brick wall or a room next to the noisy elevator. We politely declined, as we didn't want \_\_\_\_\_ of those terrible options!

The manager proudly stated that \_\_\_\_\_ rooms were considered "premium suites."

In the end, we slept in our rental car because \_\_\_\_\_ room was actually clean.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) either
- B) neither
- C) both

Blank 2

- A) both
- B) either
- C) every

Blank 3

- A) neither
- B) both
- C) either

5. Help the lost backpacker make sense of the local train schedule by choosing the correct word for each gap.

You can take \_\_\_\_\_ the 9:00 AM or the 10:30 AM train, as they go to the exact same destination.

Just be aware that \_\_\_\_\_ trains are extremely crowded during the morning rush hour.

I asked two ticket agents for advice, but sadly \_\_\_\_\_ of them spoke English, so I am still a bit confused!

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) both
- B) either
- C) neither

**Blank 2**

- A) either
- B) neither
- C) both

**Blank 3**

- A) both
- B) either
- C) neither

6. Help the indecisive diner complete their text message to a friend.

I'm staring at the chocolate cake and the apple pie. I want to order \_\_\_\_\_ of them, but I only have room in my stomach for one!

My friend has a severe nut allergy, and sadly, \_\_\_\_\_ dessert is completely nut-free.

So, we can skip dessert or find another cafe. \_\_\_\_\_ choice is fine with me!

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) both
- B) either
- C) neither

**Blank 2**

- A) neither
- B) both
- C) either

**Blank 3**

- A) Either
- B) Both
- C) Neither

7. Complete the detective's case notes about a petty office crime by choosing the correct word for each gap in the report.

The suspect is \_\_\_\_\_ Jim or Pam, as they were the only ones in the breakroom at the time.

However, it seems that \_\_\_\_\_ Jim nor Pam has a clear motive to steal the boss's favorite mug.

I interviewed the two new interns, and it turns out \_\_\_\_\_ of them saw the mug sitting safely in the sink this morning.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) both
- B) either
- C) neither

**Blank 2**

- A) both
- B) either
- C) neither

**Blank 3**

- A) either
- B) neither
- C) both

8. Help the young wizard review his options for a magical pet! He is trying to decide between a cat and an owl. Select ALL the sentences that are grammatically correct.

*Select all that apply.*

- A) You can choose either a cat or an owl.
- B) Both the cat and the owl are excellent choices.
- C) I think I want both of them!
- D) Neither the dragon or the griffin is allowed on campus.
- E) You cannot choose neither of them.

9. Help the exhausted babysitter explain the situation to the parents.

The twins were completely silent, but \_\_\_\_ boys had chocolate on their faces, so I knew they were guilty!

*Select one.*

- A) either
- B) neither
- C) both of
- D) both

10. Read the landlord's complaints about Alex and Sam, two notoriously lazy roommates. Choose ALL the statements that use "both," "either," or "neither" correctly.

*Select all that apply.*

- A) Neither roommate washes the dishes.
- B) Neither Alex nor Sam pays the rent on time.
- C) Both of them sleep until noon every day.
- D) Both Alex and Sam refuses to take out the trash.
- E) Either roommate are going to have to clean this mess.

11. Help the indecisive couple figure out their dessert order by choosing the correct word for each gap in their conversation.

"We can order \_\_\_\_\_ the chocolate cake or the fruit tart, but we can't afford two desserts."

"Actually, I think \_\_\_\_\_ of those sounds good to me right now; I'm craving ice cream instead."

"Well, my sister and I had the ice cream last time, and unfortunately \_\_\_\_\_ of us ended up with a terrible brain freeze!"

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) both
- B) either
- C) neither

**Blank 2**

- A) both
- B) either
- C) neither

**Blank 3**

- A) either
- B) neither
- C) both

12. Complete the detective's case notes about the suspicious twins.

During the interrogation of the twins, I noticed that \_\_\_\_\_ brothers kept nervously looking at the door.

I checked their alibis, but unfortunately for them, \_\_\_\_\_ of them actually bought a cinema ticket that night.

I warned them that \_\_\_\_\_ Arthur or Bartholomew must confess soon, or they are in big trouble.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) both
- B) either
- C) neither

**Blank 2**

- A) neither
- B) either
- C) both

**Blank 3**

- A) either
- B) both
- C) neither