

Read Grammar & Do exercises

Both, either and neither

Use:

1) Both

Both means two of two things.

I have two cats. I like both of them.

2) Neither

Neither means not one or the other of two things. Жоден означає ні одне, ні інше з двох речей.

Neither of my cats is grey.

Remember to use a singular verb after neither.

Neither of the dogs are dangerous. => **Neither of the dogs is dangerous.**

3) Either

Either means one or the other. Або означає те чи інше.

There are two cakes. Please have one. You can have either one.

Form:

1) You can use both, neither and either **directly before a noun**. безпосередньо перед іменником.

Both supermarkets are good.

Neither supermarket sells electrical goods.

We can go to either supermarket, I don't mind.

2) Both, neither and either are often used with 'of'. But you must always use **a determiner** визначник (the, my, these, those, his etc) before the noun.

Both of children like chocolate cake. => **Both of the children like chocolate cake.**

However, you don't have to use of with both.

Both of the children like chocolate cake.

Both children like chocolate cake.

3) You can use both, neither and either+ of + object pronoun(you, them, us).

Both of them wore white dresses.

Neither of us was late.

Have either of you got a pen?

4) You can use **both ... and ...; neither ... nor ..., and either ... or ...**

Examples:

Both James and Diana work here.

Neither James nor Diana works here.

You can ask either James or Diana.

Exercise 1

Complete the sentences with **both/neither/either**.

1. 'Would you like tea or coffee?' '_____'. I really don't mind.'
2. 'What day is it today – the 7th or the 8th?' '_____'. It's the 10th.'
3. A: Where did you go on your trip – London or Paris?
4. B: We went to _____. A week in London and a week in Paris.

5. 'Shall we sit in the corner or by the window?' '_____. I don't mind.'
6. 'Where's Ann? Is she at work or at home?' _____. She's away on holiday.'

Exercise 2

Complete the sentences with **both/neither/either** . Use **of** where necessary.

- 1) _____ parents are from London.
- 2) To get to the town centre, you can go along the footpath by the river or you can go along the road. You can go _____ way.
- 3) I tried twice to phone Carl, but _____ times he was out.
- 4) _____ Tom's parents is English. His father is Polish and his mother is Italian.
- 5) I saw an accident this morning. One car drove into the back of another. Fortunately _____ driver was injured, but _____ cars were badly damaged.
- 6) I've got two sisters and a brother. brother is working, but _____ sisters are still at school.

Exercise 3

Complete the sentences with **both/neither/either** + **of us / of them** .

- 1) I asked two people the way to the station, but _____ could help me.
- 2) I was invited to two parties last week, but I couldn't go to _____ .
- 3) There were two windows in the room. it was very warm, so I opened _____ .
- 4) Sarah and I play tennis together regularly, but we're not very good. _____ can play very well.
- 5) I tried two bookshops for the book I wanted, but _____ had it.

Exercise 4

Write sentences with **both ... and ... / neither ... nor ... / either ... or**

- 1) **Example:** Chris was late. So was Pat. Both Chris and Pat were late.
- 2) He didn't say hello, and he didn't smile. _____
- 3) Joe is on holiday and so is Sam. _____
- 4) Joe doesn't have a car. Sam doesn't have one either. _____

5) Brian doesn't watch TV and he doesn't read newspapers. _____

6) It was a boring movie. it was long too.

The movie _____

7) Is that man's name Richard? Or is it Robert? it's one of the two.

That man's name _____

8) I haven't got time to go on holiday. And I don't have the money.

I have _____

9) We can leave today or we can leave tomorrow – whichever you prefer.

We _____

Exercise 5

Complete the sentences with **neither/either/none/any** .

1) We tried a lot of hotels, but _____ of them had any rooms.

2) I took two books with me on holiday, but I didn't read _____ of them.

3) I took five books with me on holiday, but I didn't read _____ of them.

4) There are a few shops at the end of the street, but _____ of them sells newspapers.

5) You can phone me at _____ time during the evening. I'm always at home.

6) I can meet you next Monday or Friday. Would _____ of those days suit you?

7) John and I couldn't get into the house because _____ of us had a key.