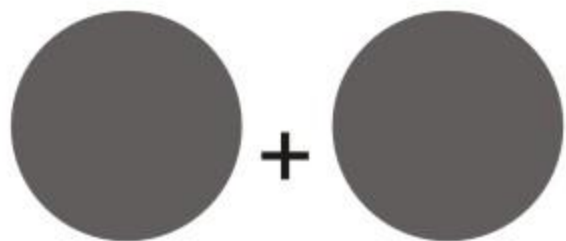


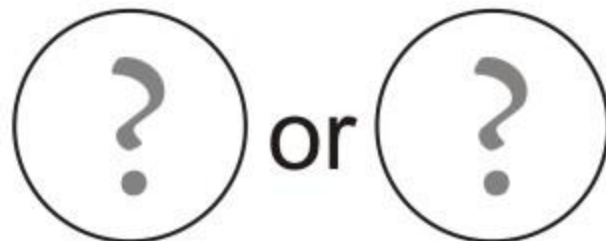
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EITHER..... OR

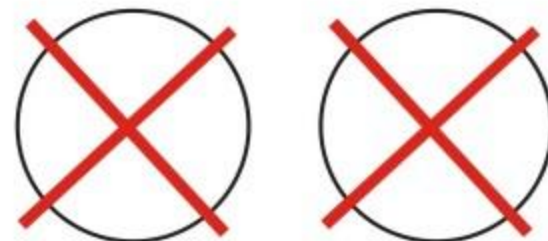
NEITHER ... NOR




Both

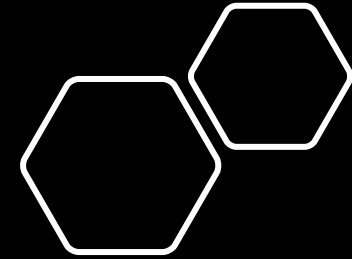


Either



Neither

either	<p><u>either</u> means 'one of the two' choices = this OR that</p> <p><i>(You can use <u>either</u> a pen or a pencil.)</i></p>
neither	<p><u>neither</u> means none of the choices available = not this AND not that</p> <p><i>(You <u>neither</u> use a pen nor a pencil.)</i></p>
both 	<p><u>both</u> is used to indicate one and the other = this AND that</p> <p><i>(You can use <u>both</u> a pen and a pencil.)</i></p>



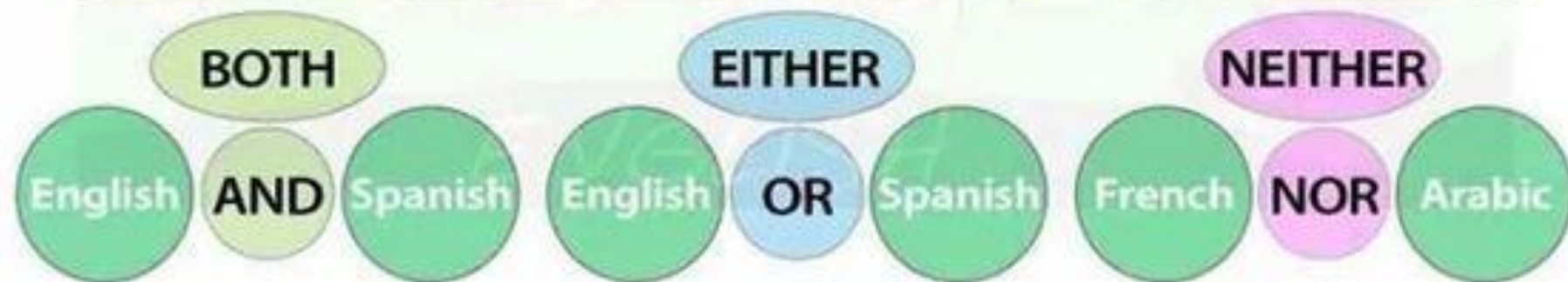
Both - Either - Neither



Both = the two alternatives
= this AND that

Either = one of the two alternatives
= this OR that

Neither = none
= not this AND not the other



I can speak **both** English and Spanish.

I can speak **either** English or Spanish.
Which is easier for you to understand?

I can speak **neither** French nor Arabic.

© Woodward English

BOTH

**The two
alternatives.
This AND that**

**“I can speak BOTH.
English AND Spanish.”**

EITHER

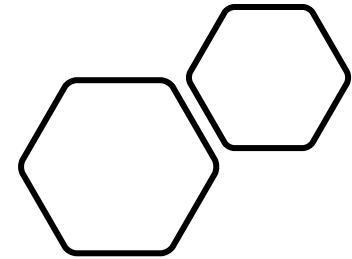
**One of the two
alternatives.
This OR that**

**“I can speak EITHER.
English OR Spanish.
Which is easier for
you to understand?”**

NEITHER

**None.
Not this AND
not the other**

**“I can speak NEITHER.
French NOR Arabic.”**



NEITHER and EITHER are used to agree with negative statements (said by Person A).

NEITHER + AUXILIARY + SUBJECT (or BE / HAVE)

Person A

Person B

The auxiliary verb (or To Be/To Have) needs to agree with the verb tense in the original statement (by Person A).

I **am not** hungry.

You **aren't trying**.

I **don't need** help.

Steve **doesn't like** fish.

I **wasn't** bored.

They **weren't** invited.

I **didn't** like the book.

I **can't** swim.

I **couldn't** see him.

She **won't** be there.

I **wouldn't** eat that.

I **shouldn't** worry.

They **haven't studied**.

He **hadn't finished**.

Neither **am** I.

Neither **are** you.

Neither **do** I.

Neither **does** Sam.

Neither **was** I.

Neither **were** we.

Neither **did** I.

Neither **can** I.

Neither **could** I.

Neither **will** I.

Neither **would** I.

Neither **should** I.

Neither **have** I.

Neither **had** I.

= I'm not (hungry) **either**.

= You aren't (trying) **either**.

= I don't (need help) **either**.

= Sam doesn't (like fish) **either**.

= I wasn't (bored) **either**.

= We weren't (invited) **either**.

= I didn't (like the book) **either**.

= I can't (swim) **either**.

= I couldn't (see him) **either**.

= I won't (be there) **either**.

= I wouldn't (eat that) **either**.

= I shouldn't (worry) **either**.

= I haven't (studied) **either**.

= I hadn't (finished) **either**.

Sometimes you will see/hear **NOR + Auxiliary + Subject**.

A: *I wasn't ready.* B: **Nor** was I (= **Neither** was I).

I'm not hungry ~~too~~. → **Too** is for positive

I'm not hungry **either**. statements

Both

'Both' is use for two people or things as a group. Both is use for plural nouns.

Example:

Both students can take the test.



Either

'Either' is use for two things as individuals. Either is use with a singular noun.

Example:

'Which day is better for you?'
'Either day is OK.'

Sunday

Monday

Neither

'Neither' is use when talking of two people or things as individual in negative sentence. 'Neither' is use for singular noun.

Example:

Mayo speaks neither English nor Japanese.

~~English~~

~~Japanese~~

