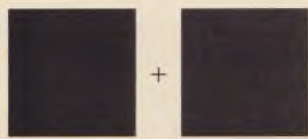


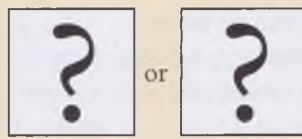
both either neither

A

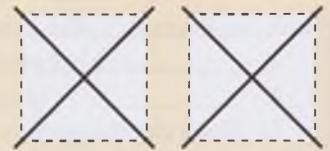
We use **both/either/neither** to talk about two things or people:



both



either



neither (*not + either*)

- Rebecca has two children. **Both** are married. (**both** = the two children)
- Would you like tea or coffee? You can have **either**. (**either** = tea or coffee)
- A: Do you want to go to the movies or the theater?
B: **Neither**. I want to stay home. (**neither** = not the movies or the theater)

Compare **either** and **neither**:

- “Would you like **tea** or **coffee**?”
 “**Either**. It doesn’t matter.” (= tea or coffee)
 “I **don’t** want **either**.” (*not* I don’t want neither)
 “**Neither**.” (= not tea or coffee)

B

Both/either/neither + *noun*

both + plural	both	windows/books/children, etc.
either neither } + singular	either	window/book/child, etc.
	neither	

- Last year I went to Miami and Seattle. I liked **both cities** very much.
- First I worked in an office and later in a store. **Neither job** was very interesting.
- There are two ways to get to the airport. You can go **either way**.

C

Both of... / either of... / neither of...

both	(of)	the ...
either neither	of	these/those ... my/your/Paul’s ... , etc.

I like **both of** those pictures.



- **Neither of my** parents is Canadian.
- I **haven’t** read **either of these** books.

You can say **both of the/those/my ...** or **both the/those/my ...** (with or without **of**):

- I like **both of** those pictures. *or* I like **both** those pictures.
- **Both of** Paul’s sisters are married. *or* **Both** Paul’s sisters are married.
- but* **Neither of** Paul’s sisters is married. (*not* Neither Paul’s sisters)

D

Both of them / neither of us

both	of	them
either		us
neither		you

- Paul has got two sisters. **Both of them** are married.
- Sue and I didn’t eat anything. **Neither of us** was hungry.
- Who are those two people? I **don’t** know **either of them**.

Exercises

3.1 Write both/either/neither. Use of where necessary.

- Last year I went to Miami and Seattle. I liked both cities very much.
- There were two pictures on the wall. I didn't like either of them.
- It was a good football game. _____ teams played well.
- It wasn't a good football game. _____ team played well.
- "Is your friend Canadian or American?" "_____. She's Australian."
- We went away for two days, but the weather was bad. It rained _____ days.
- A: I bought two newspapers. Which one do you want?
B: _____. It doesn't matter which one.
- I invited Donna and Mike to the party, but _____ them came.
- "Do you go to work by car or by bus?" "_____. I always walk."
- "Which jacket do you prefer, this one or that one?" "I don't like _____ them."
- "Do you work or are you a student?" "_____. I work, and I'm a student, too."
- Paula and I didn't know the time because _____ us had a watch.
- Helen has two sisters and a brother. _____ sisters are married.
- Helen has two sisters and a brother. I know her brother, but I haven't met _____ her sisters.

3.2 Complete the sentences for the pictures. Use Both . . . and Neither . . .



- Both cups are empty.
- _____ are open.
- _____ wearing a hat.
- _____ beards.
- _____ to the airport.
- _____ right.

3.3 A man and a woman answered some questions. Their answers were the same. Write sentences with Both/Neither of them . . .

1. Are you married?	No	No
2. How old are you?	21	21
3. Are you a student?	Yes	Yes
4. Do you have a car?	No	No
5. Where do you live?	Boston	Boston
6. Do you like to cook?	Yes	Yes
7. Can you play the piano?	No	No
8. Do you read the newspaper?	Yes	Yes
9. Are you interested in sports?	No	No

- Neither of them is married.
- Both of them are 21.
- _____ students.
- _____ a car.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____