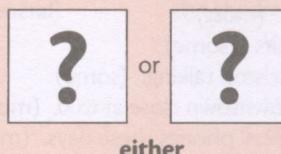
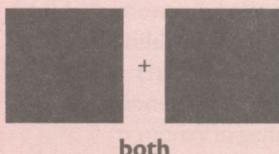


both either neither

A

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



- 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 neither	window/book/child, etc.

- 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.

- 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		them
either	of	us
neither		you

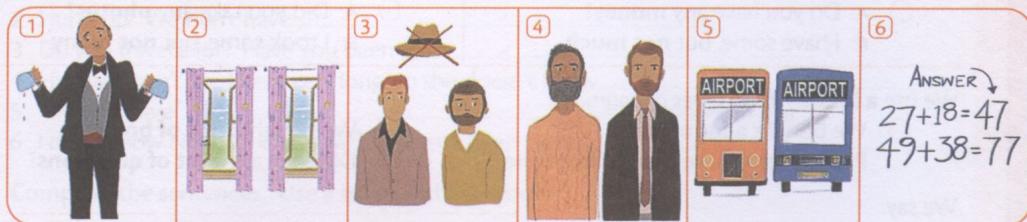
- Paul has two sisters. **Both of them** are married.
- Sue and I didn't eat anything. **Neither of us** was hungry.
- Who are those two people? I **don't** know **either of them**.

Exercises

80.1 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 Jessica 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."
- My friend and I went to see a movie, but **.....** us liked it. It was really bad.
- Emily has two sisters and a brother. **.....** sisters are married.
- Emily has two sisters and a brother. I know her brother, but I haven't met **.....** her sisters.

80.2 Complete the sentences for the pictures. Use **Both ... and** **Neither ...**



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

80.3 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	1	Neither of them is married.
2 How old are you?	21	2	Both of them are 21.
3 Are you a student?	Yes	3 students.
4 Do you have a car?	No	4 a car.
5 Where do you live?	Boston	5
6 Do you like to cook?	Yes	6
7 Can you play the piano?	No	7
8 Do you eat seafood?	Yes	8
9 Are you interested in sports?	No	9