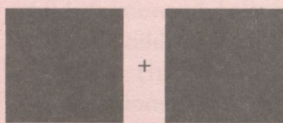
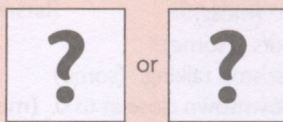


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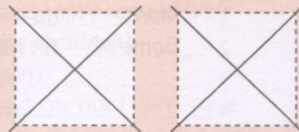
A

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

either } + singular
neither }

both	windows/books/children, etc.
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 either neither	of	them us you
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- ☐ 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

Unit
80

80.1 Write **both/either/neither**. Use **of** where necessary.

- 1 Last year I went to Miami and Seattle. I liked both cities very much.
- 2 There were two pictures on the wall. I didn't like either of them.
- 3 It was a good football game. both teams played well.
- 4 It wasn't a good football game. neither team played well.
- 5 "Is your friend Canadian or American?" " neither. She's Australian."
- 6 We went away for two days, but the weather was bad. It rained both days.
- 7 A: I bought two newspapers. Which one do you want?
B: neither. It doesn't matter which one.
- 8 I invited Jessica and Mike to the party, but neither of them came.
- 9 "Do you go to work by car or by bus?" " neither. I always walk."
- 10 "Which jacket do you prefer, this one or that one?" "I don't like either of them."
- 11 "Do you work, or are you a student?" " neither. I work, and I'm a student, too."
- 12 My friend and I went to see a movie, but neither of us liked it. It was really bad.
- 13 Emily has two sisters and a brother. both of her sisters are married.
- 14 Emily has two sisters and a brother. I know her brother, but I haven't met either of her sisters.

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

					<p>ANSWER</p> <p>27+18=47 49+38=77</p>
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| 1 <u>Both cups are</u> empty. | 4 <u>neither</u> of them has a beard. |
| 2 <u>Both</u> windows are open. | 5 <u>both</u> buses go to the airport. |
| 3 <u>One of them is</u> wearing a hat. | 6 <u>neither</u> of the buses is right. |

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



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