

Both...and, either...or, neither...nor

We use both...and – together to emphasize two people or things	We use either...or together to emphasize that there is an alternative	We use neither...nor together to emphasize that two alternatives are not possible, likely or true
Both Ann and Jane like Maths.	You can have either a dog or a cat for your birthday.	Neither Ted nor Mark likes snakes. Neither Ted nor his friends like snakes.

I Underline the correct word.

- 1 **Neither / Either** Sarah nor her sisters are very tall.
- 2 I don't like **either / neither** football or rugby very much.
- 3 John Brick is **both / either** thoughtful and generous.
- 4 The shop assistant in the shop persuaded me to buy **either/both** the skirt and the jacket.
- 5 **Neither / Either** Bob nor Sam went to university.
- 6 Adult crocodiles are **either / both** strong and lively.
- 7 You can have **neither / either** a cake or a doughnut, but not both!

II Rewrite the incorrect sentences.

- 1 We can either stay in nor go out.

- 2 I spoke to both Ann or Sally.

- 3 She neither apologized nor explained.

- 4 Neither Joe or Tom came to the party.

- 5 Nick was both tired and hungry when he arrived home.

III Make up sentences, linking these ideas. Use both...and, either...or, neither...nor. Example: Kate plays the violin. And she sings. Kate both plays the violin and sings.

- 1 We can watch TV or we can play computer games now.
We can either _____
- 2 Alan couldn't read Chinese. And he couldn't write it.
Alan could neither _____
- 3 I didn't know Sam's address. My sister didn't know his address.
Neither I _____
- 4 My new flat is larger than my old flat. And it is closer to my office.
My new flat is both _____
- 5 Dan didn't meet Tom's sister. And he didn't meet Tom's brother.
He didn't meet either _____
- 6 It was a very boring lecture. It was very long too. The lecture _____
- 7 Jill is on holiday and so is her sister. Both _____



IV Complete the text. Use both...and, either...or, neither...nor.

Dangerous pets.

Sometimes people keep crocodiles as their pets. They are 1 _____ easy 2 _____ cheap to look after. These reptiles look 3 _____ cute 4 _____ harmless as babies. But that won't last long. Crocodiles can reach over 14 feet in length. As a result the adults can be 5 _____ very strong 6 _____ very dangerous. Crocodiles aren't vegetarian. They eat 7 _____ fish 8 _____ meat. They need 9 _____ space 10 _____ expensive equipment.

Crocodiles are 11 _____ tolerant 12 _____ tame, they can't be 13 _____ friendly 14 _____ loving.

Think twice before you decide to have such an exotic but dangerous pet.