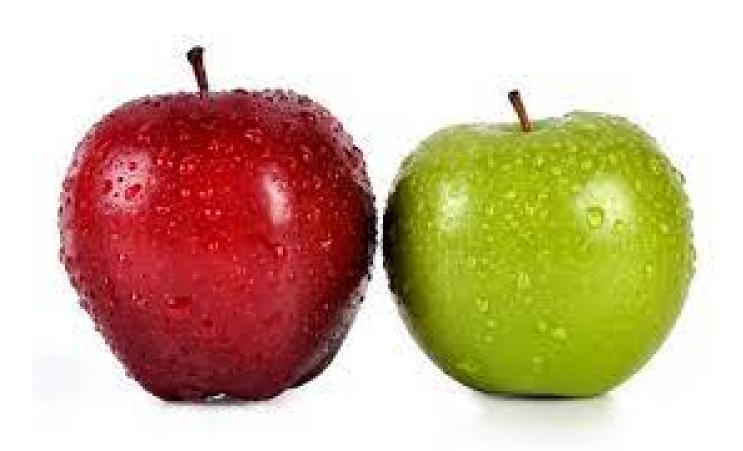
#### either

VS

#### neither

- both or one of two things
- none of two things

 can be paired with or  can be paired with nor



## Write neither or either on your whiteboard.





Pat did not go to the movies, and did Pam.

#### neither



Pat did not go to the movies, and neither did Pam.

# Think of neither as not either.





You can borrow record.

## either





## You can borrow either record.



You can wear coat to school.

#### either



You can wear either coat to school.





He has two hats, but fit.

#### neither





He has two hats, but neither fit.





You can have cake or cookies.

### either





You can have either cake or cookies.



Shall we eat now or later?

one is fine.

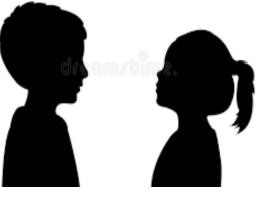
#### Either



Shall we eat now or later?

Either one is fine.

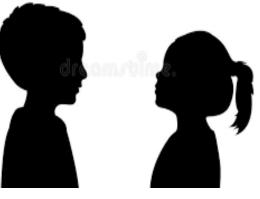




No, of them made the mess.

#### neither





No, neither of them made the mess.



you leave, or my dog will bite you!

#### Either



Either you leave, or my dog will bite you!



Pam doesn't want to watch a movie, and does Sam.

#### neither



Pam doesn't want to watch a movie, and neither does Sam.

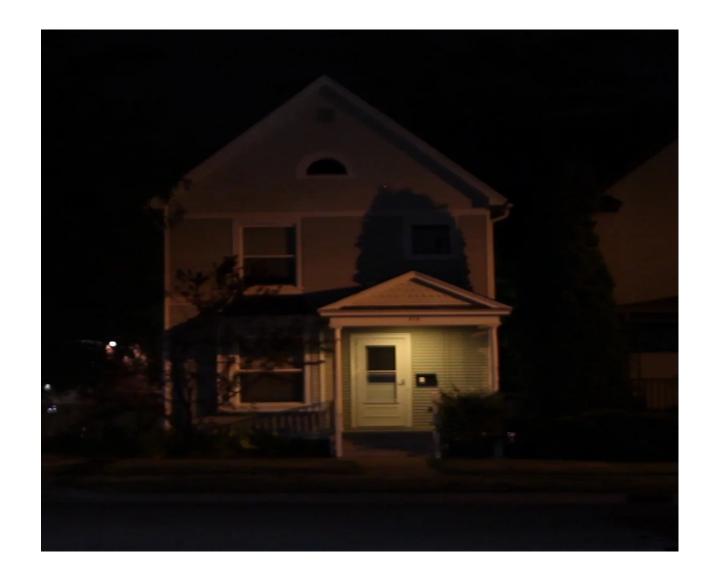


you tell me who made this mess, or I will call your parents.

#### Either

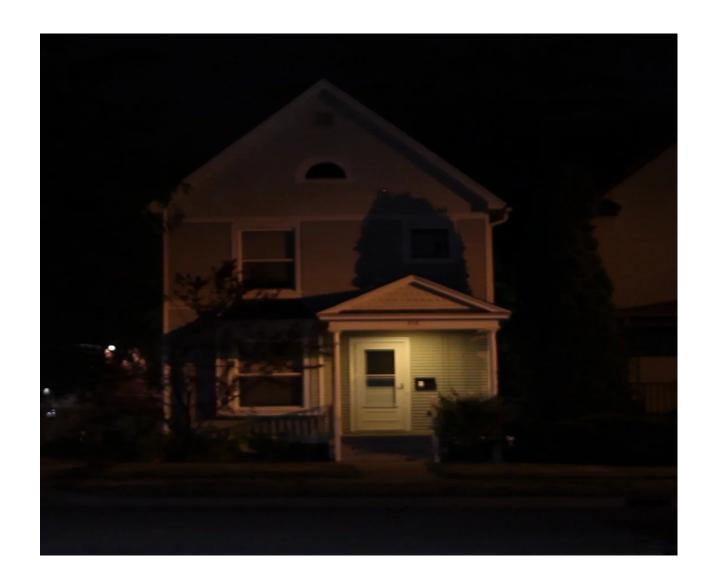


Either you tell me who made this mess, or will call your parents.



Jim nor John is home.

#### Neither



## Neither Jim nor John is home.

(When using a singular noun before neither/nor, use a singular verb [is])



Jim nor John is in class today.

#### Neither



# Neither Jim <u>nor</u> John is in class today.



# The food tastes great, and it's not expensive

#### either



# The food tastes great, and it's not expensive either.

(In this case, either is an adverb that means in addition.)

#### **Avoid: Me Either & Me Neither**

#### Example #1

Robert: I don't like music after 1979.

Ed: Me either. (informal)

Try to avoid using a positive (either) to agree with a negative statement.

#### Example #2

Robert: I don't like music after 1979.

Ed: Me neither. (conversational English)

In this example, Ed is using a negative (neither) to agree with Robert's negative statement.

## A better response is, "Neither do I."

