

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.

neither
or *either*



neither or *either*



**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.**

neither or either



You can borrow record.

either



**You can borrow
either record.**

neither or *either*



**You can wear
coat to school.**

either



You can wear *either* coat to school.

neither or *either*



**He has two hats,
but fit.**

neither



**He has two hats,
but *neither* fit.**

neither or either



**You can have
 cake or
cookies.**

either



**You can have
either cake or
cookies.**

neither or *either*



**Shall we eat now or
later?**

one is fine.

Either



**Shall we eat now or
later?**

***Either* one is fine.**

neither or *either*



**No, of them
made the mess.**

neither



**No, neither of them
made the mess.**

neither or either



 you leave, or
my dog will bite you!

Either



**Either you leave, or
my dog will bite you!**

neither or either



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

neither



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

neither or either



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

Either



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

neither or either



 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])**

neither or either



 Jim nor John
is in class today.

Neither



Neither Jim nor John
is in class today.

neither or either



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."*

