## Both, neither and either example sentences

Listen to the accompanying MP3 and read these sentences. This will train your brain to master **both**, **neither and either**.

- 1. I **neither** watch the news **nor** read newspapers. There are too many negative stories.
- 2. Mother: "When do you leave? Is it Saturday or Sunday?"

Daughter: "Neither. I leave on Monday."

- 3. We can **either** go swimming **or** ice skating. Which do you prefer?
- 4. It's **both** hot **and** humid here in France. I am constantly using the air conditioner.
- 5. Hi Gary. I tried to visit you twice last week, but **both** times you were out.
- 6. **Neither** I **nor** my wife drives. We use the public transport to get around.
- 7. The puppy we found was **both** hungry **and** cold. We looked after it and now it's at full strength.
- 8. When I visited Spain, I stayed with a Spanish couple. But **neither** of them spoke English, so it was very difficult to communicate.
- 9. Jack and Tony said they would meet us here, but I can't see **either** of them. Perhaps they're late.
- 10. The new boss is fantastic. He's **both** kind **and** hardworking, so he already feels part of the team.
- 11. Thankfully, **neither** of the girls was injured, but **both** of them were taken to the hospital to be on the safe side.
- 12. The strange man we met today really scared me. He neither said anything nor smiled.
- 13. Ray: "What's the name of the new guy at work? I've forgotten."
- Bill: "I've forgotten too. I think his name is either Michael or Matthew."
- 14. Boss: "Hi John. **Both** Linda **and** Tina are on holiday this week, so we need to cover their work. Do you prefer doing Linda's or Tina's work?"

John: "Either. I don't mind what I do."

- 15. It's so hot. Please turn on **both** fans so we can cool this place down.
- 16. Sarah and Paul's baby twins were born last night. **Both** of them are very healthy, and **neither** of them has their father's grey hair!



- 17. I tried on the two wedding dresses, but **neither** of them fitted. I'll have to choose another.
- 18. We don't have much time before the movie starts, so we can **either** quickly eat a sandwich now, **or** eat at a restaurant after.
- 19. Father: "Mum is really sick today, and I have some work to do. **Either** you **or** your brother has to cook dinner."

Daughter: "Why don't we both do it? Then it will get done quicker."

- 20. Lee looked at **both** cars but he didn't like **either** of them.
- 21. Hi Neil. Hi Fiona. Let me get **both** of you a drink. What will you have?
- 22. Interviewer: "So let's talk about your skills. Do you speak any other languages?"

Interviewee: "Yes, I speak **both** French **and** Arabic fluently, and I also speak a little German."

23. Husband: "Do you want anything from the shop?"

Wife: "Yes, I want something sweet for dessert. Buy **either** a chocolate cake **or** some strawberry ice cream.

- 24. North and South Korea fought a devastating war. **Both** countries have now stopped fighting, but still remain enemies.
- 25. Mike and Tina: "We aren't going to the party next week."

Sally and Bob: "Neither are we. We are so busy with work."

- 26. I'm not sure if I will have children in the future. I have **neither** the patience **nor** the energy to look after them.
- 27. Shop assistant: "I think **either** the yellow dress **or** the green dress would be the best choice."

Customer: "You're right. Actually, I'll take both."

- 28. Thanks for lending me these books, Carl. I read **both** of them, but **neither** one was very good.
- 29. Teacher: "Neither of you did your homework again. I'll have to call both your parents."

Students: "Please don't call our parents, sir. **Either** give us detention **or** make us do double homework tonight."

30. I'm so bored that I really want to go out somewhere. I'm **either** going to visit my friend Jack **or** go to the gym.