GRAMMAR

Correlative conjunctions

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I can use pairs like either and or, and neither and nor.

1 The rule

Correlative conjunctions work in pairs to join two equal ideas: both … and, either … or, neither … nor, not only … but also.

We can **either** walk **or** ride our bikes.

2 Look and say



both … and
both apples and pears



either … or
either a cone or a cup



neither … nor
neither rain nor snow

not only … but also
not only fast but also kind

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Sort the words

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Each pair has a first word and a second word. Write each word in the right box.

1 Word bank

neither | both | but also | or | not only | and | whether | nor | either

first word	second word

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Find it in a sentence

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Read each sentence. Circle both parts of the pair.

1. We can have either soup or salad.
2. Both my cat and my dog snore.
3. Neither the bus nor the train was late.
4. She is not only smart but also kind.
5. I cannot decide whether to read or draw.
6. Both apples and pears are fruit.
7. Neither Omar nor Zara was home.
8. You may either walk or ride.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Write it

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Write the missing partner word from the box.

1 Word bank

and | or | nor | but also

1. Both cats _____ dogs are pets.
2. You can either stay _____ go.
3. Neither rain _____ snow stopped us.
4. She is not only fast _____ strong.
5. Do you want either milk _____ juice?
6. Both Sam _____ Ali came.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

Answer key: correlative conjunctions

1 Sort the words

first word: both, either, neither, not only, whether

second word: and, or, nor, but also

2 Find it in a sentence

1. either, or 2. Both, and 3. Neither, nor 4. not only, but also 5. whether, or 6. Both, and 7. Neither, nor 8. either, or

3 Write it

1. and 2. or 3. nor 4. but also 5. or 6. and

4 Teaching tip

Teach the pairs as partners that always travel together. When children see either, they look for or; when they see neither, they look for nor.

Watch for: Mixing up the partners, as in "neither the cat or the dog." Neither always goes with nor, and either always goes with or.

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