



Mini Lesson 044 - Using 'Either' and 'Neither' in Sentences

Explanation:

Either and **Neither** are used to talk about choices between two options, but they have different meanings and uses:

1. **Either**:

- Refers to **one** of two options. It suggests a choice between two things.
- **Form**: *Either* + noun, *Either* + of + noun phrase, or used in conjunctions with "or".
- Example: *You can take either the bus or the train.*

2. **Neither**:

- Means **not one** and **not the other**. It negates both options.
- **Form**: *Neither* + noun, *Neither* + of + noun phrase, or used in conjunctions with "nor".
- Example: *Neither the bus nor the train is available today.*

Important Rules:

- When using **either/or**, the verb that follows depends on the nearest subject.
- Example: *Either my brother or my sisters are coming.*

- When using **neither/nor**, the verb that follows is usually singular.
- Example: *Neither the cat nor the dog is outside.*





Exercises

Section 1: Choose Between 'Either' or 'Neither'

1. _____ the train nor the bus is available today.
2. You can have _____ tea or coffee.
3. I like _____ of these two shirts. They are both great.
4. _____ John nor Sarah was at the meeting.
5. I don't want _____ of the options you gave me.

Section 2: Fill in the Blanks with 'Either' or 'Neither'

1. You can _____ come to the party or stay at home.
2. She likes _____ pizza nor burgers.
3. _____ of the students has completed the homework.
4. Would you like _____ coffee or tea?
5. _____ he nor his friend knew about the surprise.

Section 3: Rewrite the Sentences Using 'Either' or 'Neither'

1. Both of the options are not suitable for me. → _____.
2. She doesn't like both coffee and tea. → _____.
3. I can choose only one from these two books. → _____.
4. Both of them didn't attend the meeting. → _____.
5. He can play the piano or the guitar. → _____.





Section 4: Error Correction

Correct the mistakes in these sentences:

1. Either he nor I know the answer.
2. Neither of them are going to the party.
3. I don't want either of the two gifts.
4. Either the kids is coming with us.
5. Neither Jack or Lucy came to the event.

Section 5: Complete the Sentences Using 'Either' or 'Neither'

1. _____ of the books were interesting, so I didn't read any.
2. _____ you agree with me, _____ we can discuss it more.
3. He would like _____ the salad or the soup.
4. _____ her friends could come to the party.
5. You can _____ go by bus or by train.

Section 6: Make Your Own Sentences

Write sentences using **either** or **neither** based on the prompts:

1. Either / pizza / burger
2. Neither / bus / train / working today
3. Either / your idea / mine
4. Neither / of us / want to leave early
5. Either / call / email me





Answers

Section 1:

1. Neither
2. Either
3. Either
4. Neither
5. Either

Section 2:

1. either
2. neither
3. Neither
4. either
5. Neither

Section 3:

1. Neither of the options is suitable for me.
2. She likes neither coffee nor tea.
3. I can choose either of these two books.
4. Neither of them attended the meeting.
5. He can play either the piano or the guitar.

Section 4:

1. Either he or I know the answer.
2. Neither of them is going to the party.
3. I don't want **neither** of the two gifts. (Correction: should be *neither*)
4. Either the kids **are** coming with us.
5. Neither Jack nor Lucy came to the event.





Section 5:

1. Neither
2. Either, or
3. either
4. Neither
5. either

Section 6:

1. I would like either pizza or a burger.
2. Neither the bus nor the train is working today.
3. Either your idea or mine will work.
4. Neither of us wants to leave early.
5. You can either call or email me.

