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Both, Either, and Neither

Medium | A2 | Elementary | Pre-intermediate | B1 | Intermediate | Conjunction | Coordination | Countable and uncountable | Determiner | Negation | Noun | Pronoun | Subject | Word order

1. Finish the enthusiastic travel agent's email to a client.

We can book the mountain cabin or the beach house. ___ option sounds fantastic for your weekend getaway!

Select one.

A) Either
B) Both
C) Neither
D) Every

2. Help the food critic write a scathing review of two local diners! Select ALL the sentences that use "both," "either," or "neither" grammatically correctly.

Select all that apply.

A) Both restaurants are completely overpriced.
B) I do not want to eat at either of them.
C) Neither restaurant has a dessert menu.
D) Both restaurant is closed on Mondays.
E) I don't want to eat at neither of them.

3. Complete the food critic's dramatic review of a local restaurant.

I tasted the chocolate cake and the lemon tart, but unfortunately, ___ of them was edible.

Select one.

A) both
B) either
C) neither
D) none

4. Fill in the blanks to complete this angry traveler's hotel review.

The hotel offered us a room with a view of a brick wall or a room next to the noisy elevator. We politely declined, as we didn't want _____ of those terrible options!

The manager proudly stated that _____ rooms were considered "premium suites."

In the end, we slept in our rental car because _____ room was actually clean.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
A) either
B) neither
C) both

Blank 2
A) both
B) either
C) every

Blank 3
A) neither
B) both
C) either

5. Help the lost backpacker make sense of the local train schedule by choosing the correct word for each gap.

You can take _____ the 9:00 AM or the 10:30 AM train, as they go to the exact same destination.

Just be aware that _____ trains are extremely crowded during the morning rush hour.

I asked two ticket agents for advice, but sadly _____ of them spoke English, so I am still a bit confused!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** both
- **B)** either
- **C)** neither

Blank 2

- **A)** either
- **B)** neither
- **C)** both

Blank 3

- **A)** both
- **B)** either
- **C)** neither

6. Help the indecisive diner complete their text message to a friend.

I'm staring at the chocolate cake and the apple pie. I want to order _____ of them, but I only have room in my stomach for one!

My friend has a severe nut allergy, and sadly, _____ dessert is completely nut-free.

So, we can skip dessert or find another cafe. _____ choice is fine with me!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** both
- **B)** either
- **C)** neither

Blank 2

- **A)** neither
- **B)** both
- **C)** either

Blank 3

- **A)** Either
- **B)** Both
- **C)** Neither

7. Complete the detective's case notes about a petty office crime by choosing the correct word for each gap in the report.

The suspect is _____ Jim or Pam, as they were the only ones in the breakroom at the time.

However, it seems that _____ Jim nor Pam has a clear motive to steal the boss's favorite mug.

I interviewed the two new interns, and it turns out _____ of them saw the mug sitting safely in the sink this morning.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** both
- **B)** either
- **C)** neither

Blank 2

- **A)** both
- **B)** either
- **C)** neither

Blank 3

- **A)** either
- **B)** neither
- **C)** both

8. Help the young wizard review his options for a magical pet! He is trying to decide between a cat and an owl. Select ALL the sentences that are grammatically correct.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** You can choose either a cat or an owl.
- **B)** Both the cat and the owl are excellent choices.
- **C)** I think I want both of them!
- **D)** Neither the dragon or the griffin is allowed on campus.
- **E)** You cannot choose neither of them.

9. Help the exhausted babysitter explain the situation to the parents.

The twins were completely silent, but ___ boys had chocolate on their faces, so I knew they were guilty!

Select one.

- **A)** either
- **B)** neither
- **C)** both of
- **D)** both

10. Read the landlord's complaints about Alex and Sam, two notoriously lazy roommates. Choose ALL the statements that use "both," "either," or "neither" correctly.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Neither roommate washes the dishes.
- **B)** Neither Alex nor Sam pays the rent on time.
- **C)** Both of them sleep until noon every day.
- **D)** Both Alex and Sam refuses to take out the trash.
- **E)** Either roommate are going to have to clean this mess.

11. Help the indecisive couple figure out their dessert order by choosing the correct word for each gap in their conversation.

"We can order _____ the chocolate cake or the fruit tart, but we can't afford two desserts."

"Actually, I think _____ of those sounds good to me right now; I'm craving ice cream instead."

"Well, my sister and I had the ice cream last time, and unfortunately _____ of us ended up with a terrible brain freeze!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** both
- **B)** either
- **C)** neither

Blank 2

- **A)** both
- **B)** either
- **C)** neither

Blank 3

- **A)** either
- **B)** neither
- **C)** both

12. Complete the detective's case notes about the suspicious twins.

During the interrogation of the twins, I noticed that _____ brothers kept nervously looking at the door.

I checked their alibis, but unfortunately for them, _____ of them actually bought a cinema ticket that night.

I warned them that _____ Arthur or Bartholomew must confess soon, or they are in big trouble.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** both
- **B)** either
- **C)** neither

Blank 2

A) neither
B) either
C) both

Blank 3

A) either
B) both
C) neither