

## Both, neither, either (of) etc.

### 1. Complete the sentences with **both/neither/either**.

1. 'Do you want tea or coffee?' • **Either**. I really don't mind.'
2. 'What day is it today – the 18<sup>th</sup> or the 19<sup>th</sup>?' '..... It's the 20<sup>th</sup>'
3. There are two sandwiches here. Do you mind which I take?' 'No, take.....'
4. A: Where did you go for your holidays – Scotland or Ireland?  
B: We went to ..... A week in Scotland and a week in Ireland.
5. 'When shall I phone you, morning or afternoon?' '..... I'll be in all day.'
6. 'Where's Kate? Is she at work or at home?' '..... She's away on holiday.'

### 2. Complete the sentences **with both/neither/either**. Use **of** where necessary.

1. **Both (of)** my parents are from London.
2. To get to the town center, you can go along the footpath by the river or you can go along the road. You can go ..... way.
3. I tried twice to phone George but ..... times he was out.
4. .... Tom's parents in English. His father is Polish and his mother is Italian.
5. I saw an accident this morning. One car drove into the back of another. Fortunately ..... driver was injured but ..... cars were quite badly damaged.
6. I've got two sisters and a brother. My brother is working but ..... my sisters are still at school.

### 3. Complete the sentences with **both/neither/either of us/them**.

1. I asked two people the way to the station but **neither of them** could help me.
2. I was invited to two parties last week but I didn't go to .....
3. There were two windows in the room. It was very warm, so I opened.....
4. Sarah and I play tennis together regularly but ..... can play very well.
5. I tried two bookshops for the book I wanted but ..... had it.

4. Write sentences with **both...and..../ neither....nor..... / either.....or...**

1. Tom was late. So was Ann. **Both Tom and Ann were late.**
2. She didn't write and she didn't phone. **She neither wrote nor phoned.**
3. Jim is on holiday and so is Carol. Both .....
4. George doesn't smoke and he doesn't drink. ....
5. Jim hasn't got a car. Carol hasn't got a car either. ....
6. It was a very boring film. It was very long too. The film .....
7. Is that man's name Richard? Or is it Robert? It's one of the two.  
The man's name .....
8. I haven't got time to go on holiday. And I haven't got the money.  
I've got .....
9. We can leave today or we can leave tomorrow – whichever you prefer.  
We .....

5. Complete the sentences with **neither/either/none/any.**

1. We tried a lot of hotels but **none** of them had any rooms.
2. I took two books with me on holiday but I didn't read ..... of them.
3. I took five books with me on holiday but I didn't read ..... of them.
4. There are a few shops at the end of the street but ..... of them sell newspapers.
5. You can phone me at ..... time during the evening. I'm always at home.
6. I can meet you on the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>. Would ..... of those days be convenient for you?
7. John and I couldn't get into the house because ..... of us had a key.
8. There were a few letters this morning but ..... of them were for me.

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