

Both and Neither

We use **both** and **neither** to talk about two things or people. Example:

*Juan has two children. Both are married. (both = the two children)
Do you want to go to the cinema or the theatre? Neither. I want to stay at home.
(neither = not the cinema or the theatre)*

Form:

Both + plural noun:

Both windows, books, children, etc.

Last year I went to Paris and London. I liked both cities very much.

Neither + singular noun:

Neither window, book, children, etc.

First I worked in an office, and later in a bank. Neither job was very interesting.

Exercises: Write both or neither. Use 'of' where necessary:

1. It was a good football match. _____ teams played really well.
2. It wasn't a good football match. _____ team played well.
3. Is your friend English or American? _____. She's French.
4. We went away for two days but the weather wasn't good. It rained _____ days.
5. Do you go to work by bus or by car? _____. I always walk.
6. Do you work or are you a student? _____. I work during the day and I study in the evenings.
7. Rosy and I didn't know the time because _____ us had a watch.
8. Do you want a hotdog or pizza? _____. I'm not hungry.
9. _____ tennis players played really well.
10. Do you want this chocolate bar or that one? _____ please!
11. _____ my flights from Santiago and then Brazil to London were delayed.
12. Sometimes my teacher has _____ the patience or the energy to deal with us.
13. _____ Santiago and Buenos Aires are capital cities.
14. _____ the two dresses fitted me well so I bought a skirt.
15. Rosy didn't want _____ tea or coffee, just a glass of water.
16. _____ the houses suited us so we're still looking.
17. _____ us were late for the meeting.
18. I want _____ a good salary and benefits in my next job.
19. _____ my brother or me passed the test. My mum is going to be so mad.
20. Would you like red or white wine? _____. I don't drink alcohol.