

## Lesson Plan: Both, neither, either

<b>Level</b>	Intermediate (B1)
<b>Time</b>	45–60 minutes
<b>Skills</b>	Grammar, speaking
<b>Focus</b>	Referring to two things — agreement, disagreement, alternatives

### OBJECTIVES

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Use both, neither, and either correctly to refer to two things or people
- Form sentences using both...and, neither...nor, either...or
- Respond with neither do I, so do I, me neither, me too
- Avoid common errors with agreement and word order

### TARGET LANGUAGE (EXAMPLES)

#### *Both*

- Both films are excellent. (= film A and film B)
- I've seen both. / Both of them passed.
- Both...and: Both the food and the service were great.

#### *Neither*

- Neither film is worth watching. (= not film A, not film B)
- Neither of them passed.
- Neither...nor: Neither the food nor the service was good.

#### *Either*

- Either film would be fine — I don't mind. (= one or the other)
- Either of them can do it.
- Either...or: Either we leave now or we'll miss the train.

#### *Responses*

- So do I. / Neither do I. / Me too. / Me neither.
- A: I love Thai food. B: So do I! / Me too!
- A: I don't drink coffee. B: Neither do I. / Me neither.

### LESSON PROCEDURE

#### 1. Warm-up (5 min)

**Task:** Two celebrities / characters on the board. True or false statements using both/neither.

- 'Both of them are singers.' 'Neither of them has won an Oscar.'

#### 2. Presentation (10 min)

**Task:** Teach each word with a clear contrast.

- Both = A and B (positive). Neither = not A and not B. Either = A or B.
- Agreement responses: So do I / Neither do I — cover inversion quickly.

### 3. Guided practice (10 min)

**Task:** Choose both, neither, or either to complete sentences.

- '\_\_\_ of the restaurants was any good.' → Neither
- 'You can take \_\_\_ train — they both go to the centre.' → either

### 4. Find someone who... (15 min)

**Task:** Students survey classmates and report: 'Both Maria and Pedro love sushi.'

- 'Neither of us likes horror films.'
- Encourage agreement responses during the survey.

### 5. Writing task (5–10 min)

**Task:** Compare two people or things using both, neither, either.

## EXTENSION / HOMEWORK

Choose one:

1. Write 8 sentences comparing two people in your life using both, neither, and either.
2. Write a short film review comparing two films using both...and and neither...nor.
3. Correct 5 errors involving both, neither, and either in a short text.