

ENGLISH GRAMMAR 1

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Unit 82 – Both / either / neither

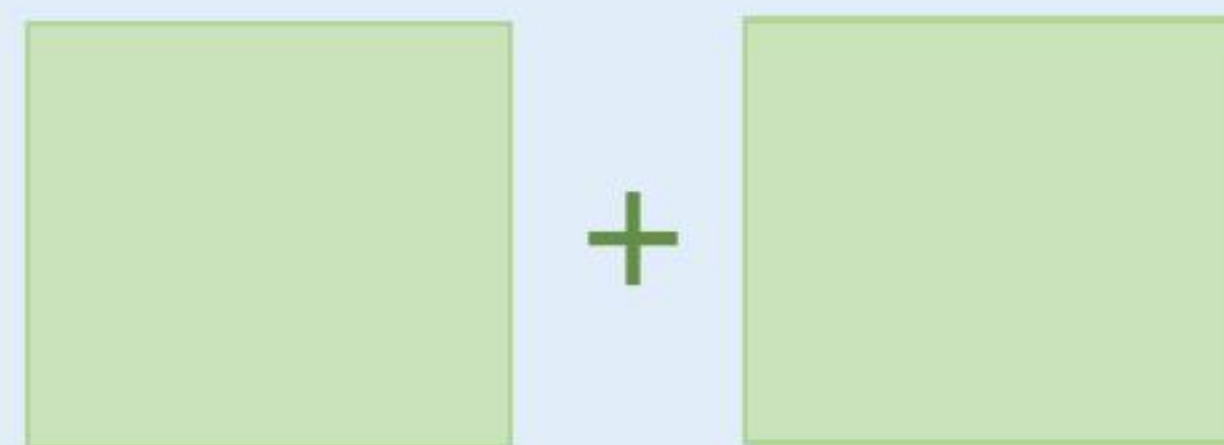
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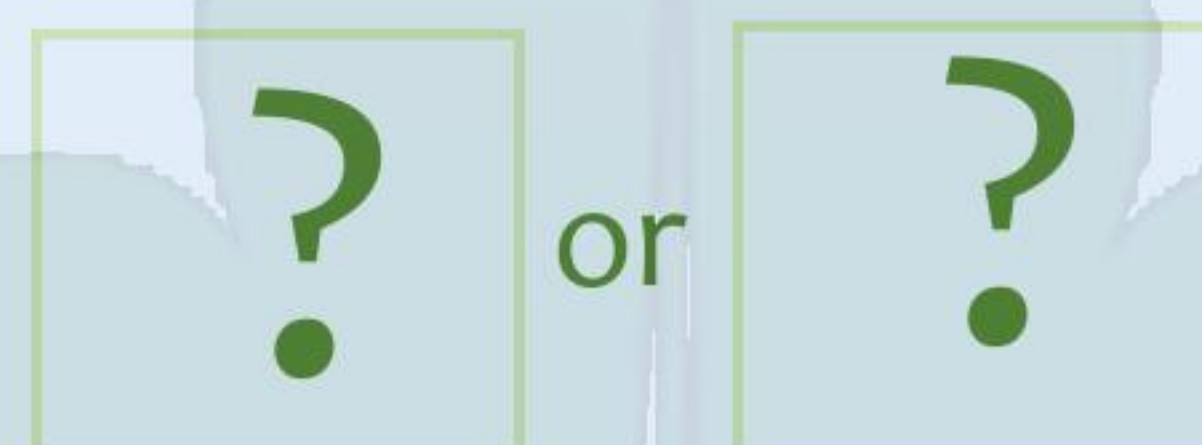
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A PHÂN BIỆT “BOTH / EITHER / NEITHER”

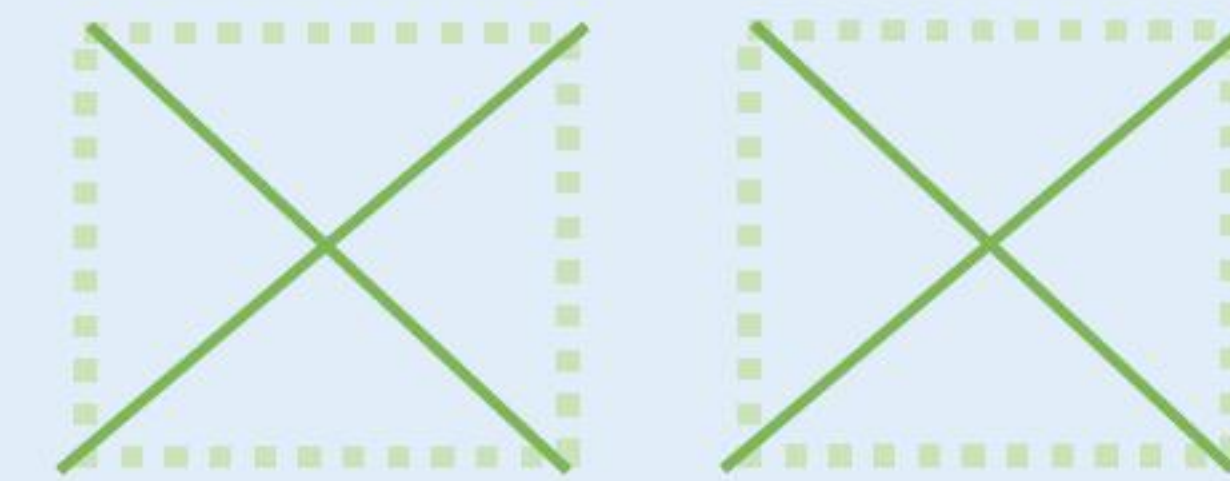
We use **both/either/neither** to talk about two things or people:



both



either



neither (not + either)

- Ex1: Rebecca has two children. **Both** are married. (**both** = the two children)
- Ex2: Would you like tea or coffee? You can have **either**. (**either** = tea or coffee)
- Ex3: A: Do you want to go to the cinema or the theatre?
B: **Neither**. I want to stay at home. (**neither** = not the cinema or the theatre)

Compare **either** and **neither**:

- Ex4: 'Would you **like** tea or **coffee**

'**Either**. I don't mind.' (= tea or coffee)
'I **don't** want **either**.' (not I don't want neither)
'**Neither**.' (= not tea or coffee)

Both / either / neither

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CÁCH DÙNG “BOTH / EITHER / NEITHER + DANH TỪ”

both + plural

either
neither } + singular

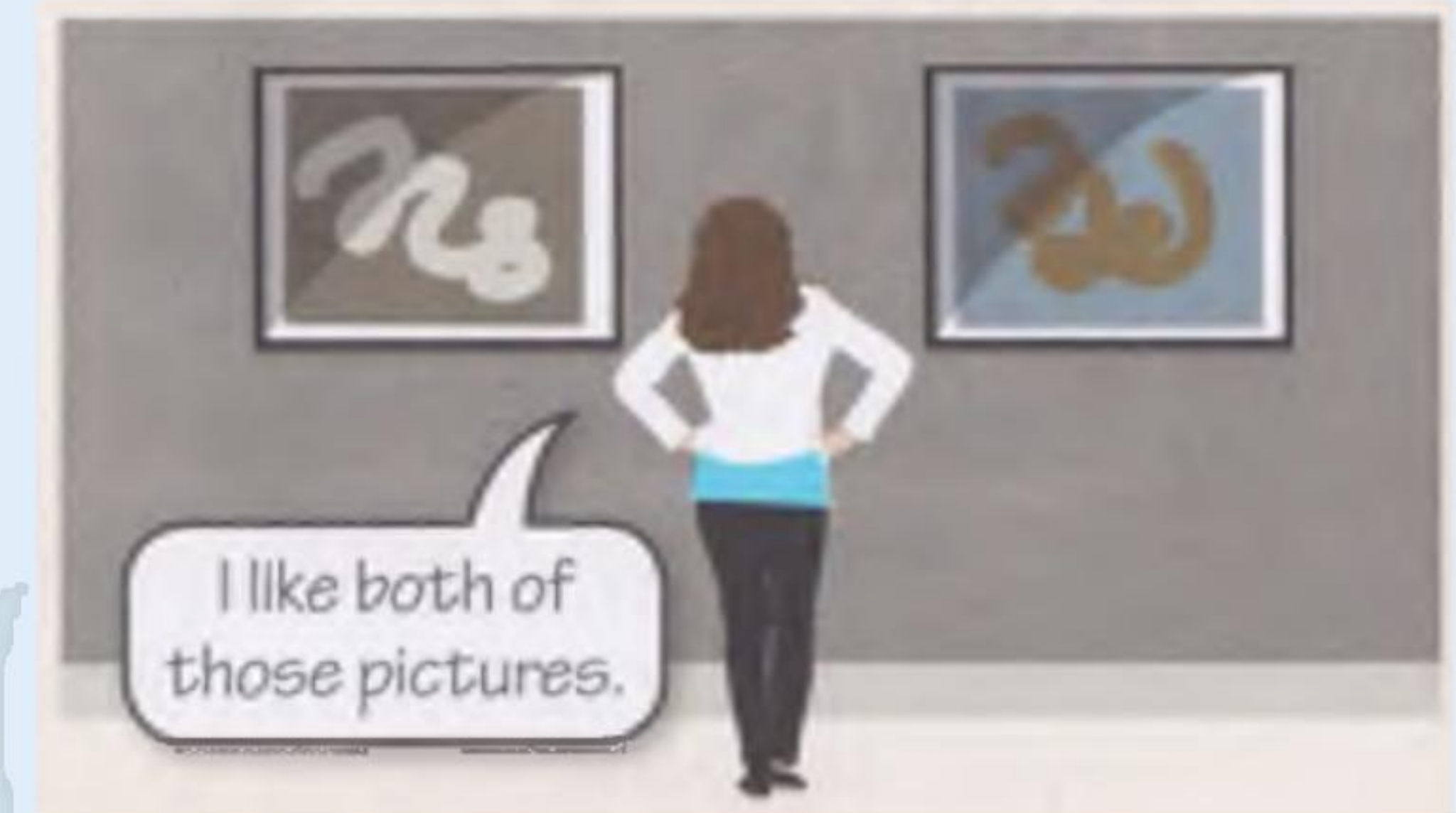
both	windows / books / children etc.
either neither	window / book / child etc.

- Ex5: Last year I went to Paris and Rome. I liked **both cities** very much.
- Ex6: First I worked in an office, and later in a shop. **Neither job** was very interesting.
- Ex7: There are two ways from here to the station. You can go **either way**.

Both / either / neither

C CÁCH DÙNG “BOTH OF.../ EITHER OF.../NEITHER OF...”

both	(of)	the
either neither	of	these / those my /your / Paul's... etc.



- Ex8: **Neither of my parents** is British.
- Ex9: I haven't read **either of these books**.

You can say **both of the/those/my ...** or **both the/those/my ...** (with or without of)

- Ex10: I like **both of** those pictures, or
I like **both** those pictures.
- Ex11: **Both of** Paul's sisters are married. or
Both Paul's sisters are married.

but ▪ Ex12: **Neither of** Paul's sisters is married. (not **Neither** Paul's sisters)

Both / either / neither

D CÁCH DÙNG “BOTH OF THEM / NEITHER OF US ”

both	of	them
either		us
neither		you

- Ex13: Paul has two sisters. **Both of them** are married.
- Ex14: Sue and I didn't eat anything. **Neither of us** was hungry.
- Ex15: Who are those two people? I **don't** know **either of them**.

I can't either / neither can I → [Unit 42](#)