## BBC Learning English Quiznet

Both, either, neither



<ul><li>a)</li><li>b)</li><li>c)</li></ul>	my sister and I have blue eyes, but my brother's are brown.  Either Neither Both Either of
a) b) c)	she leaves or I will. I can't live with her anymore.  Either Neither Both Neither of
a) b) c)	She's very healthy. She alcohol nor smokes. either drinks neither drinks both drinks both doesn't drink
a) b) c)	the cinemas are showing the new Scorcese film.  Both of Both Neither of all of the above
a) b) c)	the hotels in the village have rooms tonight. We'll have to drive to the next town.  Both of Neither of Either of Neither
a) b) c)	I have two bosses at work and I don't like them. both of neither of either of none of the above

## **ANSWERS:**

1.	my sister and I have blue eyes, but my brother's are brown.
a)	Either – You need a different word when there is an 'and' in the sentence.
b)	Neither - You need a different word when there is an 'and' in the sentence.
c)	Both – This is the correct answer. We use 'bothand' for two things that are the
	same i.e. my sister has blue eyes and I have blue eyes.
d)	Either of – You can't use 'Either of' in this sentence.
2.	she leaves or I will. I can't live with her anymore.
a)	Either – This is the correct answer. We use 'eitheror' when we have to choose
	one of two things.
b)	Neither – You need a different word when there is an 'or' in the sentence.
c)	Both – You need a different word when there is an 'or' in the sentence.
d)	Neither of – You can't use 'neither of' in this sentence.
3.	She's very healthy. She alcohol nor smokes.
a)	either drinks - You can't use 'either' when there is a 'nor' in the sentence.
b)	neither drinks – This is the correct answer. We use 'neithernor' when the two
	things don't happen. i.e. She doesn't drink and she doesn't smoke. The verb that
	follows 'neither' must be positive e.g. 'She neither drinks nor smokes', not 'She
	neither doesn't drink nor smokes'.
c)	both drinks - You can't use 'both' when there is a 'nor' in the sentence.
d)	both doesn't drink — You can't use 'both' when there is a 'nor' in the sentence. And you don't
	usually use 'both' with a negative verb.

4.	the cinemas are showing the new Scorcese film.
a)	Both of – Although this option is right, there are other correct options.
b)	Both – Although this option is right, there are other correct options.
c)	Neither of – Although this option is right, there are other correct options.
d)	all of the above – This is the correct answer. You can use a noun (the cinema) after
	'Both' and 'Both of' and it means two cinemas are showing the film. 'Neither of' in the
	sentence means you can't watch the Scorcese film because it is not showing.
5.	the hotels in the village have rooms tonight. We'll have to drive to the next
	town.
a)	Both of – If both the hotels have rooms, why do you need to drive to another town?
b)	Neither of – This is the correct answer. The second sentence makes the meaning clear.
	If you have to go to another town, it means the two hotels have no rooms.
c)	Either of – You can't use 'either of' in this sentence.
d)	Neither – You need the preposition 'of' if there is a noun e.g. the hotels.
	I have two bosses at work and I don't like them.
a)	both of – We don't use 'both' or 'both of' in negative sentences.
b)	neither of – We don't use 'neither' in negative sentences.
c)	either of – This is the correct answer. We use 'either' and 'either of' in sentences with
	negative verbs if we are not choosing between two options. E.g. Compare 'I like both
	of them' and 'I don't like either of them'.
d)	none of the above – This is not the correct answer. One of the options is right.
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