**Subject – Verb Agreement**

Whether to use a singular verb or a plural one depends on the second part (but...also / as well). See [subject verb agreement](https://www.grammarbank.com/subject-verb-agreement.html) in general.

**For Example:**

When Using Correlative Conjunction then both clauses must be in parallel construction.

Whether to use a singular verb or a plural one depends on the **second part(See only Second Part Mostly)**  
Not only John but also **Peter ---- come to the meeting.**A) have   B) has

As "Peter" is singular, we need to use a singular verb, so the answer is "has".

Pay attention to the sentences below to understand the difference clearly.  
  
Not only proteins but also **vitamins are essential for small children.**  
Note that the second part "vitamins" is plural.  
  
Not only proteins but also **vitamin C is essential for small children.**Note that the second part "vitamin C" is singular.  
  
**Attention!**  
  
**Both** proteins **and** vitamin C **are** essential for small children.  
Don't confuse "Both...and" since it is always used in plural form.

### **Neither.....nor**

Part-1

a. Either come with me or stay home.  
b. Either do your homework or go to bed.  
c. You may either watch TV or listen to music.

**Part-2**

b. Neither my dad nor my mom **wears** fashionable clothes.  
c. Neither Henry nor Clodia **likes** medicine.  
d. Neither lions nor wolves **eat** grass.

**Neither** ... **nor** is the negative form of either ... or ... . If singular subject follows both neither and or the verb may be in the singular or plural form.

2.Neither Rahul nor Rashmi **is** willing to take **her** responsibilities.

3.Neither Jeff nor Choi **are** going to help us because of **their** authority.

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Correlative Conjunction

Correlative conjunctions include pairs such as

1.both/and

2.either/or

3.neither/nor

4.not/but

5.not only/but also.

**no sooner than**

When **‘no sooner’** goes at the beginning of the sentence, we use an auxiliary verb(Helping words) before the subject.

1.The train arrived at the station. Soon the passengers rushed towards it.

**No sooner had** the train arrived at the station **than**the passengers rushed towards it.

2.The teacher entered the classroom. Suddenly the students stood up.

**No sooner did**the teacher enter the classroom **than**the students stood up.

1. She read the telegram. She fainted at once.

2. The thieves saw the police. They ran away at once.

3. The child started crying. His mother lifted him up at once.

4. I went to bed. Soon I fell asleep.

5. I took a dose of the medicine. Soon I started feeling better.

6. He reached the bus station. The bus came at once.

7. The driver saw the signal. He applied the brake at once.

**Answers**

1. **No sooner did** she read the telegram **than** she fainted.

2. **No sooner did**the thieves see the police **than** they ran away.

3. **No sooner did** the child start crying **than** his mother lifted him up.

4. **No sooner did** I go to bed **than** I fell asleep.

5. **No sooner did**I take a dose of medicine **than** I started feeling better.

6. **No sooner did** he reach the bus station **than** the bus came.

7. **No sooner did** the driver see the signal **than** he applied the brake.