

EITHER... OR

Either... or... connects two choices:

you're **either**
dipping into your
own supply,

or you've got a bad
valve in the office.

We use either... or... to connect items which are the same grammatical type, e.g. words, phrases, clauses:

We can either pre- or post-
date the appointment. I don't mind.

(connecting prefixes)

You are either healthy or sick.
I can't remember.

(connecting words)

You can stay either with Dr.
House or with Dr. Cuddy.

(connecting phrases)

Either I go to the doctor or I
stay home and rest.

(connecting clauses)