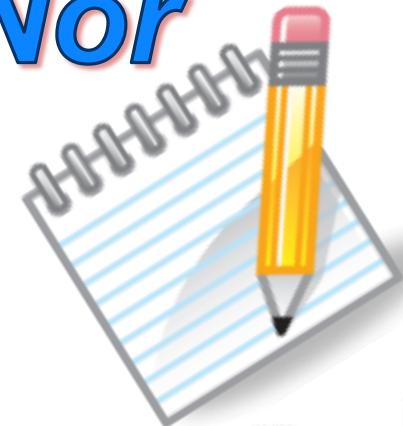
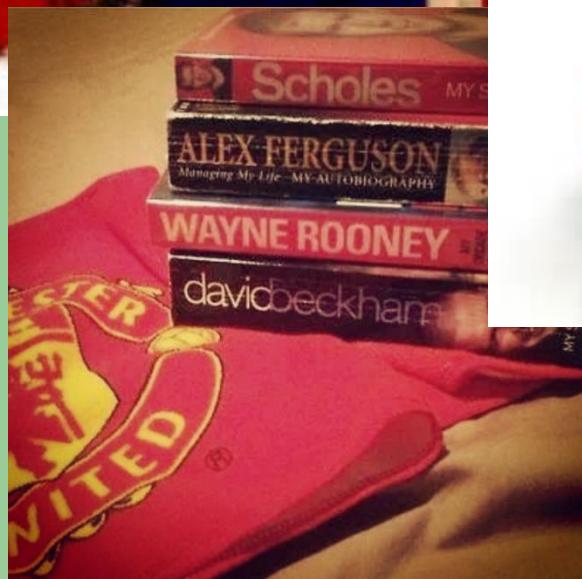


The Usage of Both and And, Not Only and But Also, Either and Or, and Neither and Nor



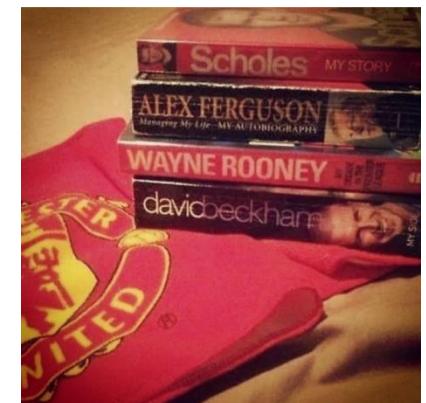
Both and And



Two subjects that are connected by **both** and **and** take a plural verb.

Example:

Both my mother **and** my sister are here.



Not Only and But Also

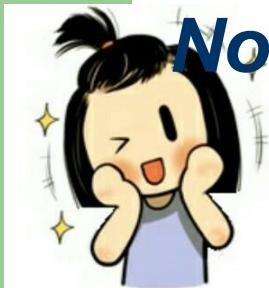


When two subjects are connected by ***not only*** and ***but also***, the subject that is closer to the verb *determines* to use singular or plural verb.

Example:

Not only my sister ***but also*** my parents are here.

Not only my parents ***but also*** my sister is here.



Either and Or



Either is used as *conjunction* with ***or*** to imply a choice of alternatives.

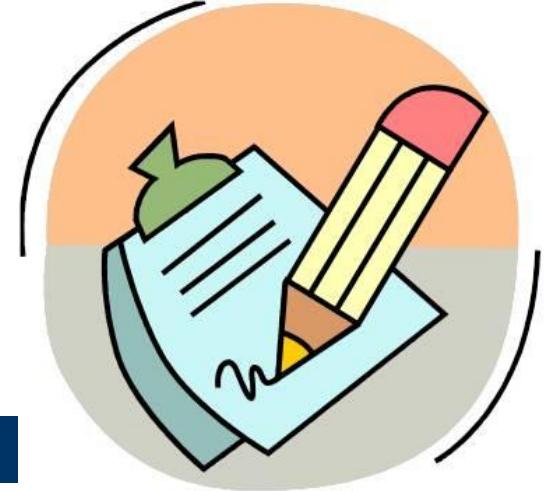
Example:

You can ***either*** play on the computer ***or*** watch TV.

It means that *you can do one of two things:*
play on the computer or watch TV.



Either and Or



When **either** and **or** are used to connect two subjects, the subject that is closer to the verb **determines the usage of singular or plural verb.**

Example:

Either my sister **or** my parents are here.

Either my parents **or** my sister is here.

Neither and Nor



Neither is used with **nor** to negate both parts of a statement.

Example:

I can **neither** dance **nor** swim.

It means that *I cannot dance or swim.*

Neither and Nor



When **neither** and **nor** are used to connect two subjects, the subject that is closer to the verb determines the usage of singular or plural verb.

Example:

Neither my sister **nor** my parents are here.

Neither my parents **nor** my sister is here.

The Parallel Structure



The **same grammatical form** should follow each word of the pair. *Example:*

1. The research project will take **both time and money.** (**both + noun + and + noun**)
2. Yesterday it **not only rained but also** snowed. (**not only + verb + but also + verb**)
3. I'll take **either chemistry or math** next semester. (**either + noun + or + noun**).
4. That book is **neither interesting nor accurate.** (**neither + adjective + nor + adjective**).

Either as an Adverb



When **either** is used alone, it can be used as an adverb with the meaning also following negative expressions.

Example:

If you **don't** go, I **won't** go **either**.

A: I don't want to go to the party.

B: Me, **either**.