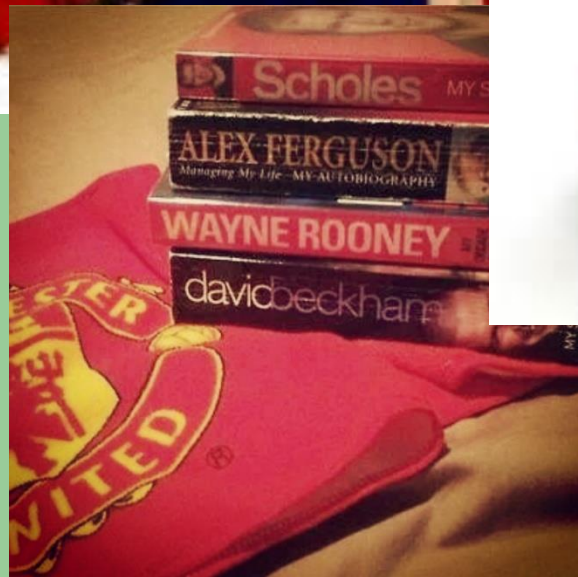


The Usage of *Both and And, Not Only and But Also, Either and Or, and Neither and Nor*



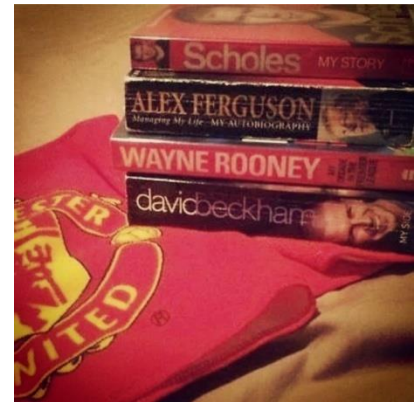
Both and And



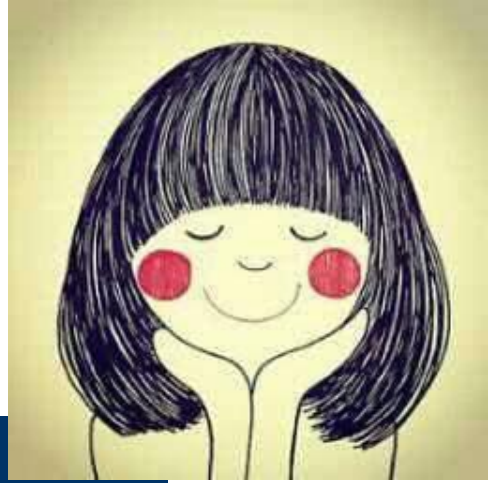
Two subjects that are connected by ***both*** and ***and*** take a plural verb.

Example:

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



Not Only and But Also

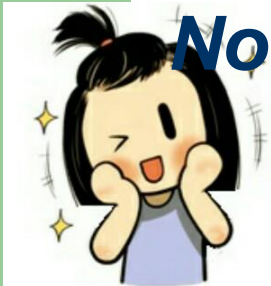


When two subjects are connected by ***not only*** and ***but also***, the subject that is closer to the verb *determines* to use singular or plural verb.

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***.