EITHER/OR - NEITHER/NOR

EITHER/OR used when referring to a choice between two possibilities.

Examples:

- We can either eat now or after the show.
- Either Tom or Henry has lost the book.

NEITHER/NOR used when referring to the fact that two or more things are not true.

Examples:

- She speaks neither English nor French.
- Chris wasn’t at the meeting and neither was her assistant.
- Neither Chris nor her assistant was at the meeting.

Singular or Plural?

➢ Singular
If both subjects are singular, the verb is singular too.

Examples:

- Either the father or the mother has to attend the meeting. (Father and mother are singular so the verb “has” is singular too.)
- Neither Sally nor Nancy is going to write the report. (Sally and Nancy are singular, so the verb “is” is singular too.)

➢ Plural
If one subject is plural, the verb is plural too.

Examples:

- Either Sue or the girls are going to prepare dinner tonight. (The girls is plural, so the verb “are” is plural too.)
- Neither the teacher nor the students were in the classroom. (The students is plural, so the verb “were” is plural too.)
EITHER/OR - NEITHER/NOR TEST - SINGULAR vs PLURAL

1. Neither Jeremy nor Sam ______ in the shop.
2. Neither the brushes nor the paints _____ on the tables.
3. Either an apple or a banana _____ in the bag.
4. Either Mary or her parents ____ going to pay the bill.
5. Neither John nor Anthony ____ arrived yet.

EITHER/OR - NEITHER/NOR TEST

1. I have _____ a pencil ___ a pen.
2. I don't have ____ a Facebook ___ a Twitter account.
3. I don’t know what to do. I don’t know ______.
4. I don’t know what to do. ______do I.
5. I don’t know what to do. Me ____.