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Inversion in English

NEITHER and NOR

Formal - used after a negative statement in order to introduce another negative statement containing a similar kind of information.

When a clause with NEITHER or NOR is used after a negative clause , we invert the subject and the verb after NEITHER and NOR.

- We didn't get to see the castle, **nor did we** see the cathedral.
- I am not, **nor have I** ever been, a Communist.
- We don't want to go out on strike, but **neither do we** want to accept a pay cut for two years,
- I wasn't paying attention to you, **neither was I** interested in your conversation.

NEITHER DO I , NOR DO I

We use neither and nor + auxiliary/modal verb + subject to mean 'also not':

- 'I don't like that colour.' **'Neither do I.'**
- 'Kate doesn't drive.' **'Nor does Helen.'**
- 'I can't understand a word of it.' **'Neither can I.'**

NEITHER ...NOR

We can use neither as a conjunction with nor. It connects two or more negative alternatives. This can sound formal in speaking:

I speak neither French nor Spanish.

Inversion

- Neither do I speak French , nor do I speak Spanish.

NOTE : this construction sounds quite formal and stilted in conversation