either...or vs or

Either ... or

We use "**either ... or**" to talk about two or more possibilities or choices, which are mutually exclusive, i.e. if you choose one you cannot choose the others.

Examples:

- You can have **either a** yoghurt **or** a banana with the meal.
- It's easy to decide. You must say **either** yes **or** no.
- **Either** help us **or** get out of the way.
- **Either** you drive to the airport **or** you get a taxi.





OR

The conjunction "**or**" is not as restrictive as "either…or". We can use it to talk about two or more choices whether they are mutually exclusive or not.

Examples:

- Would you like ketchup **or** mustard with that?
- Which colour do you like – blue, red, black, **or** white?
- I'd like to buy a laptop **or** a tablet.



Summary

Either ... or

- ✓ Two options, **only one** is possible.
- ✓ Mutually exclusive.
- ✓ Example: **Either** tea **or** coffee.

Or

- ✓ Two or more options, **any** of them.
- ✓ Not necessarily exclusive.
- ✓ Example: I'd like tea **or** coffee.