

Using either...or and neither...nor

Either...or and neither...nor are correlative conjunctions. They are used to introduce alternatives.

Study the following pairs of sentences given below.

He cooks dinner. Or she cooks dinner.

Either he or she cooks dinner.

She can have tea. Or she can have coffee.

She can have either tea or coffee.

He washes the clothes himself. Or he asks her to wash them.

He either washes the clothes himself or asks her to wash them.

Combine the following pairs of sentences using either...or or neither...nor.

1. I don't like Stephen. I don't like Peter.
2. He keeps the keys himself. Or he leaves them with his wife.
3. He did not come. He did not call.
4. He wasn't wearing a shirt. He wasn't wearing a coat.
5. He will not come here. He will not send a representative.
6. He may attend the function. Or his wife may attend the function.
7. Give me freedom. Or give me death.
8. He must have done this. Or his brother must have done this.

Answers

1. I don't like either Stephen or Peter. OR I like neither Stephen nor Peter.
2. He either keeps the keys himself or leaves them with his wife.
3. He neither came nor called.

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4. He wasn't wearing either a shirt or a coat.
5. He will neither come here nor send a representative.
6. Either he or his wife may attend the function.
7. Give me either freedom or death.
8. Either he or his brother must have done this.