

Advanced 1 -Sentence Building

Class Objective: I will be able to understand the topic and to build sentences based on the learnt concept.

Concept A- EITHER...OR

The correlative conjunction “either...or” is used to join two positive options. For example:

- We can either go to the movies or stay inside and watch Netflix.
- The sound was either a firework or a gunshot.
- Either you stay or I leave.

A common grammatical mistake that occurs when using the correlative conjunction “neither...or” is subject-verb agreement. When two (or more) items are joined by the word conjunction and serve as the subject of the sentence, the number of the verb (i.e. singular or plural) always follows the last of the options. Multiple singular options do not create a plural noun. For example:

- Either Crystal or Julia wants to come with us to the festival. (The verb should be “wants,” not “want”)
- Either Courtney or her friends are coming to pick me up. (The verb “are” follows the second item in the pair of subjects.)

The word “either” can be used by itself, but as a pronoun, not a conjunction. For example:

- You can ask either of us if you need any help.
- “Should I get this shirt in blue or white?” “Either looks good on you.”

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