

**neither****1. ['naɪðə] a**

никакой

I can agree in neither case, in neither case can I agree - я не могу согласиться ни в том, ни в другом случае  
 neither statement is true - ни то, ни другое утверждение не соответствует действительности  
 he took neither side - он не стал ни на ту, ни на другую сторону

**2. ['naɪðə] indef pron**ни тот, ни другой; ни один, никто, ничто (*обыкн. из двух, иногда из многих*)

neither knows - никто не знает  
 will you have coffee or tea? - Neither - что вы хотите - кофе или чаю? - Ни того, ни другого  
 neither of you knows the truth - никто из вас не знает /вы оба не знает/ правды  
 neither of the statements is true - ни одно из (двух) утверждений не является правильным; ни то, ни другое утверждение не соответствует действительности  
 neither of the books is of any use to me - ни одна из этих двух книг мне не нужна

**3. ['naɪðə] adv**

1) также не, тоже не

if you do not go, neither shall I - если вы не пойдёте, не пойду и я  
 he cannot speak French. - Neither can I - он не говорит по-французски - Я тоже  
 the first attempt was not successful and neither was the second - первая попытка была неудачной, вторая также /тоже/  
 I have not asked for help, neither do I desire it - помощи я не прошу и в помощи не нуждаюсь  
 I know not, neither can I guess - я не знаю и догадаться (я тоже) не могу  
 I haven't read this book neither do I intend to - я не читал этой книги и не собираюсь (её читать)

2) для усиления отрицания:

I don't know that neither - я также этого не знаю

3) *уст.* ни**neither**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**nei-ther** determiner, pronoun, adverb BrE ['naɪðə(r)]<sup>ⓘ</sup> NAmE ['naɪðə]<sup>ⓘ</sup> BrE['niːðə(r)]<sup>ⓘ</sup> NAmE ['niːðə]<sup>ⓘ</sup>

determiner, pronoun

not one nor the other of two things or people

- Neither answer is correct.
- **Neither of them** has/have a car.
- They produced two reports, **neither of which** contained any useful suggestions.
- 'Which do you like?' 'Neither. I think they're both ugly.'

Word Origin:

Middle English: alteration (by association with <sup>↑</sup>**either**) of Old English nawther, contraction of nāhwæther (from nā 'no' + hwæther 'whether').

Grammar Point:**neither / either**

After neither and either you use a singular verb: ■ Neither candidate was selected for the job.

Neither of and either of are followed by a plural noun or pronoun and a singular or plural verb. A plural verb is more informal: ■  
 Neither of my parents speaks/speak a foreign language.

When neither... nor... or either... or... are used with two singular nouns, the verb can be singular or plural. A plural verb is more informal.

**adverb****1.** used to show that a negative statement is also true of sb/sth else

- He didn't remember and **neither did I**.
- I hadn't been to New York before and **neither had Jane**.
- 'I can't understand a word of it.' ' **Neither can I**.'
- (informal) 'I don't know.' ' **Me neither**.'

**2. neither... nor...** used to show that a negative statement is true of two things

- I neither knew nor cared what had happened to him.
- Their house is neither big nor small.
- Neither the TV nor the video actually work/works.

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**I. nei-ther**<sup>1</sup> **W3** /'naɪðə \$ 'niːðə/ BrE<sup>ⓘ</sup> AmE<sup>ⓘ</sup> determiner, pronounnot one or the other of two people or things ⇒ **either**:

- 'Would you like tea or coffee?' 'Neither, thanks.'
- It was a game in which neither team deserved to win.

## neither of

- Neither of them can cook.
- Thompson had two strategies, neither of which seems to have worked very well.
- We asked both John and Jerry, but neither one could offer a satisfactory explanation.

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## GRAMMAR

**Neither** is used before a singular noun. Use a singular verb after it:

- Neither answer is right.

**Neither of** is used before a plural noun or pronoun. In formal speech and writing, use a singular verb after it:

- Neither of us speaks Spanish. In informal speech and writing, you can use a plural verb:
- Neither of us are students.

## II. **neither**<sup>2</sup> **S2 W3** *BrE* *AmE* *adverb*

used to show that a negative statement is also true about another person or thing ⇒ **either**

**neither does/can/will etc somebody**

- 'I don't have any money.' 'Neither do I.'
- Tom didn't believe a word she said, and neither did the police.
- 'I don't like horror movies.' 'Me neither.'

## III. **neither**<sup>3</sup> *BrE* *AmE* *conjunction*

1. **neither ... nor ...** used when mentioning two things that are not true or possible:

- Neither Oleg's mother nor his father spoke English.
- The equipment is neither accurate nor safe.

## GRAMMAR

Do not say 'neither ... or ...'. Say **neither ... nor ...** or **not ... or ...**:

- Neither he nor his wife enjoyed the vacation.
- Most computer users do not know or wish to know about how their computers work.

2. **be neither here nor there** *spoken* used to say that something is not important because it does not affect a fact or situation **SYN irrelevant**:

- The fact that she needed the money for her children is neither here nor there – it's still stealing.

3. **be neither one thing nor the other** *spoken* used to say that something or someone cannot be described as either one of two types of thing or person, but is somewhere in the middle of the two:

- The New York Times is neither one thing nor the other. It's not really a city newspaper and it's not really a national newspaper either.

4. **formal** used to add another negative statement about someone or something **SYN nor**:

- The authorities were not sympathetic to the students' demands, neither would they tolerate any disruption.

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