

**either****1. [ˈaɪðə] a****1. любой (из двух), один из двух; тот или другой**

you can go by either road - вы можете пойти по любой из этих двух дорог

he can take either side, it makes no difference - к какой стороне он ни примкнёт, это дела не меняет

without taking either side - не принимая ни ту, ни другую сторону

there is no evidence either way - нет доказательств ни за, ни против

take either cake - берите любое пирожное

**2. и тот и другой; оба; каждый, любой**

the river overflowed on either side - река залила оба берега

curtains hung on either side of the window - гардины висели по обеим сторонам окна

danger on either side - опасность с обеих сторон

they were sitting on either side of the fire - они сидели по обе стороны камина

**2. [ˈaɪðə] pron****1. любой**

take either of the cakes - берите любое пирожное

do you want this flower or that one? - Either - вы хотите взять этот цветок или тот? - Любой

you can take both these books. Either will illustrate what I say - можешь взять обе книги, и та и другая подтвердят то, что я говорю

take either of the two routes - можешь пойти по одной из этих двух дорог

either of these forms is possible - обе эти формы возможны /употребительны/

how different was the fate of either! - как по-разному сложились их судьбы!

**2. редк. кто-нибудь (из двух); что-нибудь (одно) (из двух)****3. [ˈaɪðə] adv****1. также, тоже (в отриц. предложениях)**

if he does not come I shall not either - если он не придёт, то и я не приду

they didn't tell me either - они и мне не сказали

she's caught cold, and she isn't very strong either - *разг.* она простудилась, к тому же она не очень здоровый человек

not wise or handsome either - неумён и к тому же некрасив

**2. эмоц.-усил. (обыкн. возражение в ответ на утверждение):**

you took it. - I didn't either - вы взяли. - Я даже и не думал брать

**either**

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**ei-ther** determiner, pronoun, adverb *BrE* [ˈaɪðə(r)]<sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* [ˈaɪðər]<sup>ⓘ</sup> *BrE*[ˈiːðə(r)]<sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* [ˈiːðər]<sup>ⓘ</sup>

determiner, pronoun

**1. one or the other of two; it does not matter which**

- You can park on either side of the street.
- You can keep one of the photos. Either of them— whichever you like.
- There are two types of qualification— either is acceptable.

**2. each of two**

- The offices on either side were empty.
- There's a door at either end of the corridor.

Word Origin:

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Grammar Point:**neither / either**

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**adverb****1. used after negative phrases to state that a feeling or situation is similar to one already mentioned**

- Pete can't go and I can't either.
- (*NAmE, informal*) 'I don't like it.' 'Me either.' (= Neither do I) .

**2. used to add extra information to a statement**

- I know a good Italian restaurant. It's not far from here, either.

**3. either... or... used to show a choice of two things**

- Well, I think she's either Czech or Slovak.
- I'm going to buy either a camera or a DVD player with the money.
- Either he could not come or he did not want to.

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### I. **ei** **ther**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /'aɪðə \$ 'i:ðər **BrE** <sup>AmE</sup> **conjunction**

#### either ... or

a) used to begin a list of two or more possibilities:

▪ You add either one or two cloves of garlic.

▪ She's the kind of person you either love or hate.

b) used to say that if one thing does not happen then something else will have to:

▪ It's your choice! Either she leaves or I will!

▪ £75 seems a lot to pay for a starter motor, but it's either that or a new car!

c) **an either-or situation** a situation in which you cannot avoid having to make a decision or choice

### II. **either**<sup>2</sup> **S1 W1** **BrE** <sup>AmE</sup> **determiner, pronoun**

1. one or the other of two things or people ⇒ **any**:

▪ There's tea or coffee – you can have either.

▪ We can offer a comfortable home to a young person of either sex.

#### either of

▪ Could either of you lend me five pounds?

2. used to show that a negative statement is true about both of two things or people ⇒ **neither**:

▪ I've lived in New York and Chicago, but don't like either city very much.

#### either of

▪ There were two witnesses but I wouldn't trust either of them.

3. **either side/end/hand etc** both sides, ends, hands etc **SYN each**:

▪ He sat in the back of the car with a policeman on either side.

▪ There are shops at either end of the street.

4. **either way**

a) used to say that something will be the same whichever of two things happens or is true:

▪ You can get to Edinburgh by train or plane, but either way it's very expensive.

b) more or less than a certain amount or measurement:

▪ A few marks either way can make the difference between a pass and a fail.

c) used to say that someone or something does not firmly support or want either one of two things:

▪ 'All right, let's do that,' said Camille, who didn't care either way.

5. **could go either way** if a situation could go either way, both possible results are equally likely:

▪ The latest opinion poll suggests the vote could go either way.

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## GRAMMAR

**Either** is used before a singular noun. Use a singular verb after it:

▪ Either explanation is reasonable.

**Either of** is used before a plural noun or pronoun. In formal speech and writing, use a singular verb:

▪ Has either of them called yet? In informal speech and writing, you can use a plural verb:

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### III. **either**<sup>3</sup> **BrE** <sup>AmE</sup> **adverb**

1. [**in negatives**] used to show that a negative statement is also true about another thing or person, or to add a different negative statement about something or someone ⇒ **neither**:

▪ I haven't seen the movie and my brother hasn't either (=he also has not seen it).

▪ 'I can't swim.' 'I can't either.'

▪ It's not an easy car to drive, and at \$40,000 it's not cheap either.

2. **me either** **American English spoken** used to say that a negative statement is also true about you:

▪ 'I don't have any money right now.' 'Me either.'

## either

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