Two-Part Conjunctions: Either/Or, Neither/Nor

FORM:

Either + possibility + or + possibility

Neither + idea + nor + idea

USE:

We use "either ... or" to talk about a choice between two or more possibilities.

We use "neither ... nor" to talk about two negative ideas.

EXAMPLES:

1. You can have French fries with your meal or you can have mashed potatoes with your meal.

You can have <u>either</u> French fries <u>or</u> mashed potatoes with your meal.

2. John doesn't like taking the train and George doesn't like taking the train. <u>Neither</u> John <u>nor</u> George like taking the train.

Make sentences similar to the ones in the examples to describe the following possibilities.

- You can take the car to work or you can take the train to work.
 We don't have a red dress or a black dress in that style.
- 3. While I'm gone, you can watch TV or you can read a book.
- 4. He doesn't drink and he doesn't smoke.
- 5. Brandon can't go to your party and I can't go to your party.
- 6. Claudette didn't take a vacation and Paul didn't take a vacation.
- 7. Allie is taking a vacation. She might take it in July or she might take it in August.
- 8. I don't remember when it rained last week. Maybe it was Tuesday or maybe it was Wednesday.
- 9. She's going to buy a pet. She might buy a dog or she might buy a cat.
- 10. I didn't swim when I was young and I didn't ski when I was young.