

## Two-Part Conjunctions: Both/And, Not Only/But Also, Neither/Nor

**FORM:**

**Both + subject + and + subject**  
**Not only + subject + but also + subject**  
**Neither + subject + nor + subject**

**USE:**

We use these forms to join or connect two subjects. When “**both ... and**” are used to join two subjects, we use a plural verb. When “**not only ... but also**” and “**neither ... nor**” are used, the subject that is closest to the verb will decide whether we use a singular or a plural verb.

**EXAMPLES:**

*Both Linda and her sister Christine **are** students at this school.*  
*Not only Linda but also her sister Christine **is** a student at this school.*  
*Neither their parents nor their brother **speaks** English.*  
*Neither their brother nor their parents **speak** English.*

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

1. Luis speaks Spanish. His friend Emmanuel speaks Spanish.  
Both \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mary didn't call me. Mark didn't call me.  
Neither \_\_\_\_\_
3. George eats a lot of bread. Mike eats a lot of bread.  
Not only \_\_\_\_\_
4. The thief didn't find their money. His accomplice didn't find their money.  
Neither \_\_\_\_\_
5. Pete doesn't like to watch documentaries. His brothers don't like to watch documentaries.  
Neither \_\_\_\_\_
6. Phyllis is intelligent. Her grandparents are intelligent.  
Not only \_\_\_\_\_

*Make four sentences similar to the ones above about you and another student.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_