

(1) EITHER, NEITHER, TOO

(2) Today I spoke with one of my Brazilian students, Jane, about public schools in the US.

(3) At the end she concluded:

X “It isn’t a perfect situation **too**”

(4) So, I explained that the right thing to say is not, “too”, but “**either**”.

“It isn’t a perfect situation **either**”

(5) When you want to **positively** compare with a previous statement, you can use “**too**”. *for example:*

I like these shoes! I do **too**!

(6) Here are other examples:

My school is teaching physics! Mine is **too**!

My mom thinks exercise is important! Mine does **too**!

Politics here are a nightmare! It’s that way here **too**!

(7) When you want to **negatively** compare with a previous statement, you can use “**either**”.

I don’t like these shoes! I don’t **either**!

(8)

My school is **not** teaching physics!

Mine is **not either!**

My mom **does not** thinks exercise is important!

Mine does **not either!**

Politics here are **not pleasant!**

It is **not here either!**

(9) *Well, Then, my brilliant student, Jane, asked:* (bing!)

What about the word,
“NEITHER”!

(10) *I actually thought about it for a while, and I tried to give her an explanation but it wasn't a good one. That's why I made this video.*

I don't like these shoes!

Neither do I!

(11)

<p>My school is not teaching physics!</p>	<p>Neither is mine!</p>
<p>My mom does not thinks exercise is important!</p>	<p>Neither! is mine!</p>
<p>Politics here are not pleasant!</p>	<p>Neither are they here!</p>

(12) *You may have noticed that my pronunciation is:*

either	ä-ee-ther
neither	nä-ee-ther
either	ee-ther
neither	nee-ther

Which one's right?

Well, either this way or that way is fine. Neither this way, nor that way are wrong.

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FILL IN THE CHART CHANGING THE POSITIVE AGREEMENT INTO A NEGATIVE AGREEMENT

STATEMENT	Positive response	NEGATIVE STATEMENT	Negative response with "EITHER"	Negative response with "NEITHER"
<i>My dad understands.</i>	<i>My dad does too!</i>	<i>My dad doesn't understand.</i>	<i>My dad doesn't understand either.</i>	<i>Neither does my dad.</i>
<i>I like walking.</i>		<i>I don't like walking.</i>		
<i>Those guys love volleyball.</i>		<i>Those guys don't like volleyball.</i>		
<i>There is corruption in our education system.</i>		<i>There is not corruption in our education system.</i>		
<i>My kids are crazy.</i>		<i>My kids are not crazy.</i>		
<i>My teachers give a lot of work.</i>		<i>My teachers do not give a lot of work.</i>		
<i>My brother takes my things.</i>		<i>My brother doesn't take my things.</i>		
<i>My friends like hanging out.</i>		<i>My friends don't like hanging out.</i>		
<i>I have lots of homework.</i>		<i>I don't have much homework.</i>		

Here are your answers.

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<i>Those guys love volleyball.</i>	<i>I do too!</i>	<i>Those guys don't like volleyball.</i>	<i>I don't like it either</i>	<i>Neither do I.</i>
<i>There is corruption in our education system.</i>	<i>There is in our education system too!</i>	<i>There is not corruption in our education system.</i>	<i>There isn't here either.</i>	<i>Neither is there any here.</i>
<i>My kids are crazy.</i>	<i>My kids are too!</i>	<i>My kids are not crazy.</i>	<i>My kid's aren't either.</i>	<i>Neither are mine.</i>
<i>My teachers give a lot of work.</i>	<i>My teachers are too!</i>	<i>My teachers do not give a lot of work.</i>	<i>My teachers don't either.</i>	<i>Neither do mine.</i>
<i>My brother takes my things.</i>	<i>My brother does too!</i>	<i>My brother doesn't take my things.</i>	<i>My brother doesn't either.</i>	<i>Neither do mine.</i>
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