

**either**

'either' is used when two subjects are mentioned and both are equally good. It is also used to show that only one of two subjects is doing something.

Example 1

One of the two girls over there is eating.

Either girl over there is eating.

Example 2

Gretel may choose to buy this flat. Gretel may choose to buy the other flat.

Gretel may choose to buy either flat.

Example 3

You may use this car or that one.

You may use either car.

Example 4

Both these stories are interesting enough to read to a five-year-old.

Either story is interesting enough to read to a five-year-old.

Example 5

The brothers stole the rambutans from one of the trees.

The brothers stole the rambutans from either tree.

Exercise 8

For each question rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

1. I have two mangoes. You can have one.

either

2. The chicken tastes good with the two sauces you made.

either

3. This Christmas tree will look great in the living room. That tree will look equally good.

Either

4. The suspect may have a scar on his right thumb. The suspect may have a scar on his left thumb.

either

5. One of the two violins over there belongs to Lionel.

Either

6. Both hats will give you adequate shelter from the sun.

Either

7. Give one of the two buns to Aunt Lou.

either

*8. Janelle can only have one pair of shoes. She has to decide between these two pairs.

either

*9. Lightning struck one of the two scarecrows in the field.

Either

*10. Mr Koh will make one of the two boys class monitor.

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