Either, Neither or Both Exercise

• BOTH - includes I like both pop music and classical
• EITHER - excludes We could go either to the beach or to the mountains
• NEITHER - for nothing I like neither heavy metal nor techno music

A Fill the gaps with both, either, either... or, neither or neither... nor.

1 A: Do you want ice cream or apple pie?
   B: Can I have ...................... , please.
2 I’m sorry. There isn’t enough to go round. You can only have ...................... ice cream ...... pie.
3 Tony wasn’t in class today. ...................... was Caroline. Hmm.
4 How embarrassing! We’re ...................... wearing the same jumper.
5 Michael Jackson or Madonna? I don’t like ...................... of them.
6 I found two pairs of nice jeans in the sales so I bought ...................... .
7 Both streets go to the station. You can take ...................... .
8 A: Are you Leo or Virgo?
   B: ...................... . I’m Pisces.
9 So who’s bringing a tent, ...................... you ...... Michael?
10 A: What shall we have for lunch, pasta or rice?
    B: ...................... will do. I really don’t mind.
11 ...................... you obey your mother ...... you go to your room.
12 What a disaster. I failed ...................... my maths test and my French test.
13 I like ...................... Ana ...... Sergio. They’re both snobs and obsessed with money.
14 I like ...................... normal paella and seafood paella but my favourite rice dish is arroz a banda.

B Now make up some examples of your own.

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2 ....................................................................................................................
3 ....................................................................................................................
4 ....................................................................................................................
Answers

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   B: Can I have both, please.
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3. Tony wasn't in class today. Neither was Caroline. Hmm.
4. How embarrassing! We're both wearing the same jumper.
5. Michael Jackson or Madonna? I don't like either of them.
6. I found two pairs of nice jeans in the sales so I bought both.
7. Both streets go to the station. You can take either.
8. A: Are you Leo or Virgo?  
   B: Neither. I'm Pisces.
9. So who's bringing a tent, either you or Michael?
10. A: What shall we have for lunch, pasta or rice?  
    B: Either will do. I really don't mind.
11. Either you obey your mother or you go to your room.
12. What a disaster. I failed my maths both test and my French test.
13. I like neither Ana nor Sergio. They're both snobs and obsessed with money.
14. I like both normal paella and seafood paella but my favourite rice dish is arroz a banda.