

EITHER OR

"Either or" are used with Affirmative (positive) sentences.

When the clauses to be joined start with different subjects, then "either" will be at the beginning of the sentence of the answer e.g.

1. Peter will bring my books. James will bring my books.
 - o Either Peter or James will bring my books.
2. I shall drink Pepsi Cola. My younger brother will drink a Pepsi Cola.
 - o Either my younger brother or I shall drink a Pepsi Cola.

When the clauses to be joined start with same subjects, then "either" will be in the middle of the sentence of the answer e.g.

1. Janet eats fish everyday. Jane eats meat everyday.
 - o Janet eats either fish or meat everyday.
2. He kicked me. He slapped me.
 - o He either kicked me or slapped me.

EXERCISE 49

Join the following clauses using "either or"

1. You can hand in your work today. You can hand in your work tomorrow.
2. Moses is allowed to come in. Simon is allowed to come in.
3. Our teacher will go to Britain. Our Headteacher will go to Britain.
4. Rosette enjoys reading novels. Rosette enjoys reading magazines.
5. Men celebrated when His Excellency Kaguta won the elections. Women celebrated when His Excellency Kaguta won the elections.
6. I shall scratch Jada lottery. I shall scratch premier lottery.
7. The aeroplane has fallen into the ocean. The helicopter has fallen into the ocean.
8. The girls will sing well at the concert. The boys will sing well at the concert.
9. I dreamt getting free money. I dreamt getting free cows.
10. A dog is dangerous. A cat is dangerous.

USING "EITHER" AND "OR" ALONE

It is possible to use one of them alone at ago. It is more common to use "or" than "either".