Correlative Conjunctions

Correlative conjunctions are pairs of conjunctions that connect words or word groups.

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Exercise 1 Finding Correlative Conjunctions. Circle both parts of the correlative conjunction in each sentence below, and underline the words or word groups it connects.

Example: I wonder **whether** it will rain **or** snow during the night.

1. Ellen usually either walks or rides her bike to school.
2. This pie crust is not only tender but also flaky.
3. Both Paul and his family are Tiger fans.
4. My new record was neither in its jacket nor on the turntable.
5. Do you know whether Shana or her sister took the message?
6. The dinner includes either salad or vegetable.
7. Ben not only set the table but also washed the dishes.
8. Either Fran will make the arrangements, or Mom will be angry.
9. My sneakers are neither in the closet nor under my bed.
10. I like both sausage and peppers in my sandwich.

Exercise 2 Writing Sentences With Correlative Conjunctions. Follow the directions in each numbered item below to write sentences of your own.

Example: Use **either . . . or** to join two adjectives.

Only someone who is **either brave** or **crazy** would take that job.

1. Use **neither . . . nor** to join two adverbs.
2. Use **whether . . . or** to join two pronouns.
3. Use **either . . . or** to join two sentences.
4. Use **not only . . . but also** to join two prepositional phrases.
5. Use **both . . . and** to join two verbs.
**18.1 Correlative Conjunctions • Practice 2**

**Exercise 1** Finding Correlative Conjunctions. Circle both parts of the correlative conjunction in each sentence below, and underline the words or word groups it connects.

**EXAMPLE:** Basketball players need (both) ability (and) spirit.

1. Neither the bat nor the ball belongs to me.
2. My sister reads both novels and plays.
3. Ralph could not decide whether to go or to stay at the party.
4. She neither agreed nor disagreed.
5. Your brother is both funny and intelligent.
6. The ball landed either in the lake or in that bush.
7. The food here is both inexpensive and tasty.
8. Not only did we go to the fair but we also won a prize.
9. The coach would not say whether Phil or Don would pitch.
10. On ice, you must drive both slowly and carefully.
11. Both Eric and Aaron play tennis.
12. They not only compete but also practice.
13. They feel neither nervous nor upset in a game.
14. Eric studies his opponent both before a game and during a game.
15. They both play either singles or doubles.
16. It is hard to say whether Eric or Aaron is the better player.
17. They select not only their equipment but also the courts where they will play.
18. Aaron plays either during the day or during the evening.
19. To play well, they should be neither tired nor angry.
20. Instead, they should feel both focused and calm.

**Writing Application** Using Correlative Conjunctions to Write About a Sport. Write five sentences, using a correlative conjunction in each one. Tell about games and sports you have played.

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