



GRAMMAR PRACTICE

So, Neither and Either in Sport

Sports and Leisure | Agreeing and adding similar ideas | Cambridge IGCSE ESL 0511

1. Lead-in discussion

Talk with a partner. You may already use this grammar without noticing it.

No.	Question
1	How can you agree with: 'I enjoy team sports'?
2	How can you agree with: 'I don't like extreme sports'?
3	What sports do you enjoy, and what activities do your friends enjoy too?
4	What leisure activity do you not enjoy either?

2. Grammar in context

Read the text. The bold phrases show the grammar used in a natural topic context.

Agreeing About Free-time Activities

Some students enjoy team sports, and **so do** their friends. They like training together because it builds confidence and teamwork.

Other students do not enjoy competitions, and their classmates may not enjoy them **either**. They might prefer walking, cycling or other relaxed activities.

When someone says, 'I don't like extreme sports,' another student can reply, '**Neither do I**' This is a short, natural way to agree with a negative idea.

3. Notice the pattern

Use **so** + auxiliary + subject to agree with a positive statement. Use **neither** + auxiliary + subject or **not ... either** to agree with a negative statement.

Use	Form / signal	Example
Positive agreement	so + auxiliary + subject	I like tennis. So do I.
Negative agreement	neither + auxiliary + subject	I don't like boxing. Neither do I.
Negative with either	not ... either	I don't like boxing either.
Match the auxiliary	do/does/did/is/are/can	She can swim. So can he.

4. Build accurate sentences

Complete each sentence using the grammar focus. Then write two examples of your own.

No.	Prompt	Use	Your answer
1	I enjoy team sports. / My friend ____.	so does	
2	I don't like extreme sports. / My brother ____.	neither does	
3	She can swim well. / I ____.	so can	
4	They are not interested in boxing. / We ____.	not either	

1. _____

2. _____

5. Use it in exam answers

Complete the tasks using the grammar focus naturally.

Task	What to do
Speaking	Agree and disagree with a partner about sports and leisure activities.
Writing	Write a short dialogue about free-time activities using so, neither and either.
Reading	Underline agreement structures in the context text.

6. Common mistakes

Correct the mistakes.

No.	Mistake	Your correction
1	I like tennis. So I do.	
2	I don't like boxing. So don't I.	
3	She can swim. So do I.	
4	I don't enjoy running. I don't enjoy too.	

7. Topic discussion questions

Use these for pair work, small-group discussion, or speaking-test warm-up practice.

1. Which sports do you enjoy? Do your friends enjoy them too?
2. Which leisure activities do you not enjoy either?
3. Is it important for friends to share hobbies?
4. Are team sports better than individual sports?

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4. Build accurate sentences

1. I enjoy team sports. So does my friend.
2. I don't like extreme sports. Neither does my brother.
3. She can swim well. So can I.
4. They are not interested in boxing. We are not either.

Own answers will vary. Check that the grammar focus is accurate and natural.

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2. I don't like boxing. Neither do I.
3. She can swim. So can I.
4. I don't enjoy running either.

Notes for checking

1. Positive agreement: so + auxiliary + subject - I like tennis. So do I.
2. Negative agreement: neither + auxiliary + subject - I don't like boxing. Neither do I.
3. Negative with either: not ... either - I don't like boxing either.
4. Match the auxiliary: do/does/did/is/are/can - She can swim. So can he.