

Activity Type

Speaking Activity:
sentence completion,
responding to statements

Focus

Neither/Nor + auxiliary
verb + subject

Agreeing

Aim

To agree with negative
statements using *neither*
and *nor*.

Preparation

Make one copy of the
worksheet for each
student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

This *neither* and *nor* activity helps students to practice agreeing with negative statements using *neither* and *nor*.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

First, students complete negative statements on the worksheet with information that is true for them.

When they have finished, go through how to agree with negative statements with the class.

Write the following structure on the board:

Neither/Nor + auxiliary verb + subject.

Give the students some agreeable negative statements and ask them to respond, e.g. *Neither am I, Nor would I, Neither did I*, etc.

Students then go around the classroom reading their statements to one another, trying to find one person in the class who agrees with each of their negative statements.

When a student agrees with another student's statement, the student agreeing responds with an appropriate expression and the other student writes their name in the second column on the worksheet.

Example:

A: I'm not very interested in politics.

B: Neither am I.

If the student doesn't agree with the statement, they respond by saying what they have written for the same prompt, e.g. 'I'm not very interested in football'.

When two students have both found something they agree on, they move on and find new partners.

The activity continues until all the students have completed the second column on their worksheet.

At the end of the activity, have a class feedback session to see what the students found out.

A. Fill in the gaps with information that is true for you.

Negative statements	Name
1. I'm not very interested in	
2. I don't like very much.	
3. I didn't yesterday.	
4. I'm not very keen on	
5. When I was a child, I didn't like	
6. I won't in the future.	
7. I don't usually at the weekend.	
8. I have never	
9. I didn't last weekend.	
10. I couldn't until I was a teenager.	
11. I can't play	
12. I haven't seen	

B. Now, find one person in the class who agrees with each of your negative statements.