

PRACTICAL GRAMMAR

NEITHER . . . NOR

Remember this sentence we saw in the situation *Canceled Plans*?

Woman: **Neither** Stowe **nor** Killington is making snow . . .

The woman is saying that Stowe isn't making snow and that Killington isn't making snow either. *Not one* and *not the other* is making snow. **Neither** Stowe **nor** Killington is making snow.

We use **neither . . . nor** to join two or more negative ideas. Like with *either . . . or*, we use it to refer to people, places, or things. When using **neither . . . nor** in a sentence, we put the verb in the affirmative form.

Look at some more examples with **neither . . . nor**.

Neither Bob **nor** Lucy knows how to get to Laura's place. You'll have to ask someone else.

Neither Miami **nor** Orlando sounds exciting to me for a vacation.

Neither the purse **nor** the duffel bag is mine.

Remember this:



- **Neither . . . nor** implies *not one* and *not the other*. We use it to refer to people, places, or things.
- We form a **neither . . . nor** sentence the same way we form an *either . . . or* sentence: the first element comes after **neither**, and the second comes after **nor**.