

# 15 This Is Not a Goodbye

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## Grammar Notes

### Connective: neither ... nor

I'm so **worried about** the drama performance. Will I ruin the graduation ceremony? I heard that **neither** Amy **nor** Judy could sleep well.



We use the connective '**neither**' to talk about two things that are untrue or impossible. We can use '**nor**' to link the two subjects. We use a singular verb when the second subject is singular. We use a plural verb when the second subject is plural.

<b>Neither</b>	Ellie	<b>nor</b>	Jasper	<b>is</b>	nervous about the exam.
	my cousin		my parents	<b>were</b>	angry at me.

We can use '**neither ... nor**' to link two negative sentences.

Vicky didn't join the party.	Kenny didn't join the party.			
<b>Neither</b>	Vicky	<b>nor</b>	Kenny	joined the party.

### Grammar Tip

Do not use '**neither**' with '**or**'.

## Warm-up

**A** Jasper and Ellie are thinking about their school lives. Add '**neither**' and '**nor**' in the correct places in each sentence with a '^'.

- Billy John hands in their homework on time. They leave it at home all the time.
- The competitors at the swimming race were really strong. Matt Lucas won the race.
- The backstage of the hall is really dark. Jasper Ellie likes to go there.
- Ellie her friends wanted to leave the school. They had a great time studying here.
- The principal is giving a speech on stage. Miss Kam the students are talking.



## Adjectives & Prepositions



We use particular **adjectives and prepositions** together to talk about people's feelings.

grateful / thankful	for	excited relaxed upset worried	about	confident frightened jealous proud	of	angry annoyed bored disappointed	with
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Lucas and Matt were **thankful for** Miss Kam's help.  
Jasper is **excited about** the graduation ceremony.



### Common Errors

- ✓ Dan broke the glass. Mum was **angry with** him.
- ✗ Dan broke the glass. Mum was **angry with** what he did.

- I couldn't sleep. I was worried **at / about** the show.
- Amy was annoyed **about / with** the noisy children.

### Grammar Tip

Some adjectives must go with certain prepositions to express certain meanings.

e.g. angry / annoyed with someone,  
angry / annoyed at something

## Warm-up



Ellie is writing about some memorable things in her primary school life. Fill in the blanks with the help of the given adjectives and prepositions.

angry    bored    confident    excited  
nervous    thankful    upset

about    for  
of    with

- I seldom feel \_\_\_\_\_ having tests and exams because I'm usually well prepared for them.
- However, I was never \_\_\_\_\_ my knowledge in Maths. I have been weak in doing sums since Primary 1.
- Sometimes, I was \_\_\_\_\_ the poor results of my Maths tests. I often made many careless mistakes. I was so \_\_\_\_\_ myself.
- Luckily, I met Miss Lee in Primary 4. I am so \_\_\_\_\_ her tips on how to learn Maths in a more enjoyable way. She made complicated formulas interesting.
- I used to feel \_\_\_\_\_ Maths, but I often felt \_\_\_\_\_ having Miss Lee's lessons.



## Practice



Ellie and her classmates are having a meeting for their play. Complete the meeting summary with 'neither ... nor' and the correct form of the given words.

grateful for  
happy with  
proud of  
worried about

	Ellie	Emma	Terrence	Jess
write the play script	✓			✓
make the props	✓		✓	
look for the costumes		✓		✓

We will perform different tasks for the play. ① \_\_\_\_\_ Emma \_\_\_\_\_  
Terrence ② \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to write the script, so Jess and I will be the  
writers. ③ \_\_\_\_\_ Emma \_\_\_\_\_ Jess ④ \_\_\_\_\_ (be)  
good at making the props, so Terrence and I will do that. Terrence is good at arts and he is  
⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ it. However, ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ Terrence \_\_\_\_\_  
I can help with the costumes. We are ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ our fashion sense.  
Luckily, Emma and Jess can take up the task. I feel ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ their help.  
I hope our parents will be ⑨ \_\_\_\_\_ our  
performance.



Hint: Q7

Fashion is related to clothes and costumes.

## Proofreading



There is one mistake in each numbered line. Correct the underlined mistakes for Questions 1-2. Underline and correct the mistakes for Questions 3-7.

1. Either my coach Liam nor my teammates expected that we 1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. would won the football match last Friday. Before the match, 2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I was worried with my performance. I was not confident 3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. at my shooting skills. To my surprise, I scored a goal and we 4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. won the match! Our coach was excited with the result. 5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. We were so proud about ourselves that neither Jason 6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. or I could stop telling others about our victory! 7. \_\_\_\_\_

# Grammar in Context



Text Type:

Thank-you letter



Ellie is writing a thank-you letter to her teacher. Complete the letter with the help of the given words.

annoyed    bored    busy    good    interested  
proud    thankful    upset    worried

at    about    for  
in    of    with

neither  
... nor

Dear Miss Kam,

Time flies. It is finally the end of my primary school life. ① \_\_\_\_\_ I

\_\_\_\_\_ other classmates ② \_\_\_\_\_ (be) prepared for this.


I am very ③ \_\_\_\_\_ your patience and kindness. You really taught me a lot. At first, ④ \_\_\_\_\_ my friends \_\_\_\_\_ I

⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ (be) confident of speaking English because we were not

⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ it. However, you kept reminding us not to be

⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ making mistakes because we can learn from the mistakes.

Your lessons were interesting and we never felt ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ them.

Even when you were  ⑨ \_\_\_\_\_ work, you still took time to answer our questions on studies. I remember ⑩ \_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer

\_\_\_\_\_ I knew how to prepare for the English speech festival last year. We

were ⑪ \_\_\_\_\_ it and you decided to help us with our speeches. You

were friendly to us all the time. Thank you for not being  ⑫ \_\_\_\_\_

us when we did something wrong.

Because of your guidance, I am now more ⑬ \_\_\_\_\_ learning English.

I will not give up and I hope you will be ⑭ \_\_\_\_\_ my achievements in the future. Thank you very much.



Best regards,

Ellie Mok

