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Grammar Self-Checks

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Paired conjunctions

Look at the statements using paired conjunctions.

either ... or	**Either** smoke outside **or** don't smoke at all. Cell phones should **either** be turned off **or** left at home.
neither ... nor	I would allow **neither** spitting **nor** littering on the street. **Neither** eating **nor** chewing gum is acceptable in class.
not only ... but (also)	**Not only** CD players **but also** cell phones should be banned from trains.

FIGURE IT OUT...

Complete the sentences.

_____ 1. Neither taxi drivers	a. but also bus drivers are sometimes rude.
_____ 2. Not only taxi drivers	b. or we shouldn't tip them.
_____ 3. Either taxi drivers should be polite	c. nor bus drivers always follow traffic laws.

Look at the statements using not only ... but (also) to join two sentences.

Not only **did they forget** to turn off their cell phones, but **they** also **talked** loudly during the concert.
Not only **are they** noisy, but **they're** rude.

FIGURE IT OUT...

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. In the first clause of each sentence, _____.
   a. the verb comes first. b. the subject comes first.
2. In the second clause of each sentence, _____.
   a. the verb comes first. b. the subject comes first.

Look at the statements using either ... or to join two subjects.

Either the mayor or **local businesspeople need** to decide.
Either local businesspeople or **the mayor needs** to decide.

FIGURE IT OUT...

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

When joining two subjects, the verb agrees with _____.

a. the first subject b. the second subject

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