



# Learn English Through Stories

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Upper - Intermediate

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## **Banta Learning More Determiners by K S Sandhu**

### **A Holiday Choice**

Teena and her brother Jagga were planning a summer holiday. They wanted something relaxing but exciting. They looked at both islands on the travel website: Tenerife in Spain and Corfu in Greece. Both places had beautiful beaches, warm weather, and good hotels.

"I've never been to either island," said Teena. "What do you think?"

Jagga smiled. "I've visited both. Tenerife has amazing volcanoes and night life, but Corfu feels more peaceful with its green hills and small villages. Neither is bad, but they are quite different."

They checked the details. The website offered two packages. Neither holiday was very expensive, and neither involved a night flight, which was perfect because Teena hated arriving tired.

"The Tenerife one is all-inclusive for £499," Jagga read. "That means every meal and drink is included. You don't have to worry about anything."

Teena nodded. "That sounds convenient. What about the Corfu one?"

"It's cheaper, only £389, but it only includes breakfast. We'd have to pay for every other meal. But the restaurants there are fairly cheap, and the food is delicious – fresh fish, salads, and local wine."

Teena thought for a moment. "I'm happy with either option. Both look good. But I prefer not to spend too much on food every day."

Jagga laughed. "Okay, let's see the activities. In Tenerife, each day you can choose from surfing, hiking, or relaxing by the pool. Every hotel guest gets free access to the spa once. In Corfu, each morning starts with a walk in the olive groves, and every afternoon you can visit a different beach."

"Both sound wonderful," Teena said. "But what about the people? I want to meet friendly locals."

"In both places, the people are welcoming," Jagga replied. "I've spoken to neither tourist who complained about rudeness. Every person I met was kind."

Teena looked at the photos again. "Look at these views! Each picture makes me want to go more. But we can only choose one."

Jagga grinned. "Why not let fate decide? We can flip a coin. Heads for Tenerife, tails for Corfu."

Teena agreed. "Fine. But either way, we'll have fun. Neither of us has had a proper break this year."

Jagga flipped the coin. It landed on heads."

Tenerife it is!" he cheered.

Teena packed her suitcase happily. She knew both islands would have been great, but now she was excited about volcanoes and all-inclusive meals. Every detail promised adventure.

On the day of departure, they arrived at the airport early. Neither of them felt nervous – only excited. As the plane took off, Teena whispered, "This is going to be unforgettable."

And it was. Each day brought new surprises: swimming in clear waters, tasting new foods, and making memories. Neither regretted their choice. In the end, both agreed that holidays are best when shared with someone you love.

### **Questions:**

Question 1: Which two islands were Teena and Jagga looking at for their holiday? Question 2: Has Jagga been to both islands before?

Question 3: Why did Teena like the idea of the Tenerife holiday being all-inclusive?

Question 4: What did Jagga suggest they do to decide between the two holidays?

Question 5: In the end, did Teena and Jagga regret their choice of holiday?

### **Answers:**

Answer 1: Tenerife and Corfu.

Answer 2: Yes, he has visited both.

Answer 3: Because every meal and drink would be included, so they wouldn't have to worry about paying extra for food.

Answer 4: He suggested flipping a coin (heads for Tenerife, tails for Corfu).

Answer 5: No, neither of them regretted their choice. They both agreed it was going to be unforgettable and they had a great time.

# 13 both, either, neither; each, every



**Both** these dishes are very different from British food, partly because **neither** contains meat or potatoes.

## 1 Form

	+ NOUN	+ of + <i>the/those/my</i> , etc. + NOUN	+ (NOUN) + VERB (as a subject)
<i>both</i>	<i>both dishes</i> <sup>1</sup>	<i>both the dishes/both of the dishes</i>	<i>both (dishes) are tasty</i>
<i>either</i>	<i>either dish</i>	<i>either of the dishes</i>	<i>either (dish) is tasty</i>
<i>neither</i>	<i>neither dish</i>	<i>neither of the dishes</i>	<i>neither (dish) is tasty</i>
<i>each</i>	<i>each dish</i>	<i>each (one) of the dishes</i>	<i>each (dish) is tasty</i>
<i>every</i>	<i>every dish</i> <sup>2</sup>	<i>every one of the dishes</i>	<i>every dish is tasty</i>

<sup>1</sup> *Both* is followed by a plural noun and a plural verb. The others are usually singular.

<sup>2</sup> We do not use *every* as a pronoun: **X** *Every is tasty.* **✓** *Every dish / Every one is tasty.*

## 2 both, either, neither

*Both*, *either* and *neither* can be objects (*I like **both** dishes*) or subjects (***Both* dishes are tasty**).

- *both* means 'one and the other': ***Both these dishes* are different from British food.**
- *either* (often + *or*) means 'one or the other': *I'm happy with **either Chinese or Indian** food. My husband's mad about **both** football and cricket, but I don't enjoy **either of them**.*
- *neither* (often + *nor*) means 'not one or the other':  
***Neither Indian nor Chinese* food is expensive.**

With *either* and *neither* we sometimes use a plural verb, especially after *of the* + plural noun:  
***Neither of the children are* learning French this year.**

## 3 each, every

We use *each* and *every* to talk about ALL the people or things in a group:  
*You can find **every** type of food in London. I've tried **each** dish on the menu.*

If there are only two people or things in the group we use *each*, not *every*:  
*The bride had several bracelets on **each** wrist and rings on **every** finger.*

When we use *each*, we think of each member of the group separately:  
***Every student* in the room stood up when the new Principal came in.** (as a group)  
*He then went round the room and spoke to **each student** individually.* (one by one)

- ⚠** We do not use *each* or *every* + *not* in negative sentences; we use *neither (of)* or *none of*:  
**X** *Every/Each player didn't try hard.*  
**✓** ***Neither player* tried hard / *None of the players* tried hard.**  
But we can use *not every*: ***Not every player* tried hard.** (= Most tried hard, but not all.)

## 4 all or althe whole

We use *all the* before plural or uncountable nouns for something 'complete':  
*He's eaten **all the** bread. Have you finished **all the** olives?*

We also use *all* after pronouns: ***They all* arrived at the same time. He's eaten **it all**.**

We use *a whole/the whole* before singular nouns:  
*I've used **a whole** tank of petrol going to the hospital this week.*  
*Have you eaten **the whole** cake?*

## Practice

- 1 Use the pictures to correct the sentences. Use a word from the table on the opposite page and make any other changes if necessary.



Only \$4.99

for main course + dessert!

**Meal deal 1:** beef steak, French fries, green beans + ice cream

**Meal deal 2:** lamb burger, French fries, salad + apple pie



- 0 One of the meals includes a dessert. *Both of the meals include a dessert.*
- 1 Both of the meals are vegetarian. ....
- 2 Neither meal contains vegetables. ....
- 3 Both pictures show the whole meal. ....
- 4 One of the meals includes French fries. ....
- 2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Complete the conversation with the words from the box.  
 2.25 Listen and check.

all ~~both~~ both either either every neither neither whole

- ANN There are two good holidays on this website, and they're (0) *both* ..... on popular islands, Tenerife and Corfu. I haven't been to (1) ..... of them.
- KELLY Really? I've been to (2) ..... Are the flight times good or are they night flights?
- ANN No, (3) ..... of them involves a night flight.
- KELLY Oh, that's good. How much are they?
- ANN Well, (4) ..... is very expensive. The Tenerife one is all-inclusive, and it's £499.
- KELLY So it's £499 for the (5) ..... holiday, including all meals and drinks?
- ANN Yes, that's right.
- KELLY That's good. How much is the other one?
- ANN It's cheaper; it's £389, but that **only** includes breakfast, so we'd have to buy (6) ..... other meal.
- KELLY Yes, but (7) ..... the restaurants in Greece that I've ever been to are fairly cheap. I'm happy to go on (8) ..... of the holidays.

- 3 Complete the second sentence so it means the same as the first. Use one to three words.  
 2.26 Listen and check.

- 0 I've seen all the Coen brothers' films. I've seen *every* ..... Coen brothers' film.
- 1 She's got burns on each hand. She's burnt ..... her hands.
- 2 Did he eat all the chocolate? Did he eat ..... bar of chocolate?
- 3 Both of the restaurants are expensive. .... is cheap.
- 4 Every student passed the exam. .... students passed the exam.
- 5 She saw neither of the candidates. She ..... either of the candidates.

## Answers

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- 1** 1 Neither of the meals is vegetarian.  
2 Both meals contain vegetables.  
3 Neither picture shows the whole meal.  
4 Both (of) the meals include French fries.
- 2** 1 either 2 both 3 neither 4 neither  
5 whole 6 every 7 all 8 either
- 3** 1 both (of) 2 the whole 3 Neither restaurant  
4 All (of) the 5 didn't see