Paired Conjunctions  
(Correlative Conjunctions)

+ (positive)
both…and = 2  
not only…but also = 2 (use for surprise or something you don’t expect)

− (negative)
neither…nor = 0

(choice)
either…or = 1

Examples:
(a) Both Tom and Jerry were unhappy with the result. (= 2)
(b) For breakfast, Jack ate not only a turkey but also a dozen eggs. (= 2, surprise)
(c) I have neither the time nor the money. (= 0)
(d) You can either help or leave. (= 1)

You may be confused with “either” because it is also used in negative agreement and means “0”.

A: I don’t have any money.
B: I don’t either. = 0 (or Neither do I.)
Correlative Conjunctions

Directions:
A. In the left margin, write the number 2, 1, or 0 to show the meaning of the sentence.
B. Underline the two parallel parts of the sentence.
C. In the right margin, write S, V, or O for the parallel structure.

Example:  
When I was young, I used to play both baseball and basketball.  = O

1. Both my sister and my brother are very tall. = S

2. I have neither the time nor the money to go snowboarding this weekend.

3. I will either call a travel agent or check the website to buy a plane ticket.

4. My daughter can not only ride a unicycle but also juggle!

5. Kelly speaks both German and Spanish.

6. Either my father or my mother calls me every Sunday evening.

7. When I feel tired, I either listen to music or take a bath.

8. New college students must take both an English and a math placement test.

9. I've neither read the book nor seen the movie of Lord of the Rings.

10. Neither the Seahawks nor the Sonics have played very well this year.

11. Not only the students but also their teacher likes studying grammar.

12. I need to buy both a radio and a VCR soon.

D. Notice the word order: Where does the correlative conjunction (either, not only, both, neither) go? (Choose one answer)
   a. at the beginning of the sentence
   b. at the end of the sentence
   c. just before the first “parallel” word
   d. in the middle between the two parallel words.