

## Grammar Lesson

## Lesson 42: Both of us speak English

## レッスン 42: 二人とも英語を話します

Target: Talking about travel using "both," "either" & "neither"  
 目的: どちら(も)(か)(も～ない)を使って旅行について話しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• go overseas / abroad	海外へ行く	• (ask) if	～かどうか
• go one's separate ways	別行動を取る	• almost impossible	不可能に近い
• communicate with...	コミュニケーションを取る	• end up	結局～になる
• similar	よく似た	• get lost	道に迷う
• fluent in...	～に堪能である	• give directions	道順を教える
• travel light	身軽に旅行する	• a weirdo	変わっている人
• a total opposite	正反対だ	• even worse	さらに悪いことに
• carry...	～を運ぶ	• Nah	いいえ
• stuck next to...	～の隣で身動きが取れない	• risk...	～を危険にさらす

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

My friend Lara and I are going overseas tomorrow. We are both really excited, neither of us have travelled abroad before. This trip is going to be so good.

We are going to visit five countries. First, we are going China, then India, Russia, Istanbul and finally Italy. We are travelling together all the way to Istanbul, but then, after we get there we are both going to go our separate ways because I want to meet up with some of my friends there, and Lara has family there that she needs to visit.

I'm really looking forward to going to China, but neither of us can speak any Chinese, so it might be a little hard communicating with the people there. I really hope they are able to speak English. I think we might have a similar problem in India, Russia and Turkey. I don't think we will have any problems communicating in Italy, through, because both Lara and I are fluent in Italian.

We both finished our packing last night. I like to travel light so I only packed one bag, but Lara is the total opposite. She packed everything except the kitchen sink! I think she is bringing three suitcases and two carry-ons. It's just so much. I'm not going to carry anything for her.

My mother asked if either of us were going to bring a cell phone and we said "Of course." It's so hard travelling without a cell phone. Anytime you want to meet someone and neither of you have a phone, it's almost impossible and someone always ends up getting lost. I think since people have started using GPS on their phones everyone has become really bad at giving directions.

Our plane departs at 10:00 am so we are both planning to meet up at the airport at 8:00. I really hope we get to sit next to each other on the plane, because neither of us want to be stuck next to some weirdo for 10 hours. Or even worse, one of us could get stuck beside a screaming baby. Now that, would be terrible.

We are both planning to study some Chinese on the plane, so I need to go out and buy a Chinese textbook tonight, or I wonder if they will have a good one at the airport? Nah, I shouldn't risk it. I'll go out and get one tonight before dinner.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. Have either of them been overseas before?
2. When are they both going to go their separate ways?
3. Can either of them speak any Chinese?
4. What language are both of them fluent in?
5. What did her mother ask her?
6. Do either of them want to be stuck next to some weirdo?
7. What are they both planning to do on the plane?
8. How many examples of "both," "either," & "neither" can you find?

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