Conjunction Partners

Sort word pairs that work together.

5.L.GC.1.46 "Grammar: Use correlative conjunctions to join words, phrases, or clauses. (Introduce)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

MATCHED

Correlative conjunctions are partner words that connect equal kinds of ideas. In this category, both parts of the pair belong together.

Both the telescope and the binoculars helped us see faraway objects.

MIXED

In this category, the two connecting words do not belong as a correlative pair. The pair has the wrong partner word.

The dancers were either quick and graceful.

1 SORT

8 items

For each sentence, circle MATCHED or MIXED, then choose two sentence numbers and explain why each belongs in its category.

1. Neither the puppy nor the kitten wanted dinner. MATCHED MIXED

2. We can either paint the sign or make posters. MATCHED MIXED

3. Both the pitcher but the catcher wore blue caps. MATCHED MIXED

4. The wind was neither cold nor strong. MATCHED MIXED

5. Either the trail is steep but the path is smooth. MATCHED MIXED

6. Neither the fox or the rabbit crossed the road. MATCHED MIXED

7. Not only did Jalen solve the puzzle, but he also explained it. MATCHED MIXED

8. Both the drum and the flute sounded loud. MATCHED MIXED

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence with a MATCHED pair and one new sentence with a MIXED pair.

MATCHED _____

MIXED _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence using not only...but also to join two complete clauses.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Neither the puppy nor the kitten wanted dinner.	**MATCHED**	Neither and nor are a correct correlative pair.
2	We can either paint the sign or make posters.	**MATCHED**	Either and or are a correct correlative pair.
3	Both the pitcher but the catcher wore blue caps.	**MIXED**	Both should pair with and, not but.
4	The wind was neither cold nor strong.	**MATCHED**	Neither and nor are a correct correlative pair.
5	Either the trail is steep but the path is smooth.	**MIXED**	Either should pair with or, not but.
6	Neither the fox or the rabbit crossed the road.	**MIXED**	Neither should pair with nor, not or.
7	Not only did Jalen solve the puzzle, but he also explained it.	**MATCHED**	Not only and but also are a correct correlative pair.
8	Both the drum and the flute sounded loud.	**MATCHED**	Both and and are a correct correlative pair.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **MATCHED**: Both the canoe and the kayak floated near the shore.
- **MIXED**: Neither the baker or the cook opened the café.

Challenge: Not only did the storm knock down branches, but it also closed the park.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Accept student examples that use the stated pair correctly or intentionally mix a pair for the MIXED category.