Pair Power Sort

Check whether each conjunction pair works together.

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

NAME _____ DATE _____

MATCHED PAIR

Use both words from one correlative conjunction pair. The pair connects matching words, phrases, or clauses.

Both the telescope and the binoculars are packed.

BROKEN PAIR

A partner is missing, or two partners from different pairs are used together. The sentence needs a change.

The librarian was either patient but firm.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle MATCHED or BROKEN for each sentence.

1.	Either the skaters will practice today or they will practice tomorrow.	MATCHED	BROKEN
2.	Both the acorn or the pinecone rolled downhill.	MATCHED	BROKEN
3.	Not only did Zara memorize the poem, but she also performed it.	MATCHED	BROKEN
4.	Neither the violin nor the flute needs a case.	MATCHED	BROKEN
5.	The dancer was both graceful but strong.	MATCHED	BROKEN
6.	The robot can either sweep the floor and wash the windows.	MATCHED	BROKEN
7.	Neither Maya nor her cousins have seen the comet.	MATCHED	BROKEN
8.	Both the drumbeat and the singing echoed across the field.	MATCHED	BROKEN

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 broken pair.

MATCHED _____

BROKEN _____

CHALLENGE

Revise this sentence so it uses a matched correlative conjunction pair: Neither the coach or the players were late.

ANSWER KEY # Pair Power Sort

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Either the skaters will practice today or they will practice tomorrow.	**MATCHED**	Either and or form a complete pair and join two clauses.
2	Both the acorn or the pinecone rolled downhill.	**BROKEN**	Both must pair with and, not or.
3	Not only did Zara memorize the poem, but she also performed it.	**MATCHED**	Not only and but also form a complete pair and join clauses.
4	Neither the violin nor the flute needs a case.	**MATCHED**	Neither and nor form a complete pair and join noun phrases.
5	The dancer was both graceful but strong.	**BROKEN**	Both must pair with and, not but.
6	The robot can either sweep the floor and wash the windows.	**BROKEN**	Either must pair with or, not and.
7	Neither Maya nor her cousins have seen the comet.	**MATCHED**	Neither and nor form a complete pair and join noun phrases.
8	Both the drumbeat and the singing echoed across the field.	**MATCHED**	Both and and form a complete pair and join noun phrases.

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**: Either the lantern or the flashlight will guide us.
- **BROKEN**: Both the gardener or the chef watered the roses.

Challenge: Neither the coach nor the players were late.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Items 1, 3, 4, 7, and 8 are MATCHED. Items 2, 5, and 6 are BROKEN because they combine partners from different pairs.