Pair It Right

Sort sentences, explain your choices, and write your own.

5.LF.39.h "Use correlative conjunctions correctly when composing and revising writing."

NAME _____ DATE _____

READY TO USE

The conjunction words form a matching pair, such as both…and. The parts they connect have the same grammatical shape.

Both the lantern and the candle lit the tent.

NEEDS REVISION

The conjunction words do not match, or the parts they connect have different grammatical shapes. Change the sentence before using it.

The guide will either pack the rope or to carry the map.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle READY or REVISE for each sentence, then pick two numbered sentences and explain how you knew where each belongs.

1. Maya drew both a fox and a wolf. READY REVISE

2. The class will either sing a song or recite a poem. READY REVISE

3. The team will either practice after lunch nor meet before school. READY REVISE

4. Neither the rain nor the wind stopped our game. READY REVISE

5. Nina enjoys both painting murals and to make posters. READY REVISE

6. Our neighbors will not only plant flowers but also watering trees. READY REVISE

7. The puppy not only chased the ball but also caught it. READY REVISE

8. We can choose either the blue folder or the green folder. READY REVISE

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 READY sentence and one new REVISE sentence using correlative conjunctions.

READY _____

REVISE _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one REVISE sentence from Part 1 and rewrite it with a matching pair and parts that have the same grammatical shape.

ANSWER KEY # Pair It Right

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Maya drew both a fox and a wolf.	**READY**	Both pairs with and; a fox and a wolf are parallel noun phrases.
2	The class will either sing a song or recite a poem.	**READY**	Either pairs with or; sing and recite begin parallel verb phrases.
3	The team will either practice after lunch nor meet before school.	**REVISE**	Either must pair with or, not nor.
4	Neither the rain nor the wind stopped our game.	**READY**	Neither pairs with nor; the rain and the wind are parallel noun phrases.
5	Nina enjoys both painting murals and to make posters.	**REVISE**	Both pairs with and, but painting and to make are not parallel.
6	Our neighbors will not only plant flowers but also watering trees.	**REVISE**	Not only pairs with but also, but plant and watering are not parallel.
7	The puppy not only chased the ball but also caught it.	**READY**	Not only pairs with but also; chased and caught are parallel verbs.
8	We can choose either the blue folder or the green folder.	**READY**	Either pairs with or; the two choices are parallel 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)

- **READY**: Both the violin and the flute sounded lovely.
- **REVISE**: Omar likes either baking bread or to cook soup.

Challenge: 5. Nina enjoys both painting murals and making posters.

Items 3, 5, and 6 need revision. For Part 2, students should name the matching or mismatched pair and check whether the connected parts have the same grammatical shape.