

Determiners are words like all, none, most, both and half. They go before nouns. Can you use determiners correctly? Take a moment to do this interactive grammar exercise.

1. I don't like ..... of my physics teachers.

either

neither

both

Not either means the same as neither. The sentence given above can also be written as: I like neither of my physics teachers.

2. .... people don't trust politicians.

Most

Most of

We use most of before a pronoun or a noun with a determiner.

3. Neither ..... the door.

keys open

key opens

key open

After either and neither we use a singular noun and a singular verb.

4. Neither of ..... valid.

this argument is

these arguments is

these arguments are

After neither of, we use a plural noun and a singular verb.

5. .... the shops are closed on Sundays.

Most

Most of

Either could be used here

We use most before a noun without a determiner.

6. They spend ..... their income on movies.

half

half of

Either could be used here

We can leave out of after all, both and half.

7. .... my friends wished me on my birthday.

No one of

None of

None

8. .... child was given a present.

Each

Each of

Either could be used here

9. .... his ideas are quite interesting.

All

All of

Either could be used here

We can leave out 'of' after all when they are followed by nouns.

10. .... my children are engineers.

Both

Both of

Either could be used here

We can leave out 'of' after both when they are followed by nouns.

11. His ideas are ..... different from those of his peers.

little

less

least

12. The new job isn't ..... different from the old one.

many

much

most

PLAY AGAIN !

## Answers

1. I don't like either of my physics teachers.
2. Most people don't trust politicians.
3. Neither key opens the door.
4. Neither of these arguments is valid.
5. Most of the shops are closed on Sundays.
6. They spend half / half of their income on movies.
7. None of my friends wished me on my birthday.
8. Each child was given a present.
9. All of / All his ideas are quite interesting.
10. Both / Both of my children are engineers.
11. His ideas are little different from those of his parents.
12. The new job isn't much different from the old one.