

Either... or

Ref Hsk5 Grammar

..... , — “either ... or ...”

Doubling lays out **two options** in a statement — “either ..., or ...” The options are usually verb phrases. (In a *question*, you’d switch to .)

Structure: + A , + B

{zh: |zhǐ yǒu|there’s only / |yí kuài|one piece of / |dàn gāo|cake / , |huò zhě|either / |nǐ|you / |chī|eat it / |huò zhě|or / |wǒ|I / |chī|eat it / 。 }

There’s only one piece of cake — either you eat it or I do.

{zh: |zán men|let’s / |huò zhě|either / |jīn tiān|today / |qù|go / |huò zhě|or / |míng tiān|tomorrow / |qù|go / , |yí dìng|definitely / |yào|must / |qù|go / 。 }

Let’s go either today or tomorrow — but we definitely must go.

Remember: = “either ... or ...” in a **STATEMENT** (laying out options); a *choice question* still takes . Same statement-vs-question split as the basic / pair (HSK 3).

Watch out

- Don’t slip into here — these are stated options, not a question being asked.