

## Grammar - Short Agreement with “So” and “Neither”

In English, we often use short responses to agree with someone. Instead of repeating the full sentence, we can say “**So do I**” or “**Neither do I**”. These phrases help you sound natural and fluent in conversation.

### Point 1: Use “So + auxiliary + subject” to agree with positive statements

Use this pattern when someone says something positive, and you feel the same way.

1. **A:** I really enjoyed the movie.  
**B:** So did I.
2. **A:** I'm really looking forward to the sequel.  
**B:** So am I.
3. **A:** I would love for them to play again.  
**B:** So would I.
4. **A:** I was on the edge of my seat.  
**B:** So was I.

### Point 2: Use “Neither + auxiliary + subject” to agree with negative statements

Use this pattern when someone says something negative, and you agree.

1. **A:** I can't eat this. It's too spicy.  
**B:** Neither can I.
2. **A:** I don't want to be rude.  
**B:** Neither do I.
3. **A:** I had never heard of them before.  
**B:** Neither had I.
4. **A:** I don't think I can pass this class.  
**B:** Neither do I.

### Point 3: Match the auxiliary verb in the pattern

The helping verb in your short reply must match the one used in the first sentence.

1. **A:** I am tired.  
**B:** So am I.
2. **A:** I will go to the party.  
**B:** So will I.
3. **A:** I have seen the movie.  
**B:** So have I.
4. **A:** I did the homework.  
**B:** So did I.

### Point 4: Use short agreement instead of repeating the sentence

“So...” and “Neither...” are natural alternatives to repeating someone's full sentence.

1. **A:** I like the movie.  
**B:** So do I.   
**B:** I like the movie, too. ✗ (less natural)
2. **A:** I can't eat this.  
**B:** Neither can I.   
**B:** I can't eat it either. ✗ (less natural)

### Point 5: To disagree, use full replies—not “So” or “Neither”

If you do **not** agree, use a full sentence with polite surprise. This keeps the conversation friendly and clear.

1. **A:** I was mad.  
**B:** Oh, really? I wasn't.
2. **A:** I wasn't mad.  
**B:** Oh, really? I was.
3. **A:** I have seen it.  
**B:** Oh, really? I haven't.
4. **A:** I haven't seen it.  
**B:** Oh, really? I have.

**Tip:** Use a friendly tone and body language when disagreeing to keep things polite and respectful.

## Agreement with "So" and "Neither"

Watch our video using **short form agreement** in four conversations.

### Conversation 1 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Man:** I really enjoyed the movie,

**Woman:** *So did I.* It was so entertaining.

**Man:** The plot was great, and the acting was superb.

**Woman:** I couldn't agree more. There were so many unexpected twists and turns.

**Man:** I know. I was on the edge of my seat the whole time.

**Woman:** *So was I.* I am really looking forward to the sequel.

**Man:** *So am I.* I can't wait.

### Conversation 2 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Man:** This food is too spicy. It tastes good, but I can't eat it.

**Woman:** *Neither can I.* It's just too hot for my taste buds. My mouth is burning.

**Man:** Do you want to go somewhere else?

**Woman:** Frankly, yes. I can't eat this, and I'm starving.

**Man:** *So am I.* Do you want to go to the pizza place across the street?

**Woman:** Yes. That sounds great. Let's just pay the bill and leave.

**Man:** Okay. I'll call the waiter. I won't say why though. I don't want to be rude.

**Woman:** *Neither do I*. Let's just say we have to go.

### Conversation 3 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Man:** How is your math class going?

**Woman:** Not good. I think I might fail the course. I'm terrible at math.

**Man:** *So am I*. I barely passed that class.

**Woman:** Well, I don't think I can pass the class. I failed the first test, so it doesn't look good for me.

**Man:** Don't worry. *So did I*. The first test is the hardest. The final test is much easier.

**Woman:** Oh, that's good to know. I really need to pass this class.

**Man:** Don't give up. I didn't quit and I passed, so *neither should you*.

**Woman:** Thanks for the support. I'll do my best.

### Conversation 4 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Man:** Thanks for having us over for the party. I had a great time.

**Woman:** Oh, you're welcome. It was nice of you to come,

**Man:** By the way, the band you hired were fantastic. I had never heard of them before.

**Woman:** *Neither had I*, but a friend recommended them. They were great.

**Man:** Yeah, they were. I hope to hear them play again sometime.

**Woman:** Me, too. I would love for them to play at the next party.

**Man:** *So would I*. They were great.

## Quiz

*Answer these questions about the interview.*

1) Who liked the movie?

- a) **Both of them.**
- b) Neither of them
- c) Just one of them

2) What do the people want to do?

- a) Eat spicy food
- b) Complain to the cook
- c) **Leave the restaurant**

3) Who passed the first test?

- a) Both of them
- b) Just one of them
- c) Neither of them**

4) What was fantastic about the party?

- a) The food
- b) The band**
- c) The decor

## Interviews for Recruiters and Candidates

### 1. [Can you tell me more about yourself?](#)

**Tips:** “Tell me about yourself” should be [expected in job interviews](#), often as a first question or icebreaker, but talking about yourself can feel uncomfortable. Your answer gives the interviewer a sense of who you are and your background beyond your resume. When answering this question, **focus on experiences that highlight your qualifications.**

It’s OK to mention personal interests that will help the hiring manager connect with you, such as a shared alma mater or a nonprofit interest. But for the most part, you should steer your response toward how you’ll contribute to the organization. Gather specific skills and accomplishments that make you a strong candidate. Take the opportunity to start the interview off with points that paint a positive picture.

#### **Example Answer:**

*I’m a recent college graduate with a degree as a certified accountant from Kentucky State University. I also completed an internship at a financial management firm, where I got hands-on experience in financial analysis. During my time at the firm, I discovered that I enjoyed managing finances and creating investment plans for retirees, which led me to apply for this role.*

### 2. [What do you think your greatest weakness is?](#)

**Tips:** Every candidate puts their best foot forward during the hiring process. Hiring managers are looking for a glimpse of your self-awareness and how you [manage constructive criticism](#). When answering this question, it's essential to **be honest but frame your response positively**. Phrase your answer in a way that shows you're actively seeking personal and career growth and development.

**Example Answer:**

*I think my greatest weakness is that I struggle a bit with balancing multiple priorities. I can lose myself in a project, which can make me feel overwhelmed and stressed when numerous tasks are on my to-do list. To manage this, I've been setting smaller goals and creating better task management and daily workflow routines.*

3. [What do you feel your greatest strength is?](#)

**Tips:** The hiring manager is curious about [how well you know yourself](#) and why you think you'll excel in this role. This is a great opportunity to **show how passionate you are about the job** and why your experience makes you a great fit.

**Example Answer:**

*I'm excited about this role because I'm passionate about seeing the big picture and finding more efficient workflows. For example, in my previous role, I identified opportunities to streamline a simple daily process in how tasks were communicated and completed. Those tiny savings added up, and they saved the company an hour per day, which added up to savings of over 250 hours of labor yearly. This role is an excellent fit for me because it allows me to use those same analytical and problem-solving skills within a larger organization.*

4. [Why are you interested in this role?](#)

**Tips:** Hiring managers are looking to discover how well you [researched the company](#). Are you looking for any open position, or are you excited about the opportunities this particular role and organization offer? Here, you can **share specifics about the company and why this job is the perfect fit for your career goals**.

**Example Answer:**

*I'm interested in this role because it offers the chance to combine my marketing knowledge with my passion for helping others. I learned about the organization's mission and how it helps people improve their lives through education and financial literacy. I watched the jobs page for roles fitting my skill set, and I was delighted when this job was posted. I know I can be an asset to the team, and I'm excited about this role's opportunities.*