

Correlative Fix-Up Answer Key

1. Liam wanted to join **either** the soccer team **or** the basketball team. His parents explained that he had time for **either** schoolwork **or** sports, but not everything at once. He decided he would practice **neither** on weekdays **nor** on weekends.

Errors fixed:

- either...and → either...or
- both...or → either...or
- neither...and → neither...nor

2. The play was **not only** funny **but also** meaningful. The actors worked hard to make the audience laugh, but **neither** the jokes **nor** the timing always landed perfectly. Still, people agreed that it was **both** entertaining **and** thought-provoking.

Errors fixed:

- not only...and also → not only...but also
- neither...or → neither...nor
- whether...and → both...and

3. **No sooner** had the bell rung **than** the students ran out of the classroom. They rushed outside because they were excited to see dolphins **both** in the tank **and** in the open pool. The guide explained that the show would be amazing, **just as** the visitors clapped, **so** they cheered louder.

Errors fixed:

- no sooner...and → no sooner...than
- both...or → both...and
- just as...and → just as...so

Teacher Notes: Students should learn that correlative conjunctions are **fixed pairs**: you cannot mix and match. Encourage proofreading for **balance**; every "either" needs an "or," every "not only" needs a "but also."