

Compound Sentences WS – 1

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Simple Sentences

A *simple sentence* contains one independent clause. It may have compound subject, a compound verb, or both.

Examples: Thelma sells automobiles. Thelma and Leo sell and buy automobiles.

PART I – Directions: Underline each subject once and underline each verb twice in the following sentences.

Example: Claudia smiled sweetly and motioned the guests inside.

1. Carmen and her aunt skated at the pond after school.
2. Iris and Phil took a train to Chicago.
3. The pattern of every snowflake is unique.
4. During the Renaissance, Italian women shaved the front part of their heads and kept the rest of their hair long.
5. Federico and Garth rowed over to the island last summer.
6. Emily Dickinson published very few poems in her lifetime.
7. After the harvest, the workers and their families have a dance and play music in the barn.
8. *Cats* takes place in a junkyard.
9. The well-known musical is based on T. S. Eliot's poems.
10. Jupiter, Saturn, and Neptune have rings around their planets.

Compound Sentences

A *compound sentence* contains two or more independent clauses. The independent clauses of a compound sentence are usually joined by a comma and a coordinating conjunction – *for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so*. They can also be joined by a semicolon - ; .

Examples: Mark Twain wrote fiction, and T.S. Eliot wrote poetry.

My brother does dishes and takes out the trash; my chores include vacuuming and dusting.

PART II – Directions: Each of the following compound sentences contains two independent clauses joined by a comma and a conjunction. Underline each subject once and each verb twice. Then, circle the conjunction or semicolon.

Example: Kiyo likes the beach, and she often goes there with her brothers.

11. The ice-covered sidewalk was slippery; several people fell down.
12. Some students ate in the cafeteria, and others went outside in the sunshine.
13. The talk show host was silly, but his show had a large audience.
14. The waves were enormous, yet the expert surfer rescued his new surfboard.
15. Mr. Kumamoto has uncovered some great fossils, for he is an experienced fossil hunter.
16. We can go to a movie, or we can watch a videotape at home.
17. Angel wrote a poem about his girlfriend, but he did not show it to her.
18. Dark clouds gathered above the baseball field; rain fell steadily.
19. The bears stole all our food, so we left the campground early.
20. Outside, a storm howled, yet they were warm inside the igloo.

