



Compound Sentences

What Are Compound Sentences?

A compound sentence is made up of two or more independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction or a semicolon. Each independent clause can stand alone as a complete sentence.

Coordinating Conjunctions (**FANBOYS**)

FOR	Problem Finder 	Connects a solution with a problem.	We bought popcorn, for the movie was about to start.
AND	Matchmaker 	Connects ideas that go together.	The wizard cast a spell, and his cat started talking.
NOR	Mr. Negative 	Negative form of <i>or</i>	Sally didn't want to sleep, nor did she want to stay awake.
BUT	King Conflict 	Connects ideas that go against each other.	I tried to study for the quiz, but my mind kept wandering.
OR	Decision Maker 	Connects choices.	We can ride the rollercoaster, or we can relax in the lazy river.
YET	But's Evil Twin 	Connects ideas that go against each other.	The pirate found treasure, yet it was just chocolate coins.
SO	Problem Solver 	Connects a problem a result.	Aliens landed in the backyard, so we invited them to dinner.



Compound Sentences Practice Section

Examples of Compound Sentences:

- I wanted to go to the park, **but** it started raining.
- She loves to read, **and** she enjoys writing stories.
- You can have pizza, **or** you can have pasta.

How to Create Compound Sentences:

1. Identify two independent clauses (complete sentences).
2. Join them with a comma and a coordinating conjunction or a semicolon.

Example:

1. **Two independent clauses:** "I finished my homework." "I watched a movie."
2. **Compound sentence:** "I finished my homework, **and** I watched a movie."

Identify the Compound Sentences

Read the sentences below. Circle the ones that are compound sentences.

1. I like ice cream, and I like cake.
2. She went to the store.
3. We wanted to play soccer, but the field was closed.
4. I woke up early, so I had time to eat breakfast.
5. They went to the library to study.


Exercise 2

Instructions: Combine each pair of simple sentences into one compound sentence using an appropriate FANBOYS. Remember to use a comma before the FANBOYS.

1 . I wanted to play outside. It was raining.

2 . He forgot his homework. The teacher gave him an extra day.

3 . She studied hard for the test. She did well.

4 . We can go to the beach. We can stay home.

5 . The movie was interesting. The book was even better.

6 . The pepperoni pizza was hot. It tasted amazing.

7 . The book was addicting. I read it all in one night.



Fill in the Blanks

- Complete the sentences by adding an independent clause and the correct coordinating conjunction.

1. I was very hungry, _____ I ate a big lunch.
2. She likes to read books, _____ she does not like scary stories.
3. He could not find his keys, _____ he had to call a locksmith.
4. They love to travel, _____ they visit a new country every year.
5. I want to learn how to play the guitar, _____ I don't have enough time to practice.

Write Your Own Compound Sentences

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