

A compound sentence is made by putting together two or more simple sentences containing related information.

- The parts are usually joined by a conjunction such as **and**, **or**, or **but**.\*
- A comma is placed before the conjunction.

**Simple sentences:**

*Mary ate a sandwich for lunch.  
She left her carrot juice.*

**Compound sentence:**

*Mary ate a sandwich for lunch,  
**but** she left her carrot juice.*

**Simple sentences:**

*The snow blew wildly.  
We could not see the road.*

**Compound sentence:**

*The snow blew wildly, **and** we  
could not see the road.*

\*See Notes to the Teacher on page 103 for additional information.

## Compound Sentences

# Write Compound Sentences

**A** Use conjunctions to combine each pair of simple sentences into a compound sentence. Place a comma before each conjunction.

1. Grandmother baked cookies. The children ate them all.

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2. The explorers searched the jungle. They never reached the lost city.

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3. There was a large pothole in the road. I had to swerve to avoid it.

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4. I yelled to warn him. It was too late.

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5. I may spend August in the mountains. I may stay home and paint the house.

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**B** On a sheet of lined paper, write a compound sentence explaining what you do and don't want to do today.

# Study Compound Sentences

**Rule  
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Draw one line under the complete subject and two lines under the complete predicate in **each part** of the compound sentences. Circle the conjunction.

The first sentence has been completed for you as an example.

1. Mrs. Peterson's class talked about hobbies, (and) Bobby said he likes to watch movies.
2. Saber likes to watch movies also, but he loves to read books, too.
3. Mrs. Peterson plays tennis in the city, or she hikes in the mountains.
4. Tom wants to collect stamps, but he hasn't started yet.
5. Mary is learning to sew her own clothes, and Lisa takes cooking lessons.
6. Stan rides a skateboard, or he rides his bike.
7. Linda paints pictures, and her grandmother frames them.
8. Kevin sings in the shower, yet he never performs in front of people.
9. Karen sings in a choir, so she performs onstage often.
10. Ted never sings, but he enjoys acting onstage.

# Simple or Compound?

Decide whether each of the sentences below is simple or compound. Circle your responses. Remember that compound sentences contain two simple sentences connected by a conjunction.

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| 1. Benjamin Franklin lived from 1706 until 1790.  | simple | compound |
| 2. The talented man was an inventor, a writer, and a statesman.   | simple | compound |
| 3. Benjamin Franklin helped establish the first library in America, and he served as our nation's first postmaster. | simple | compound |
| 4. Bifocals, lightning rods, and the Franklin stove were all invented by Benjamin Franklin.                         | simple | compound |
| 5. Benjamin Franklin agreed with the ideas stated in the Declaration of Independence, but he did not write it.      | simple | compound |
| 6. The poet Anne Bradstreet lived from 1612 until 1672.   | simple | compound |
| 7. She was born in England, but Massachusetts became her home in 1630.  | simple | compound |
| 8. Anne Bradstreet's poems reflect on her family and the life of Puritans in colonial America.                      | simple | compound |