

Compound Sentences

A compound sentence is a sentence that contains two complete ideas (called *clauses*) that are related. These two clauses are usually connected in a compound sentence by a conjunction. The coordinating conjunctions are "and", "but", "for", "or", "nor", "yet", or "so".

Example:

Batman is a hero. He is successful in catching the criminals in his city.

Batman is a hero, **and** he is successful in catching the criminals in his city.

OR...

Batman is a hero, **for** he is successful in catching the criminals in his city.

Directions: In the following exercises, turn the sentence pairs into single compound sentences, each with a coordinating conjunction. **You can rearrange or add words in the sentence to make it sound better, but only if it's necessary.**

1. The black dog has won many prizes. He doesn't know many tricks.

2. She saw a cat run in front of her. She fell down while roller-skating.

3. There was a meteor shower. The crew did not know how to avoid the meteors.

4. I wanted to buy a baby Chihuahua. I started to save my money.

5. Gillian did not like to read. She was not very good at it.

6. Pam liked Wayne. Leena also liked Wayne.

7. The little boy did not like going to school. He went anyway.

8. You can cry like a baby. You can clean your room like an adult.

Coordinating Conjunctions	Relationship Expressed
for, so	Cause-Effect Relationship
and	Joins things or ideas that are alike or similar, implies a continuation of thought
but, yet	Shows a contrasting relationship
or	Indicates a choice between things or ideas
nor	Continues a negative thought