

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.

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

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

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

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

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6. Pam liked Wayne. Leena also liked Wayne.

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

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

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9. She didn't want to play with Jill. She didn't want to play with Tim.

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10. Arleen could not play with that boy. Arleen could not play with that other boy.

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11. Let's go to the swimming pool. It's hot inside the house.

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12. I don't want to eat. I don't want to drink.

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13. I don't want to practice playing my violin. I don't want to disobey my mother.

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14. I want to own my own company. I want to pay all my workers a lot of money.

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15. I need to go to the store. I'm feeling too sick to drive.

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16. Rabbits make good pets. They don't make too much noise and they are clean.

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17. I want to go to the circus. I want to ride a pony.

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18. I didn't do my homework. My parents punished me.

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19. I have never visited Asia. I have never visited Africa.

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20. You can make a big poster. You can make a little clay statue.

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