

Compound Verbs

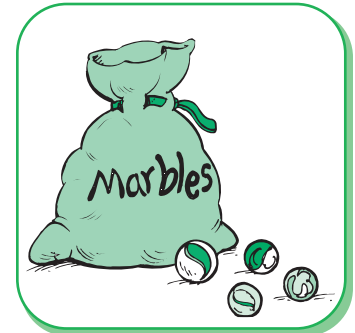
Compound verbs are two or more verbs that share the **same subject**. Compound verbs are joined by **coordinating conjunctions** (connecting words) like **and** and **or**.

Michelle opened her bag of marbles **and** sorted them by color.

Underline the **compound verbs** in these sentences.

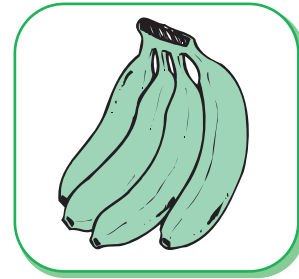


1. Our lazy cat yawned and stretched her legs.
2. Natasha fell off her bike and broke her wrist.
3. A snake slithered through the grass and hissed at us.
4. Ruby frosted the cake and decorated it with sprinkles.
5. I unlocked the cabinet and looked inside.
6. The fans in the bleachers yelled or stomped their feet.
7. The kids splashed in the waves or built sandcastles.
8. I put on my jacket and grabbed my hat.
9. Dad turned left and drove to the end of the block.
10. He took a big gulp and swallowed it.
11. We folded the clothes and put them away.
12. My dog wagged her tail and licked my face.



Compound Sentences

A **compound sentence** is two or more complete sentences that are joined into one sentence. The complete sentences are joined by a **coordinating conjunction**. A coordinating conjunction is a connecting word like **and**, **or**, or **but**.



simple sentences Do you eat green bananas?
Do you eat only ripe bananas?

compound sentence Do you eat green bananas **or** do you eat only ripe bananas?

➔ Circle the **coordinating conjunction** that joins simple sentences together.

1. I wanted to buy a new bike but I didn't have enough money.
2. Bill tripped on a crack in the sidewalk and he sprained his ankle.
3. May I take this seat or are you saving it for someone?
4. You must hurry or you will be late.
5. Celia knew the way but suddenly she was confused.
6. Should we play Monopoly or should we go for a walk?
7. Ben ate three hot dogs for lunch and now he has a stomachache.
8. Vanessa wanted the black puppy but her brother wanted the spotted one.
9. Some snakes are poisonous and some are not.
10. Jeffrey made the sandwiches and Joanne packed the picnic basket.
11. You could come over tomorrow or we could meet at the park Saturday.
12. The power went out and we had to use flashlights.

Punctuating Compound Sentences ①

If the parts of a compound sentence are very short, you don't need to use a comma to separate them.

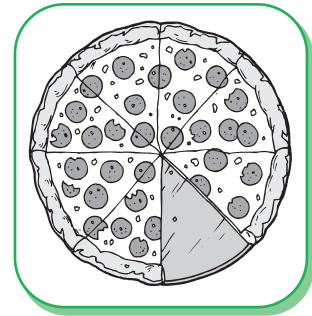
She likes peas but I prefer carrots.

If the parts of a compound sentence are not short, use a comma to separate them.

She usually likes peas in her summer salad, but I would much rather have carrots.

➔ Add **commas** where they are needed in these sentences.

1. On Friday nights my family orders a pizza and we take turns choosing the toppings.
2. Alan will help or I will help.
3. I would loan you a dollar but I don't have one.
4. Do you need help or are you okay?
5. Did you bring your CDs or did you leave them at home?
6. The hurricane hit our town with very high winds but it didn't damage our house.
7. Gina came with me and we had a great time.
8. It took a long time to order our lunch and we didn't have much time to eat it.
9. William was bitten by a dog and now he is afraid of dogs.
10. We yelled at her but she didn't hear us.
11. I have enjoyed playing baseball but this year I might try out for soccer.
12. We need to clean up our mess in the kitchen or my parents will be mad at me.



Adding Subordinating Conjunctions ①

➔ Choose a subordinating conjunction from the box to complete each sentence. It's okay to use the same conjunction more than once.

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although

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1. The ground will be muddy _____ the snow melts.
2. Have you made many friends _____ you moved here?
3. _____ it's too big for me right now, I like my new sweater a lot.
4. _____ I opened the door, everyone yelled "Surprise!"
5. _____ I was waiting, I read the newspaper.
6. You'll get lost _____ you don't follow these directions.
7. These are the games _____ my aunt gave us.
8. We wondered _____ we could help the disaster victims.
9. I can't have dessert _____ I finish my dinner.
10. Dad is coming to my school _____ he wants to talk to my teacher.
11. Don't take it apart _____ you know how to put it back together.
12. _____ we live, it rarely rains in the summer.

