



Compound Sentence Structure

Lecture 3 Part 1



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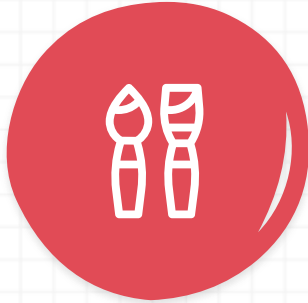


01



Definition

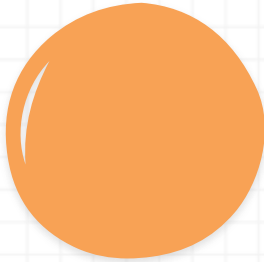
A compound sentence



A compound sentence is two simple sentences connected by a comma and a coordinating conjunction.

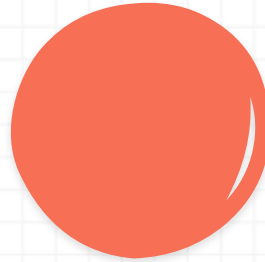
- My family goes camping every summer, and we usually have fun.
- Last year we went camping at Blue Lake, but we had a terrible time.

Compound sentence structure



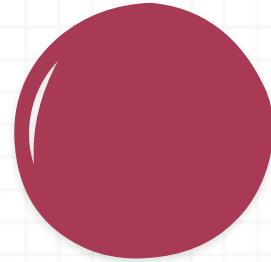
**Simple
sentence**

My family goes camping
every summer,



**Coordinating
conjunction**

and



**Simple
sentence**

we usually have fun.

02



Important
Points to
Know

Important Points to Know

1

A comma and a coordinating conjunction connect the two halves of a compound sentence.

There are seven coordinating conjunctions in English: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, and so (fan boys)...

2

Don't confuse a compound sentence with a simple sentence that has a compound verb.

3

Examples

Simple sentence with compound verb

My family goes camping every summer and usually has fun.

SV V

Compound sentence

My family goes camping every summer, and we usually have fun.

S V, and S V

Simple sentence with compound verb

Last year we went camping but had a terrible time.

SV V

Compound sentence

Last year we went camping, but everyone had a terrible time. time.

S V, but S V

Simple sentence with compound verb

Next year we will go to the beach or perhaps stay at home.

SV V

Compound sentence

Next year we will go to the beach, or perhaps we will stay at home.

S V, or S V

03



Coordinating
Conjunctions

FANBOYS



for

connects a reason and a result



and

connects two sentences with similar ideas.



nor/or

connects two sentences that express alternatives or choices



but

connects two sentences with contrasting or opposite ideas



yet

connects two sentences with contrasting or opposite ideas



so

connects a reason and a result

Examples

And connects two sentences with similar ideas. The sentences can be positive or negative.

My roommate is an art student, **and** her boyfriend plays in a rock band.

She doesn't like rock music, **and** he doesn't like art.

NB! Remember to use or, not and, in a negative simple sentence

Examples

But connects two sentences with contrasting or opposite ideas

She likes classical music, **but** she doesn't like rock.

She likes country music, **but** he hates it.

Examples

Or connects two sentences that express alternatives or choices.

Every Friday night, they go to a classical concert, **or** they visit an art gallery.

Every Saturday night, he practices with his band, **or** they go to hear a rock concert.

Examples

So connects a reason and a result.

Reason




Result

They both like jazz, **so** they go to jazz concerts together.

He works a lot, **so** they don't go out very often.

04



Typical
sentence
errors

Sentence Errors



Run-ons

two simple sentences
incorrectly joined with no
coordinating conjunction and
no comma



Comma splices

two simple sentences
incorrectly joined with a
comma alone



Write your signature on the line
print your name below it.



a run-on





Write your signature on the line,
print your name below it.



a comma splice



Two ways to fix these errors

- **Separate the sentences with a period.**

Write your signature on the line. Print your name below it.

- **Add (or keep) the comma and add a coordinating conjunction.**

Write your signature on the line, and print your name below it

Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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