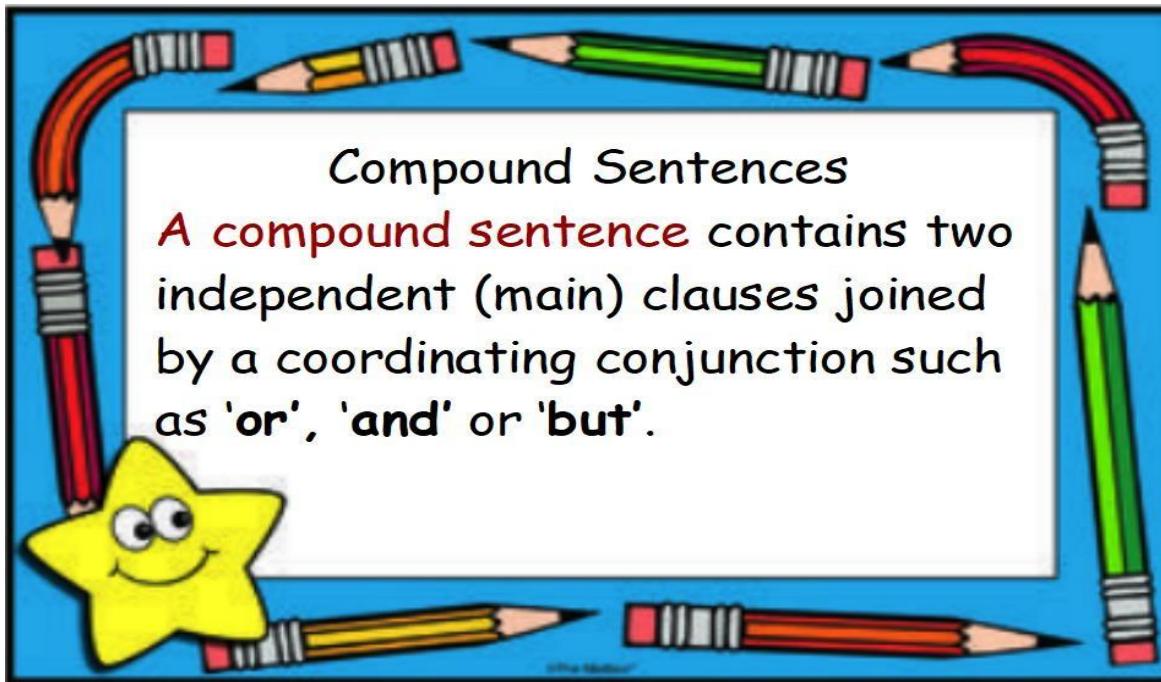


Compound Sentences

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Compound sentences connect two simple sentences.

Example:

I waited for the bus but it was late.

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independent clause

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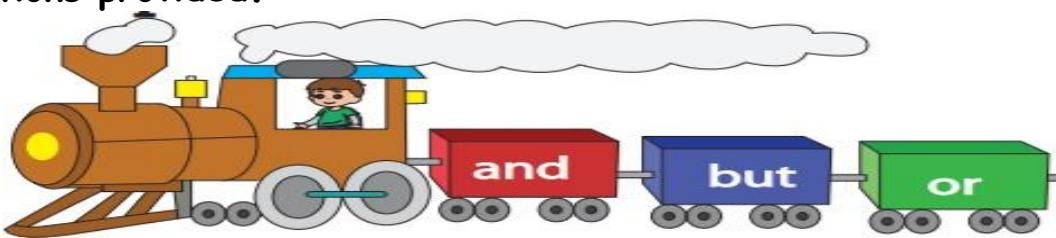
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Conjunctions	Uses	Examples
and	to add extra information	My cat went upstairs and it hid behind the toilet.
but	to connect ideas that contrast	I love fruit but I am allergic to strawberries.
or	to introduce an alternative	You could stay at home or you could go for a walk.

A. Identify the following sentences by writing 'S' for simple and 'C' for compound.

1. Mary will attend a new school soon. S
2. We will leave soon but she still needs to pack. C
3. Sam thinks of John as his best friend in the whole world. S
4. I bought a new book from the bookstore yesterday. S
5. You could go with Sam or you could stay with me. C
6. Gill and Robert have been friends for over 10 years. S
7. She studied hard for the exam but she still felt nervous. C
8. We went for a walk in the morning and then we had breakfast at a cafe.
C
9. They caught a glimpse of the shooting star before it disappeared.
complex

B. Form a compound sentence combining the two clauses with the conjunctions provided.



1. Mia has a golden furry kitten. She calls it Goldie.

Mia has a golden furry kitten **and** she calls it Goldie.

2. The new gym is spacious. It's not clean.

The new gym is spacious **but** it's not clean.

3. I have to practise really hard for the competition. I will not be able to win.

I have to practise really hard for the competition **or** I will not be able to win.

4. I will go shopping tomorrow. Sue will go with me.

I will go shopping tomorrow **and** Sue will go with me.

5. Mary likes animals. Mary doesn't have a pet.

Mary likes animals **but** Mary doesn't have a pet.

6. My brother is a skillful driver. My brother has never been in an accident.

My brother is a skillful driver **and** my brother has never been in an accident.

7. Sami can join a gym to keep fit. Sami can exercise on the field on his own.

Sami can join a gym to keep fit **or** Sami can exercise on the field on his own.

8. Chris invited me to his birthday party. I told him I would be there.

Chris invited me to his birthday party **and** I told him I would be there.

9. Do you want to play basketball? Would you rather go fishing?

Do you want to play basketball **or** would you rather go fishing?

