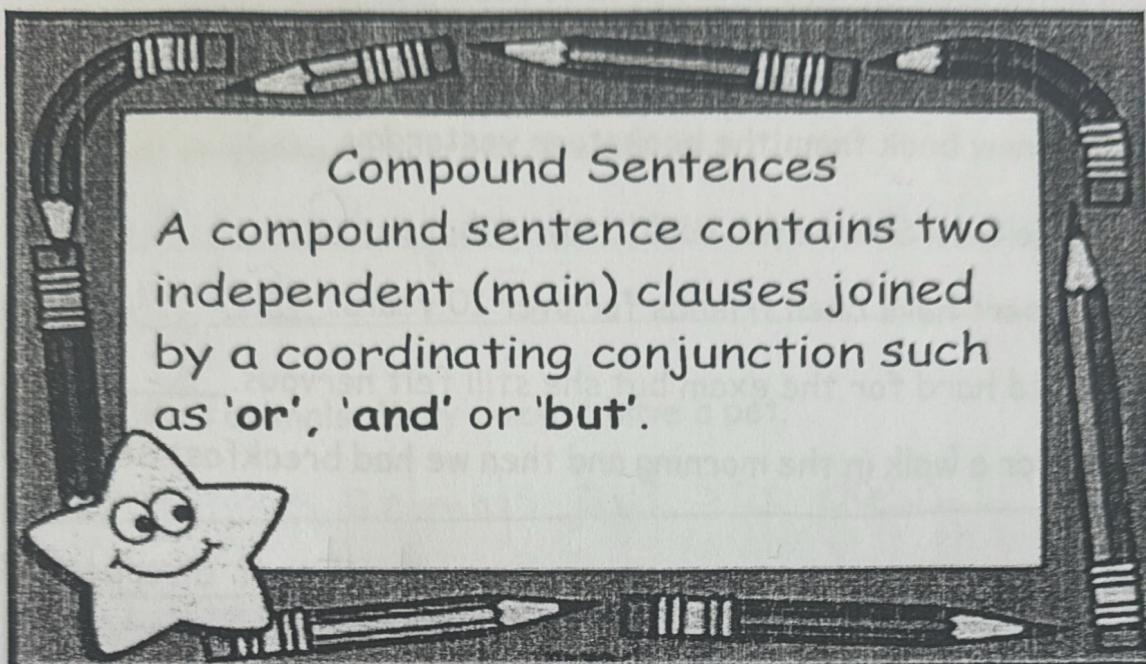


Compound Sentences

Date: Answer Key



Compound sentences connect two simple sentences.

Example:

I waited for the bus but it was late.

independent clause

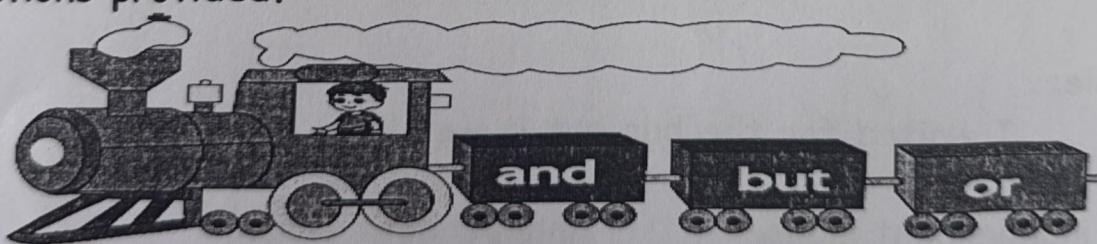
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Conjunctions	Uses	Examples
and	to add extra information	My cat went upstairs and it hid behind the toilet.
but	to connect ideas that contrast	I love fruit but I am allergic to strawberries.
or	to introduce an alternative	You could stay at home or you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

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.

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 she 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 he 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 he 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 basket ball or would you rather go fishing?

