

Multi-Clause Sentences

What Is a Compound Sentence?



Aim

- I can recognise and use compound sentences.

Success Criteria

- I can recognise that a compound sentence contains two main (independent) clauses joined by a co-ordinating conjunction.
- I can use 'FANBOYS' to remember the seven co-ordinating conjunctions.
- I can write my own compound sentences.

Getting Started

What is a simple sentence?

A simple sentence is a group of words that expresses one complete thought. Every simple sentence must contain a **subject** and a **verb**. They can also be called a **main** or **independent** clause.

Can you spot the subjects and the verbs in these main/independent clauses?

subject

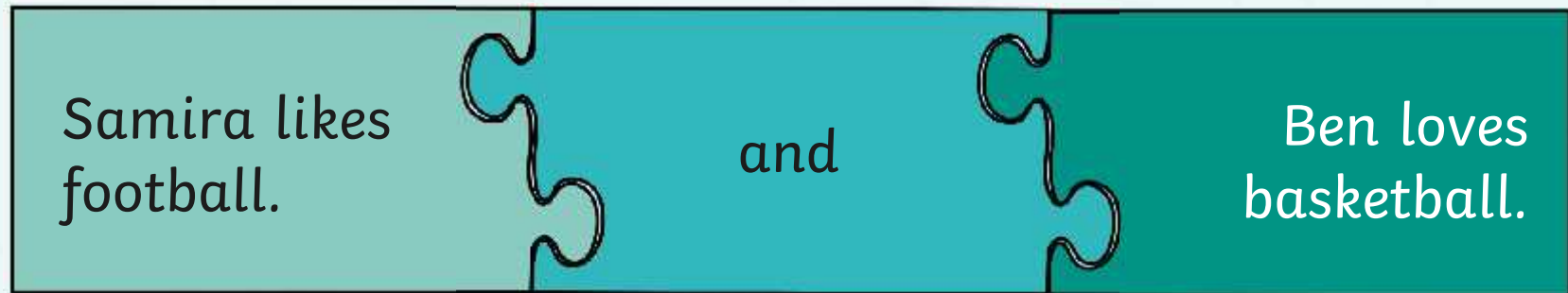
Samira likes football.

verb

Ben loves basketball.

Getting Started

Both of these main/independent clauses make sense on their own.



When we link them together with a co-ordinating conjunction, they form a compound sentence.

Getting Started

There are seven co-ordinating conjunctions that we can remember using the mnemonic 'FANBOYS'.

for **a**nd **n**or **b**ut **o**r **y**et **s**o

Samira likes
football.

?

Ben loves
basketball.

Which other co-ordinating conjunctions could be used to link these two main/independent clauses?

Next Steps

for

and

nor

but

or

yet

so

It was time
for maths.

?

My pencil
broke.

Which co-ordinating conjunctions could be used to link these two main/independent clauses to create a compound sentence?

Is there one that fits best?

Are some co-ordinating conjunctions easier to use than others?

Next Steps

for

and

nor

but

or

yet

so

Luke had lots
of friends.

?

He was a
friendly boy.

Which co-ordinating conjunctions could be used to link these two main/independent clauses to create a compound sentence?

Is there one that fits best?

Are some co-ordinating conjunctions easier to use than others?

Next Steps

for

and

nor

but

or

yet

so

Sally
practised her
spellings.

?

She got full
marks in
the test.

Which co-ordinating conjunctions could be used to link these two main/independent clauses to create a compound sentence?

Is there one that fits best?

Are some co-ordinating conjunctions easier to use than others?

Next Steps

for

and

nor

but

or

yet

so

You can choose
vanilla ice cream.

?

You can choose
strawberry
ice cream.

Which co-ordinating conjunctions could be used to link these two main/independent clauses to create a compound sentence?

Is there one that fits best?

Are some co-ordinating conjunctions easier to use than others?

Next Steps

for

and

nor

but

or

yet

so

We can go
swimming.

?

We can't jump
in the pool.

Which co-ordinating conjunctions could be used to link these two main/independent clauses to create a compound sentence?

Is there one that fits best?

Are some co-ordinating conjunctions easier to use than others?

Next Steps

for

and

nor

but

or

yet

so

Max didn't
want to be late.

?

He hurried
to school.

Which co-ordinating conjunctions could be used to link these two main/independent clauses to create a compound sentence?

Is there one that fits best?

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Compound Sentence Hunt

Can you spot the compound sentences in this piece of text?

Which **co-ordinating conjunctions** have been used?

It was a hot, sunny day **and** the park was very busy.
Izaac played on the swings **but** he didn't go on the vertical slide. It was too scary. It was soon dinner time
so Dad got out their picnic. Izaac could have ham sandwiches **or** he could have cheese sandwiches. He chose cheese **for** he loved the stuff! There was soon no food left **so** Izaac went back on the swings. He would have liked a turn on the rope swing **yet** there was a big queue. Dad said it was time to go home. Izaac rode his scooter through the park gates **and** he smiled.

Practise Your Skills

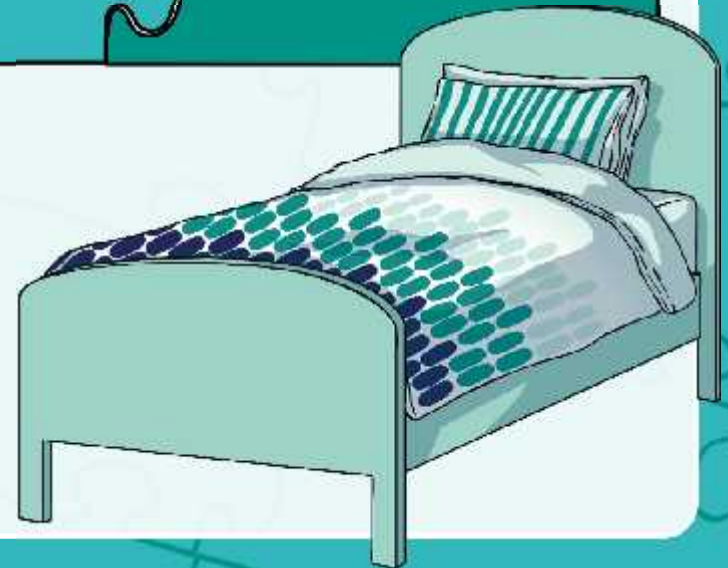
Now, it's your turn. How could you add a co-ordinating conjunction and another main/independent clause to create a compound sentence?

My bed
was very
comfortable.

for
and
nor
but

or
yet
so

?



Practise Your Skills

How could you add a co-ordinating conjunction and another main/independent clause to create a compound sentence?

I love to eat
chocolate.

for
and
nor
but

or
yet
so

?



Practise Your Skills

How could you add a co-ordinating conjunction and another main/independent clause to create a compound sentence?

The pig rolled
in the mud.

for
and
nor
but

or
yet
so

?



Practise Your Skills

How could you add a co-ordinating conjunction and another main/independent clause to create a compound sentence?

There was a
mysterious
sound.

for
and
nor
but

or
yet
so

?



Let's Play

Click on two rectangles to reveal two different main/independent clauses.
Can you combine them using a co-ordinating conjunction to create a sensible compound sentence?

Sam was feeling very hungry.

There was a knock on the door.

He ate a huge piece of chocolate cake.

There was no one there.

He felt very poorly.

It was a very loud noise.

Grandad went to the doctors.

My Uncle Tony snores.

The dustbin blew over.

I couldn't get to sleep.

Everyone laughed.

My curtains were not closed.

The circus clown was hilarious.

The light shone.

It was a beautiful day.

The wind was very strong.

Reset

Quick Quiz: Question 1

Can you spot the co-ordinating conjunctions in these sentences?

a) Freddie was playing on his tablet **but** he suddenly dropped it.

b) Olivia was a fantastic dancer **for** she practised every day.

c) Nick dreamed of being a film star **so** he went to drama school.



Quick Quiz: Question 2

Complete the sentences below by writing the co-ordinating conjunctions from the box in the correct places to form compound sentences. Use each conjunction only once.

or

but

and

You can bring a drink on the trip but
don't bring fizzy pop.

Would you like to sit next to Cassie or would you
like your own seat on the coach?

Make sure you remember your packed lunch and try to
remember a waterproof coat.

Quick Quiz: Question 3

Can you remember all of the co-ordinating conjunctions that you can use to make co-ordinating conjunctions?

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