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Compound It!

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A **compound sentence** consists of two independent clauses with a subject and a verb, joined by a comma or separated by a semicolon. An independent clause is a complete thought that could stand independently as its own sentence. Read the boxes below to learn more.

Conjunctions Connect

A **conjunction** is a linking word, such as *and, or, yet, but, so, nor,* and *for*. Use a **comma** and a **conjunction** to combine two independent clauses into a compound sentence.

Example:

Clause 1: *Dara loves to write.*

Clause 2: *She always carries a journal.*

Compound sentence: *Dara loves to write, so she always carries a journal.*

Your Turn

Use the lines below to write compound sentences with conjunctions.

- _____ ,
_____ ,
but _____ .
- _____ ,
_____ ,
yet _____ .
- _____ ,
_____ ,
or _____ .

Correlate with Conjunctions

Another way to write compound sentences is with conjunctions that come in pairs, called **correlative conjunctions**. These include: *neither/nor, both/and, either/or, just as/so too,* and *not only/but also*.

Example:

Either the students turn in their assignments, or the teacher will make them stay after school.

Your Turn

Write compound sentences with correlative conjunctions.

- Not only _____ ,
_____ ,
but also _____ .
- Neither _____ ,
_____ ,
nor _____ .
- Just as _____ ,
_____ ,
so too _____ .

Stick in Semicolons

One way to make a compound sentence is with a **semicolon**. A semicolon allows you to join two independent clauses without using a conjunction.

Examples:

My mom loves to garden; she grows herbs, berries, and flowers.

The principal called me into his office; I knew I deserved what was coming.

Your Turn

Write two independent clauses about something that happened at school today. Each clause should stand on its own as a short sentence with a subject and verb.

Clause 1: _____

Clause 2: _____

Now join the clauses with a semicolon to form a compound sentence:

_____;

Time to Write!

Compound composition: Compose a paragraph about someone you admire. Include all three types of compound sentences listed above.

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