

## COMPOUND AND COMPLEX SENTENCES

### What is a Compound Sentence?

Two or more sentences joined together are known as a **compound sentence**. The simple sentences in a compound sentence can be joined together with a **comma and a conjunction**, or with a **semicolon**.

- ❖ The simple sentences in a compound sentence are usually joined by a **comma** and a **conjunction** such as:  
**and, but, or, for, so, yet, nor**

**Example:** Carrie and Evan joined the group, **and** they all went to the soccer game together. *Note: everything before the comma is a complete, simple sentence, and everything after 'and' is a complete, simple sentence. Together, they form a compound sentence.*

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**Example:** I saw Jovan, who is Allie's cousin, at the baseball game.  
*Note: the underlined words are a subordinate adjective clause describing Jovan.*

## Try This!

1] Choose the appropriate **coordinating conjunction** to join these simple sentences into a compound sentence.

I might read a book this afternoon, \_\_\_\_\_ I might go to the water park.

- a] really
- b] swam
- c] write
- d] or

2] Is the following sentence a **compound or complex sentence**?

Nathan ordered a hamburger, but Matthew chose a cheeseburger.

- a] Compound
- b] Complex

3] Choose the **subordinate clause** in this complex sentence.

My English teacher has a sense of humor.

- a] My English teacher
- b] whose name is Mr. Frank
- c] Mr. Frank, has a sense of humor
- d] has a wonderful sense of humor



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