

LET'S FOCUS ON COMPOUND SENTENCES

WHAT IS A COMPOUND SENTENCE?

A **compound sentence** contains two or more independent clauses (simple sentences), which are normally joined by a conjunction (such as *and* or *but*).

Example: Josephine loves cooking, yet she hates baking.

PLEASE NOTE

We generally place a comma after the first independent clause and before the coordinating conjunction.

I like painting, but Ray likes drawing.

EXERCISE 1

Below are a variety of simple sentences. You must choose at least two (you can choose more than two), and join them to form 3 compound sentences.

John waited for the bus. | Matthew read a book. | He ate an apple. | It was cold.
He was hungry. | He enjoyed it. | It was hot. | He needed to get to school.
He went inside. | It was late. | He thought about it. | It was just what he needed.

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EXERCISE 2

Identify whether the following are compound sentences or not by ticking the YES or NO box. If NO, then give a reason why not.

		Yes	No	Reason
1	My father and I both love eating pizza and pasta.			
2	I need you but not your bad attitude.			
3	He ran fast, but she beat him.			
4	Jim studied a lot, but he failed the exam.			
5	My mother loves reading but not sci-fi books.			

EXERCISE 3

Below, write three compound sentences of your own.

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