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- A **simple sentence** contains one subject and one predicate. It contains one complete thought.
- Two simple sentences may be joined to form a **compound sentence**, which contains two subjects and two predicates. It contains two complete thoughts.
- A conjunction is used to combine the two sentences. *And*, *but*, and *or* are conjunctions.

Add a comma followed by *and*, *but*, or *or* to combine each pair of simple sentences into one compound sentence.

1. Darien wrote the story. Elsie took the photographs.

2. The paper comes out next week. You can see it online tonight.

3. Visitors like the flowers in the park. They should not pick them.

4. You could ask the mayor about the plan. We could both talk to the senator instead.

5. I love hiking in mountains. My brother prefers the beach.

6. My aunt came with me. She said it was beautiful.

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- A **simple sentence** has one independent clause.
The sky was clear and sunny.
- A **compound sentence** has two or more independent clauses.
The faucet kept running, and the sink overflowed.
- You can combine two independent clauses by joining them with a coordinating conjunction, such as *or*, *but*, or *and*.

Decide whether each sentence is simple or compound. Write simple or compound on the line.

1. Some articles require a great deal of research.

2. The game lasted hours, but the score never changed.

3. The day was sunny, and the beach was crowded.

4. My family and I dressed for warm weather.

5. I will write about our trip in my journal tonight.

6. The weather report said rain, but no clouds appeared.

7. I wrote a review of the film, and the paper published it.

8. My dad likes camping, but my sister does not.

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- Use a comma before *and*, *but*, or *or* when you join two sentences to form a compound sentence.
- Do not use a comma before *and* when you combine two subjects or two predicates.

Use *and*, *or*, or *but* to combine two sentences into a compound sentence. Or, use *and* or *or* to combine subjects or predicates.

1. My family loves camping. I prefer reading indoors.

2. A reporter does research. A reporter interviews people.

3. Mom likes to watch the news. I discuss it with her.

4. We could write about the fire. We could write about the robbery.

5. The fire burned some buildings. Other buildings were untouched.

6. Karen went hiking. I'm going with her next time.

7. I wrote the story. I forgot to put my name on it.

8. Serena is counting votes. Maria will post the results.

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- You can combine two sentences by using *and*, *but*, or *or*.
- You can combine two sentences by joining two subjects or two predicates with *and* or *or*.

Read the passage. Think about how two sentences are joined. Then rewrite the passage using the correct punctuation.

I enjoy travel magazines, and hope to write for one some day. I could fly around the world. And people could read about my adventures. can you imagine what fun it would be. I like tasting new food I like meeting new people. They would tell me stories and I would write them in my journal. There's only one Problem. I don't like airplanes, But I guess I'll just have to get over it!

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Combine each pair of simple sentences with *and*, *but*, or *or*.

1. The storm continues. Rivers begin to flood.

2. The mayor says to leave. Some people stay.

3. We might go to a hotel. Some friends might take us in.

4. Kyle forgot to pack a toothbrush. Susan forgot to bring soap.

5. Mom wants to head east. Dad wants to go west.

6. I take notes about the storm. Kyle takes pictures.

7. I talk to the neighbors. They tell me their plans.

8. People can drive to safety. Buses can take them there.

9. Dad packed the knapsack. He forgot to take it with him.

10. I will publish my story. Some day my own children might read it.
