




Compound Sentences



Definition

 A **Compound Sentence** is a sentence that joins two simple sentences together with a comma, conjunction or semicolon.



 Simple Sentence =
Independent Clause




 Compound Sentence =

Independent Clause + Independent
Clause



What?

 An independent clause is a clause that can stand alone. It is a group of words that contains a subject and verb and expresses a complete thought.


 An independent clause is a sentence.

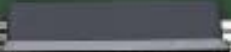



Fixing Choppy Sentences

 Ex) The cat was happy.


 Ex) He slept underneath the bed.

 Compound= The cat was happy, he slept underneath the bed.





Combining Clauses

 There are three ways to combine independent clauses to make a compound sentence:

 Comma

 Conjunction

 Semicolon



For



And



Nor



But



Or



Yet





So


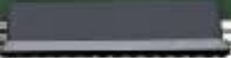





Comma + Conjunction


 Ex) The teens walked to the park
but it was closed.


 Ex) The gentleman did not know
where the sound came from, so he hid
behind the tree.






Semicolon

 You can also use a semicolon to create a compound sentence since the two statements are equal.

 Ex) The teacher applauded the class; the kids beamed with pride.

 Ex) The dog ate; the cat slept.



 Now, it is
your turn!

