



Compound Sentences

A **compound sentence** is made up of two simple sentences joined by a comma and a coordinating conjunction such as *and*, *but*, or *or*.

Simple Sentences The horned toad looks like a toad. It is really a lizard.

Compound Sentence The horned toad looks like a toad, *but* it is really a lizard.

The two sentences in a compound sentence must have ideas that make sense together.

Directions Write *S* if the sentence is a simple sentence. Write *C* if the sentence is a compound sentence. Do not confuse a compound subject or predicate with a compound sentence.

1. Reba Jo loved to ride and play her guitar. _____
2. The wind blew her hat away, and she rode after it. _____
3. Reba Jo wanted her hat, but she was frightened. _____
4. The horned toad spoke to her and found her hat. _____
5. Give me some chili, or I will tell your father. _____

Directions Join each pair of simple sentences to make a compound sentence. Use the coordinating conjunction *and*, *but*, or *or*. Don't forget to add a comma.

6. The horned toad knocked on the door. Reba Jo's father let him in.

7. Reba Jo had made a promise. She did not want to keep it.

8. She gave the horned toad some chili. He gobbled it up.

9. The toad asked Reba Jo to kiss him. At first she refused.

10. A cowgirl had to kiss the horned toad. He would never become a prince.



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Directions Circle *S* if the sentence is a simple sentence. Circle *C* if the sentence is a compound sentence. Do not confuse a compound subject or predicate with a compound sentence.

1. The Southwest is hot, dry, and mountainous. S C
2. The air is clear, and the colors are beautiful. S C
3. Sometimes it rains hard, but often it is very dry. S C
4. Visitors come from far away and camp. S C
5. Some visitors fall in love with the Southwest and settle there. S C

Directions Write the word you would use (*and*, *but*, or *or*) to join each pair of simple sentences into a compound sentence.

6. It is called a horned toad. It is really a lizard. _____
7. The country is beautiful. The people are friendly. _____
8. Was that an arroyo? Was it a canyon? _____
9. I'd love to stay. I have to go home. _____
10. We have had a great vacation. We plan to return. _____

Directions Read each sentence. Think of a simple related sentence. Make a compound sentence by adding *and*, *but*, or *or* and your sentence.

11. The desert is hot and dry, _____

12. She could ride a horse, _____
