

Compound Sentences



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Aim

- I can recognise and write a compound sentence.

Success Criteria

- I can recognise that a compound sentence contains two simple sentences.
- I can use a conjunction to join two simple sentences.



Getting Started

What is a simple sentence?

A simple sentence is a group of words that expresses one complete thought. Every simple sentence must contain a **subject** and a **verb**.

Can you spot the subjects and the verbs in this simple sentences?

subject

Ewan likes ice cream.

verb

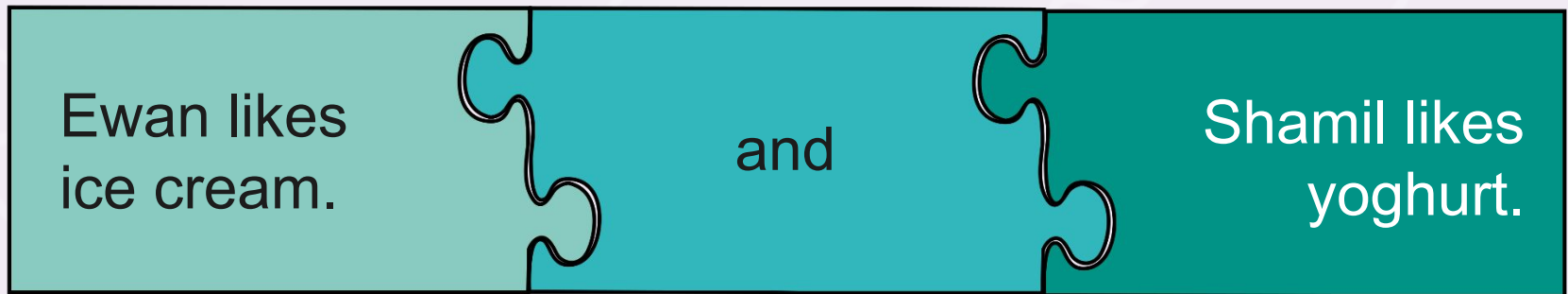
subject

Shamil likes yoghurt.

verb

Getting Started

Both of these simple sentences make sense on their own.



When we link them together with a conjunction, they form a compound sentence.

You will now not need the full stop at the end of the first clause.

Ewan likes ice cream and Shamil likes yoghurt.



Getting Started

There are seven conjunctions that we could use:

for **and** **nor** **but** **or** **yet** **so**



Which other co-ordinating conjunction could we use to link these two sentences? Often more than one co-ordinating conjunction could make sense.

Next Steps

for

and

nor

but

or

yet

so

It was time for
maths.

?

My pencil
broke.

Which conjunctions could be used to link these two simple sentences to create a compound sentence?

In this example you wouldn't need the full stop on the end of the first clause or the capital letter at the start of the second.

It was time for maths but my pencil broke.

Next Steps

for

and

nor

but

or

yet

so

Millie had lots
of friends.

?

She was a
friendly girl.

Which co-ordinating conjunctions could be used to link these two sentences to create a compound sentence?



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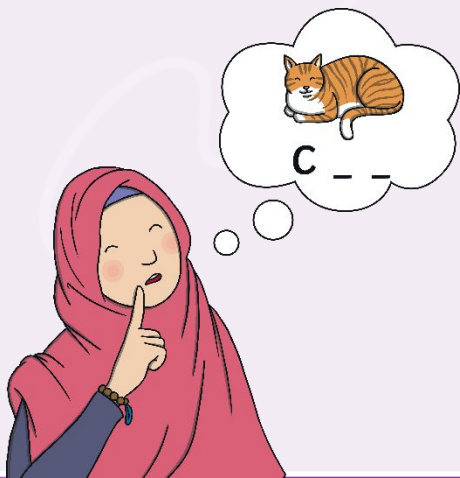
yet

so

Sally practised
her spelling
words.

?

She got full
marks in
the test.



Which conjunctions could we use to link these two sentences to create a compound sentence?

Next Steps

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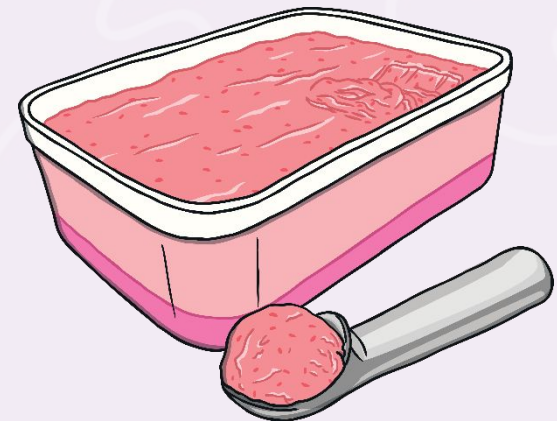
so

You can choose
chocolate ice
cream.

?

You can choose
strawberry
ice cream.

Which conjunctions could we use to link these two sentences to create a compound sentence?



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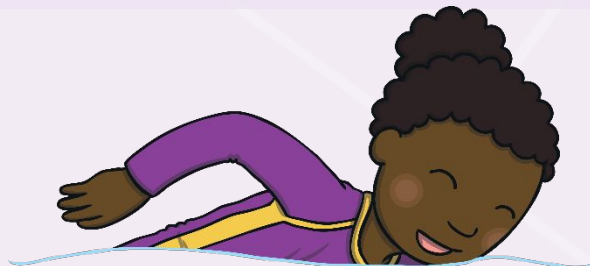
so

You can go swimming.

?

You can't jump in the pool.

Which conjunctions could we use to link these two sentences to create a compound sentence?



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yet

so

Ryan didn't
want to be late.

?

He hurried
to school.

Which conjunctions could we use to link these two sentences to create a compound sentence?



Compound Sentence Hunt

Can you spot the compound sentences in this text?

Which **conjunctions** have been used?

It was a hot, sunny day **and** the park was very busy. Izaak played on the swings **but** he didn't go on the slide. It was too scary. It was soon dinner time **so** Dad got out their picnic. Izaak could have ham sandwiches **or** he could have cheese sandwiches.



Practise Your Skills

Now, it's your turn. How could you add a conjunction and another simple sentence to create a compound sentence?

My bed
was very
comfortable.

for
and
nor
but

or
yet
so

?



Practise Your Skills

How could you add a conjunction and another simple sentence to create a compound sentence?

I love to eat
lollies.

for
and
nor
but
or
yet
so

?



Practise Your Skills

How could you add a conjunction and another simple sentence to create a compound sentence?

I played in the
rain.

for
and
nor
but

or
yet
so

?



Now have a go at the activity sheet and then come back to try the quiz questions afterwards.

Quick Quiz: Question 1

Can you find the conjunctions in these compound sentences?

a) Freya was carrying a drink but she suddenly dropped it.

b) Omar was a fantastic chess player for he played every day.

c) Nico dreamed of being a musician so he had guitar lessons.



Quick Quiz: Question 2

Complete the sentences below by writing the conjunctions from the box in the correct places to form compound sentences. Use each conjunction only once.

or

but

and

You can bring a snack on the trip
don't bring chips.

Would you like to sit next to Meg would you
like you own seat on the bus?

Make sure you remember your packed lunch try to
remember a warm coat.

Quick Quiz: Question 3

Can you remember all of the conjunctions that you can use to make co-ordinating conjunctions?

for

and

nor

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