

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

Simple Sentences Fairy tales are very old. Kids still enjoy them.
Compound Sentence Fairy tales are very old, **but** kids still enjoy them.
 The two sentences in a compound sentence must have ideas that make sense together.

Write **S** after each simple sentence and **C** after each compound sentence. Do not confuse a compound subject or predicate with a compound sentence.

1. Fairy tales and other old stories are not so boring. _____
2. Giants, witches, or trolls can make little children have nightmares. _____
3. Fairy tale heroes are often in danger, but at the end they usually win. _____
4. Often a poor girl marries a prince, or a poor boy marries a princess. _____
5. The dragon was killed, and everybody lived happily ever after. _____

Join each pair of simple sentences to make a compound sentence. Use **and**, **but**, or **or**. Do not forget to add a comma.

6. The hero was small and young. He was very brave.

7. She fell in love with the prince. He fell in love with her.

8. You can fight the dragon. You can run away.

9. He saw the woman in the tower. He wanted to save her.

10. The wolf knocked on the pigs' door. They wouldn't let him in.

Complete each sentence by adding **and**, **but**, or **or** and one of the groups of words from the box.

she sent them all away. she would not marry anyone. her father gave her half his kingdom.
 her father would lock her up in a tower. she fell in love with him.

1. The princess had many suitors _____
2. She must marry _____
3. Many men came to see the princess _____
4. Finally, a young farmer made her laugh _____
5. The princess got married _____

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.

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| 1. Limon is hot, dry and mountainous. | S | C |
| 2. The air is not so clear, but the colors are beautiful. | S | C |
| 3. Sometimes it rain hard, but often it is very dry. | S | C |
| 4. Visitors come from other countries and stay for months. | S | C |