

Sentence Combining (Compound Sentences)

Compound sentences consist of two or more simple sentences put together with a ...

1. **coordinating conjunction (and, but, or, for, nor)**

*These conjunctions are preceded by a **comma**.*

OR

2. **a semicolon (;)**

Correct

I was eager to attend the dance, but did not know what to wear.

The KMEL van parked in front of the school, and everyone looked to see who was inside.

I understood his problem; I had experienced it last week.

Incorrect

I was eager to attend the dance but, did not know what to wear.

The KMEL van parked in front of the school and everyone looked to see who was inside.

I understood his problem; and I had experienced it last week.

Practice

On a separate piece of paper, correctly combine each group of simple sentences.

1. John went to the store. His dog Skippy followed by his side.
2. I do not understand algebra. I will get better at algebra if I do my homework.
3. Armando has graduated with honors. He will matriculate at Stanford.
4. Cecilia has a wonderful family. She is proud to be a part of it.
5. The child was lonely. She had no friends. She had just moved. She lived in the pink house at the end of the block. She had curly hair.
6. Rodney works hard. He expects a scholarship.
7. Carolyn really wants to see that movie. She will go on Friday.
8. She has brown eyes. She dyed her hair orange. She cut her hair.
9. Michael ran away from home. He called his mother to see if he could return.
10. Meet me at the park. We will take the bus from there.