

Compound Sentences

Compound sentences are formed by joining two independent but related clauses. The clauses are joined by **coordinating conjunctions**. The new sentence expresses the combined sense of both independent clauses.

Using compound sentences can make your writing more interesting. Read the following example.

You can sit by the pool. I will go for a swim.

Now look at it written as a compound sentence.

You can sit by the pool, but I will go for a swim.

Notice that the conjunction adds more meaning about how the two ideas are related.

Underline the coordinating conjunctions in the sentences. Then write the simple sentences that form each compound sentence.

1. Henry fed the dog, but I walked him. _____

2. Mom fixed the leak in the bathroom, and Dad painted the ceiling. _____

3. The rain poured down all day, so the picnic was cancelled. _____

4. I read the book, but my friend saw the movie. _____

5. John did not study writing in college, yet he later became a famous writer. _____

6. Will cooked breakfast, so Trudy served the meal. _____
