

The form compound sentence:

1. Joining two or more simple sentences.
Tom phoned. He left a message. → Tom phoned and left a message.
2. Joining the sentence by **Conjunction** → *and, and then, but, for, nor, or, so, yet; either ...or; neither...nor; not only...but ... (also/as well/too)*
3. Using conjunctions to show, for example:
 - **addition** (*and*) *He washed the car and polished it.*
 - **continuation** (*and then*) *He washed the car and then polished it.*
 - **contrast** (*but, yet*) *She sold her house, but/yet (she) can't help regretting it.*
 - **choice** (*or*) *You can park your car on the drive or on the road.*
 - **result** (*so*) *He couldn't find his pen, so he wrote in pencil.*
 - **reason** (*for*) *We rarely stay in hotels, for we can't afford it.*
4. Using a comma in front of *but, so, and for*. We don't use a comma in front of *and/or*.

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| Conjunction | <i>He washed the car and polished it. (no comma before and)</i> |
| Compare | <i>He washed the car, but didn't polish it. (comma before but)</i> |
5. Hiding the subject if the subject is the same in all parts.

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| same subject : | <i>Tom Phoned. He left a message. → Tom phoned and (he) left the message.</i> |
| different subjects : | <i>Tom phoned. Frank answered. → Tom phoned and Frank answered.</i> |
6. Repeating the subject after *so* and *for* :

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| | <i>He couldn't finish the task, so he got bad score.</i> |
| | <i>We rarely stay in hotels, for we can't afford it.</i> |



Compound sentence with the same subjects. Use the words in brackets

- I took the shoes back to the shop. I complained about them. (and)
- Your mother phoned this morning. She didn't leave a message. (but)
- I can leave now. I can stay for another hour. (I can either ...or)
- Jim built his own house. He designed it himself. (Jim not only...but...as well)
- I don't know what happened to him. I don't care. (I neither...nor)
- My new assistant can type very well. He hasn't much experience with computers.

Compound Sentences with different subjects and with 'so/for'

- The taxi stopped at the station. Two men got out of it. (and)
- You can give me some advice. Your colleague can. (Either you....or)
- We got ready on the train. It didn't stop. (but)
- No one was in. We left a message. (so)
- We didn't want to go home late after the film. We went straight back. (So)
- The old lady was nervous. She wasn't used to strangers calling late at night. (for)
- I've always wanted to live in the country. My parents prefer to live in town. (but)
- The letter has been lost. The postman has delivered it to the wrong address. (or)
- Jane was succesful career woman. Her mother wanted her to be a housewife.