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Compound Sentences

Focus

A **compound sentence** consists of two or more simple sentences, which are also called independent clauses. The sentences should be connected by a comma and a conjunction, such as *and*, *or*, or *but*, or a semicolon.

Example: I returned the library books late, and I had to pay a fine.

Practice

Read each sentence below. If it is a compound sentence, place a check mark on the line. If it is not a compound sentence, place an X on the line.

1. _____ In the fall we rake leaves, but in the winter we shovel snow.
2. _____ Kazu likes painting landscapes.
3. _____ I told Amira the answer, and she wrote it on the board.
4. _____ Did Cody remember to bring his camera, or did he leave it at home?
5. _____ Ms. Cardini entered the classroom.
6. _____ I like to picture myself lounging by a pool.
7. _____ Mariah thought she was going to win the spelling bee, but she came in second place.
8. _____ The soccer team practiced every day the week before Saturday's game.