

Compound Sentences

A **simple sentence** has one subject and one predicate. A **compound sentence** contains two simple sentences joined by a comma and a word such as *and*, *but*, or *or*.

Simple Sentence The boy helped his mother.

Simple Sentence His mother bought him a bicycle.

Compound Sentence The boy helped his mother, and his mother bought him a bicycle.

The two parts of a compound sentence have ideas that make sense together. A comma goes after the first sentence, before the word *and*, *but*, or *or*.

Directions Write *S* if the sentence is a simple sentence. Write *C* if the sentence is a compound sentence.

1. The family had a farm.

 S

2. The boy planted beans, and his mom planted pumpkins.

 C

3. The family ate bananas and spinach.

 S

4. The spinach tasted good, but the bananas tasted better.

 C

5. The boy picked the crops, and his father sold them.

 C

Directions Write each compound sentence. Add a comma to punctuate the sentence correctly.

6. A wheelbarrow carries crops but it is hard to push.

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7. You can pick peas or you can gather sweet potatoes.

You can pick peas, or you can gather sweet potatoes.

8. It rains in spring and the crops grow quickly.

It rains in spring, and the crops grow quickly.

9. Coffee grows on trees and pumpkins grow on vines.

Coffee grows on trees, and pumpkins grow on vines.

10. Farming is hard work but the family enjoys it.

Farming is hard work, but the family enjoys it.