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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	I rode my bike to Dan's house.
Simple Sentence	We rode to the park.
Compound Sentence	I rode my bike to Dan's house, and we rode to the park.

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

- Bicycles are important to people in some countries. **S**
- People in some places do not have cars. **S**
- They ride bicycles to work, and they ride them to the store. **C**
- Bicycles cost less than cars, but they are not cheap. **C**
- Bicycles do not make the air dirty, but cars do. **C**

Directions Choose one of the words in () to combine each pair of simple sentences. Write the compound sentences on the lines.

6. Chris rode a bicycle up the hill. It was not easy. (but, or)

Chris rode a bicycle up the hill, but it was not easy.

7. Chris skinned his knee. He bumped his head. (but, and)

Chris skinned his knee, and he bumped his head.

8. Now Chris can ride to school. He can ride to the park. (or, but)

Now Chris can ride to school, or he can ride to the park.



Home Activity Your child learned about compound sentences. Say two short related sentences describing your child. Have him or her combine the sentences to make a compound sentence.