

## THE COMPOUND SENTENCE

**The compound sentence consists of two or more simple sentences put together.** In the compound sentence, each verb has a different subject. The sentences are joined three ways.

1. By a comma and coordinating conjunction (**and, but, yet, so, or, for, nor.**)  
ex. Martha has been painting her room, **but** Peg went to the movies.
2. With a semicolon (;)  
ex. Mrs. Miller likes to play bridge; Amy is her favorite partner.
3. With a semicolon and a conjunctive adverb (**then, however, therefore, consequently,** etc.)  
ex. Our trip took five days; **consequently**, we are exhausted.

### Identifying Compound and Simple Sentences.

Place "S" for simple or "C" for compound in the blank after the sentence.

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6. We had nearly finished our thirty-six holes of golf, and I was exhausted. \_\_\_\_\_
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8. Mrs. Brent likes to drive; she finds it relaxing. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Annette is afraid of the water; consequently, she had trouble passing the swimming test. \_\_\_\_\_
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14. The Millers and the Ogdens like to attend concerts together. \_\_\_\_\_
15. I did my grocery shopping today; consequently, our cupboard is full. \_\_\_\_\_
16. The President will hold a press conference today. \_\_\_\_\_
17. Mr. Nelson looked angry; accordingly, I wasn't eager to introduce myself. \_\_\_\_\_
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