

# SPaG Starters **Compound Sentences**

A compound sentence is made up of two or more independent clauses that are joined together using a coordinating conjunction (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so). They can also be separated using a semi-colon.

To double check whether you have correctly used a compound sentence, remove the conjunction or semi-colon and check that the clauses still make sense independently.



e.g.

*It was raining heavily outside so we stayed indoors.*

*It was raining heavily outside; we stayed indoors.*

Can you spot the compound sentences?

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2. The fish, which had been behaving oddly, sprouted an extra fin.
3. Do you want to go in or do you want to go home?
4. Hannah left the food on her plate and said it was cold.
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Now write two compound sentences of your own!



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