Compound Sentences

A compound sentence is a sentence that contains two complete ideas (called clauses) that are related. These two clauses are usually connected in a compound sentence by a conjunction. The coordinating conjunctions are "and", "but", "for", "or", "nor", "yet", or "so".

Example:

*Batman is a hero. He is successful in catching the criminals in his city.*

Batman is a hero, **and** he is successful in catching the criminals in his city.

OR...

Batman is a hero, **for** he is successful in catching the criminals in his city.

**Directions:** In the following exercises, turn the sentence pairs into single compound sentences, each with a coordinating conjunction. **You can rearrange or add words in the sentence to make it sound better, but only if it's necessary.**

1. The black dog has won many prizes. He doesn't know many tricks.

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2. She saw a cat run in front of her. She fell down while roller-skating.

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3. There was a meteor shower. The crew did not know how to avoid the meteors.

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4. I wanted to buy a baby Chihuahua. I started to save my money.

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5. Gillian did not like to read. She was not very good at it.

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6. Pam liked Wayne. Leena also liked Wayne.

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7. The little boy did not like going to school. He went anyway.

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8. You can cry like a baby. You can clean your room like an adult.

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9. She didn't want to play with Jill. She didn't want to play with Tim.
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10. Arleen could not play with that boy. Arleen could not play with that other boy.
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11. Let's go to the swimming pool. It's hot inside the house.
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12. I don't want to eat. I don't want to drink.
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13. I don't want to practice playing my violin. I don't want to disobey my mother.
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14. I want to own my own company. I want to pay all my workers a lot of money.
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15. I need to go to the store. I'm feeling too sick to drive.
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16. Rabbits make good pets. They don't make too much noise and they are clean.
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17. I want to go to the circus. I want to ride a pony.
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18. I didn't do my homework. My parents punished me.
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19. I have never visited Asia. I have never visited Africa.
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20. You can make a big poster. You can make a little clay statue.
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Answers (may vary):

1. The black dog has won many prizes, but he doesn’t know many tricks.
2. She saw a cat run in front of her, so she fell down while roller-skating.
3. There was a meteor shower in space, but the crew did not know how to avoid the meteors.
4. I wanted to buy a baby Chihuahua, so I started to save my money.
5. Gillian did not like to read, for she was not very good at it.
6. Pam liked Wayne, and Leena also liked Wayne.
7. The little boy did not like to go to school, yet he went anyway.
8. You could cry like a baby, or you can clean your room like an adult.
9. She didn’t want to play with Jill, and she didn’t want to play with Tim.
10. Arleen’s could not play with that boy, nor could she play with that other boy.
11. Let’s go to the swimming pool, for it’s hot inside the house.
12. I don’t want to eat, and I don’t want to drink.
13. I don’t want to practice playing the violin, yet I don’t want to disobey my mother.
14. I want to own my own company, and I want to pay all my workers a lot of money.
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19. I have never visited Asia, nor have I visited Africa.
20. You can make a big poster, or you can make a little clay statue.