

Grade 4 Lesson: Compound Sentences

1. What Is a Compound Sentence?

A compound sentence is made by joining two simple sentences with a coordinating conjunction (FANBOYS).

Each part of a compound sentence can stand on its own.

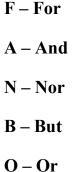
Example:

- Simple sentences:
 - I like ice cream.
 - I like cake.
- Compound sentence:

I like ice cream, and I like cake.

2. FANBOYS Help Make Compound

Sentences	1	•
Use the joining words:		
F – For		



Y - Yet

S - So

3. When Do We Use FANBOYS?

Conjunction	Use	Example
And	to add information	I finished my homework, and I played outside.
But	to show contrast/difference	I wanted to play, but it started to rain.
Or	to show choice	You can read a book, or you can draw.
So	to show result	It was late, so I went to bed.
For	to give a reason	I stayed home, for I was sick.
Nor	negative addition	He didn't call, nor did he message.
Yet	unexpected	It was sunny, yet it felt cold.

4. Punctuation Rule

In most compound sentences, we put a **comma (,) before the FANBOYS** conjunction.

Example:

• I was tired, so I slept early.

5. Grade 4 Examples

Correct Compound Sentences:

- Sara ate her lunch, and she shared some with her friend.
- I wanted to swim, but the pool was closed.
- You can have milk, or you can have juice.

Incorrect:

• I wanted to swim, the pool was closed. X (comma splice)

6. Practice for Students

A. Turn these into compound sentences:

- 1. The dog barked. The cat ran away.
- 2. I forgot my book. I borrowed one from the library.
- 3. You can sit here. You can sit there.
- 4. She was thirsty. She drank water.
- 5. He didn't see the ball. He didn't catch it.

B. Choose the correct conjunction:

(so, but, and, or)

- It was raining, ____ we stayed inside.
 I like apples, ____ I like oranges.
- 3. I wanted to go, ___ I was too tired.
- 4. You can paint, ____ you can draw.

Answer Key

A (sample answers):

- 1. The dog barked, **and** the cat ran away.
- 2. I forgot my book, so I borrowed one from the library.
- 3. You can sit here, **or** you can sit there.
- 4. She was thirsty, so she drank water.
- 5. He didn't see the ball, **nor** did he catch it.

B:

- 1. so
- 2. and
- 3. but
- 4. or