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# 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.**

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## 2. FANBOYS Help Make Compound Sentences

Use the joining words:

**F – For**

**A – And**

**N – Nor**

**B – But**

**O – Or**

**Y – Yet**

**S – So**

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### 3. When Do We Use FANBOYS?

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

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### 4. Punctuation Rule

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

**Example:**

- I was tired, **so** I slept early.
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### 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. **✗** (comma splice)
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### 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.
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### **B. Choose the correct conjunction:**

(so, but, and, or)

1. It was raining, \_\_\_\_ we stayed inside.
  2. I like apples, \_\_\_\_ I like oranges.
  3. I wanted to go, \_\_\_\_ I was too tired.
  4. You can paint, \_\_\_\_ you can draw.
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## **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
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