

Multi-Clause Sentences

What Is a Compound Sentence?



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Getting Started

What is a simple sentence?

A simple sentence is a group of words that expresses one complete thought. Every simple sentence must contain a **subject** and a **verb**. They can also be called a **main** or **independent** clause.

Can you spot the subjects and the verbs in these main/independent clauses?

subject

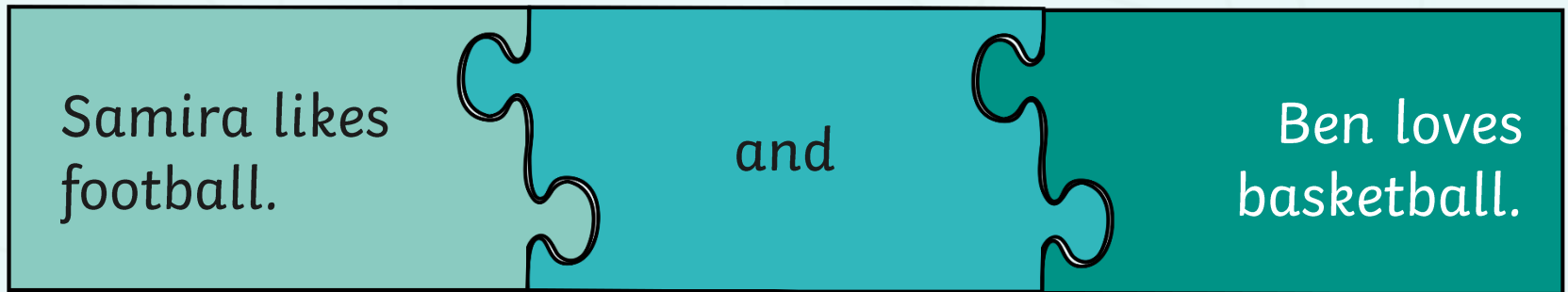
Samira likes football.

verb

Ben loves basketball.

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Both of these main/independent clauses make sense on their own.



When we link them together with a co-ordinating conjunction, they form a compound sentence.

Next Steps

for and nor but or yet so

Luke had lots
of friends.

?

He was a
friendly boy.

Which co-ordinating conjunctions could be used to link these two main/independent clauses to create a compound sentence?

Is there one that fits best?

Are some co-ordinating conjunctions easier to use than others?

Next Steps

for and nor but or yet so

We can go swimming.

?

We can't jump in the pool.

Which co-ordinating conjunctions could be used to link these two main/independent clauses to create a compound sentence?

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Next Steps

for and nor but or yet so

Max didn't
want to be late.

?

He hurried
to school.

Which co-ordinating conjunctions could be used to link these two main/independent clauses to create a compound sentence?

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Practise Your Skills

Now, it's your turn. How could you add a co-ordinating conjunction and another main/independent clause to create a compound sentence?

My bed
was very
comfortable.

for
and
nor
but

or
yet
so

?

