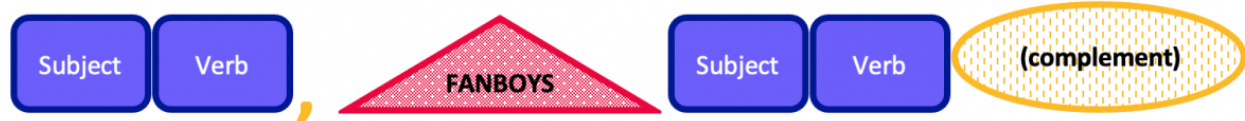


Compound Sentences

Sentence Structure



Independent Clauses

A simple sentence can also be called an independent clause. An independent clause is a subject and verb that is a complete idea. It does not need more information to complete the thought.

You can connect separate independent clauses (simple sentences) using a coordinating conjunction. Coordinating conjunctions are words that connect the two sentences together. You use them when the ideas in the sentences are connected.

- I have a dog, and I want another dog.

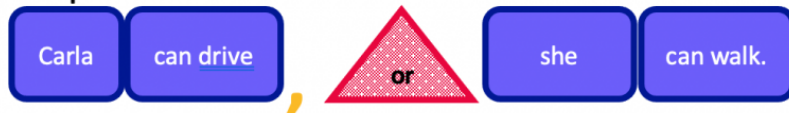
See that both sentences are complete. You can separate them with a period. However, the meaning of the sentences is connected, so you can use a coordinating conjunction to make the connection clear. When a sentence has more than one independent clause, it is called a compound sentence.

Coordinating Conjunctions

Coordinating conjunctions in English are *for, and, nor, but, or, yet, and so*. We often use the word *FANBOYS* to remember these words. When you use a coordinating conjunction (*FANBOYS*), you will use a comma before the second independent clause.

- F – Bring an umbrella, for it will rain this afternoon.
 - This word shows a cause or reason connection.
 - This is more formal and not common.
- A – Reading class is first, and writing class is second.
 - This word shows addition, time order, or cause/reason.
- N – I never liked broccoli, nor will I ever like it.
 - This shows that both clauses are not true or do not happen.
 - This is use more in formal English.
- B – Rei was late to class, but he did participate.
 - This shows a difference connection.
- O – My classmates are going to karaoke, or they are going bowling.
 - This word shows a choice between the clauses.
 - It is often used in questions.
- Y – I did the homework, yet I still have many questions.
 - This word is used like *but* to show a difference connection.
- S – We need money, so we will get jobs.
 - This conjunction shows a cause or reason connection like *for*.

Example 1



Example 2



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