

EXPANDING SENTENCES With COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

A compound sentence has two independent clauses.
(Independent clauses can be their own sentences!)

EXAMPLE: I got new shoes. They are yellow.

Two independent clauses

I got new shoes, and they are yellow.

Compound sentence



PART 1. Expand the following simple sentences into compound sentences.
Choose a coordinating conjunction from the list. Write your new sentence
on the lines below.

COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS: and • nor • but • or • yet • so • for

1. The doctor walked quickly. He did not know which room to go to.

The doctor walked quickly, but he did not know which room to go to.

2. I scored a 100 on my test. I was very proud of myself.

I scored a 100 on my test, so I was very proud of myself.

3. He swam in the pool. He needed to cool off on the hot day.

He swam in the pool, for he needed to cool off on the hot day.

4. The sky was bright blue. There were no clouds in the sky.

The sky was bright blue, and there were no clouds in the sky.

5. The woman sat down. She could rest her legs.

The woman sat down, so she could rest her legs.

PART 2. Your turn! Record two simple sentences. Then combine them with a
coordinating conjunction to make a compound sentence.

*Be sure to include a comma before the coordinating conjunction!

SIMPLE SENTENCE: Answers will vary.

SIMPLE SENTENCE: _____

COMPOUND SENTENCE: _____