

Compound Sentences in Nonfiction

A **coordinating conjunction** is a word that joins words, phrases, or independent clauses.

- Think of the words “**FAN BOYS**” to help you remember the coordinating conjunctions.

For And Nor But Or Yet So = FAN BOYS

A **compound sentence** is a sentence that has two or more independent clauses (simple sentences can stand on their own).

Directions: Underline the conjunctions in the following nonfiction texts. Highlight the compound sentences.

Soccer

Did you know that soccer is the most popular sport in the world? Soccer is the most widely played sport on Earth. The sport is most popular in Europe and South America, but it originated in China more than 2000 years ago. The game’s popularity spread rapidly throughout the world in the 1800s. In the 1800s, British sailors, traders, and soldiers took the game with them as they traveled, and they introduced it to the people they met along the way. This helped spread the game to the corners of the world where people learned the rules of the game. Soccer is popular among non-competitive athletes because it is an effective form of exercise. A single player runs about 7 miles on average during an entire soccer game. The United States has almost 18 million soccer players, which is more than any other country. Every four years, the World Cup is held. It is the biggest soccer tournament in the world, and billions of people watch the televised games. National teams from countries around the world battle to win the tournament. The World Cup is the most prestigious tournament in the world, and it is the most widely viewed and followed sporting event in the world. More people watch the World Cup than the Super Bowl!

Directions: Rewrite the underlined sentences to make compound sentences. Choose a coordinating conjunction to combine the sentences, and remember to add a comma before the conjunction. Use the back of this page if needed.

Tennis

People play tennis competitively and for fun. Tennis is a sport with an interesting history. It provides significant health benefits for those who play. The history of tennis dates back to the 1400s. In the 16th century, rackets were introduced. Prior to rackets, people played tennis with the palms of their hands to hit the ball back and forth. Today, there are many famous tennis events that draw large crowds. Tennis is good for your health. It is good for the body. It is good for the mind. One of the best things about tennis is that it is a sport that can be played at any age and skill level. Tennis is a low-impact sport. People of all different ages and abilities can pick it up. Tennis provides exercise that helps with flexibility, balance, and coordination. Playing tennis decreases your risk for heart disease. It increases your bone health.
