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Sentences: Compound Subjects

Sometimes you may want to show that two or more subjects are performing the same action or that the same subject is doing two or more things. To do this, you connect subjects or verbs with words such as and or or. Subjects or verbs connected in this way are said to be compound.

****A compound subject consists of two or more connected subjects that have the same verb. The usual connecting words are and and or.****

EXAMPLES Paris and London are favorite tourist attractions.

[The two parts of the compound subject have the same verb, *are*.]

Shane Winter or Eliza Slack will go on the field trip with us.

[The two parts of the compound subject have the same verb phrase, *will go*.]

Identifying Compound Subjects

Circle the compound subjects in the following sentences. Watch for subjects in the middle or at the end of sentences. If you are having trouble, try locating the verb first and then ask yourself “Who _____?” or “What _____?”

EXAMPLE The shapes and sizes of sand dunes are determined by the wind.

1. The national parks and monuments of the United States include many of the world’s most spectacular landforms.
2. The Grand Canyon and the waterfalls of Yosemite are examples of landforms shaped by erosion.
3. Water and other natural forces are continuing the age-old erosion of landforms.
4. On the Colorado plateau, natural bridges and arches have been produced by erosion.
5. Skyline Arch and Landscape Arch in Utah are two natural arches formed by erosion.
6. In the underground world, caves or immense caverns are created by rushing streams and sparkling waterfalls.

7. Stalagmites and stalactites are produced by lime deposits from drops of water seeping into these caverns.

8. Canyons and gorges in the river systems of the world are the results of erosion.

9. Rapids and waterfalls have also been created by erosion.

10. Do steep areas with heavy rainfall or semiarid areas with little vegetation suffer the most from erosion?

Writing Compound Subjects

Write sentences by adding compound subjects to these predicates. Use *and* or *or* to join your compound subjects.

1. Yesterday () docked at the pier.

2. () make loyal pets.

3. On the beach () spotted a dolphin.

4. () run like professionals.

5. In the attic were piled ().