

Sentences: Compound Verbs

Just as a sentence may have a compound subject, so it may have a *compound verb*. When two or more verbs or verb phrases are joined by *and*, *or*, *nor*, or *but*, the combination is called a *compound verb*.

****A compound verb consists of two or more connected verbs that have the same subject.****

EXAMPLES JJ **pitched** well but **lost** the game.

The rain **has fallen** for days and **is flooding** the low areas.

A sentence may have both a *compound subject* and a *compound verb*.

EXAMPLE A few **vegetables** and many **flowers** sprouted and grew in the rich soil.

Note that in such sentences both subjects carry out the action of both verbs.

Identifying Compound Verbs

Underline the verbs or verb phrases in the following sentences.

EXAMPLES The largest crowd of the season attended the game and cheered for the teams.

1. The team played well but lost the game.
2. Bryan went out early in the morning but came home late in the evening.
3. At dawn heavy rains and strong winds struck the beach and damaged the boardwalk.
4. Shane is worrying about his grades and is studying very hard.
5. In the afternoons, campers either swim or play softball.
6. Mrs. Silva listened to my story and offered me some good advice.
7. Many of the puzzles appeared easy but proved difficult.
8. The passengers had fastened their seat belts and were waiting for takeoff.
9. Do Shane and JJ walk to school or take the bus?
10. Someone had entered the house but had taken nothing.