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Compound Subjects

A compound subject contains two or more nouns or pronouns which are both subjects of the same verb.

Example: Meghan and Brad fell in love.
He and she make a perfect couple.
Her pretty smile and his blue eyes catch everyone's attention.

Underline the nouns that make up the compound subject in each sentence.

1. The ice and snow made driving dangerous.
2. The tattered coat and the worn-out shoes made him look poor.
3. The sofa and love seat were delivered yesterday.
4. Jack and Jill went up the hill.
5. Hamburgers and french fries are on the menu.
6. Nouns and verbs are really easy to spot.
7. Maine and Alaska are my favorite states.
8. Mrs. Kilmer and Mr. Dugan are in the foreign language department.
9. A fresh coat of paint and new curtains would really improve this room.
10. The fried chicken and mashed potatoes smelled divine.
11. Her reading glasses and wallet were in the missing purse.
12. Her genuine tears and the look of remorse in her eyes made me forgive her easily.
13. Mark and I have an appointment with the guidance counselor.
14. The letters and numbers were written in green ink.
15. Old newspapers and stacks of magazines were everywhere.
16. The exam and its key were stolen from the teacher's desk.
17. The dog and cat were the best of friends.
18. She and I could not make up our minds.
19. Hamburg, Berlin, and Munich are in Germany.
20. Vienna and Salzburg are in Austria.

Compound Verbs

A compound verb is composed of two or more separate verbs (including auxiliary verbs) that have the same subject. If there are two (or more) verbs in the sentence and each have a separate subject and express a complete thought, then it is a compound sentence, not a compound verb.

Example: I hired Ms. Fisher and fired Ms. Crocker. (compound verb)

The puppy rolled in the mud and needed a bath. (compound verb)

Jack felt rather queasy, and Jane looked really pale. (compound sentence.)

There are two verbs in each sentence. Underline them. If both of the verbs have the same subject, write CV in the blank. If each verb has a separate subject, write CS in the blank.

- _____ 1. My uncle runs a business and teaches piano.
- _____ 2. I will be going to a new school in the fall and making new friends.
- _____ 3. Mary Jane set the table, and David put the finishing touches on the dessert.
- _____ 4. The bone china coffee cup fell and shattered on the hard marble floor.
- _____ 5. The student cheated and failed the test anyway.
- _____ 6. Mike ran in the race then slept all day.
- _____ 7. Crystal loved the play, but Craig found it rather boring.
- _____ 8. I will be following that news story and clipping every article from the paper.
- _____ 9. When Jack ironed his shirt, he burned a big hole right in the front.
- _____ 10. The squirrel in the park approached me cautiously and grabbed the peanuts.
- _____ 11. I'll bring the cookies, and you supply the punch.
- _____ 12. Molly answers the phone and takes orders at the pizza restaurant.
- _____ 13. We cleaned the house and mowed the lawn.
- _____ 14. Doug cleaned the house, and Marsha mowed the lawn.
- _____ 15. Bridget rides a horse, and Tom walks.