

A Good Mechanic Is Hard to Find

Conjunctions

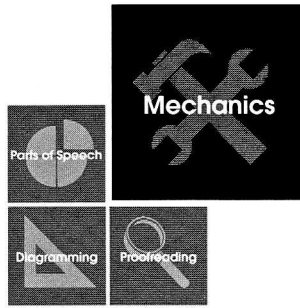
A **conjunction** is a joining word. The most common conjunctions, **and**, **or**, **for**, **so**, and **but**, are called **coordinating conjunctions** because they join equal partners. They may join single subjects, adjectives, verbs, or even whole sentences.

Underline the conjunction(s) in each sentence.

1. For dinner, I plan to have a hamburger, some fries, and a shake.
2. My mother says I should have some vegetables and some milk, but I don't believe her.
3. Dinner without grease or fats is like living on bread and water.
4. Either I eat junk food, or I eat nothing, for junk food is the staff of life.

Fill in the blanks.

An adverb modifies a _____, an _____,
or an _____.



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Compound Sentences

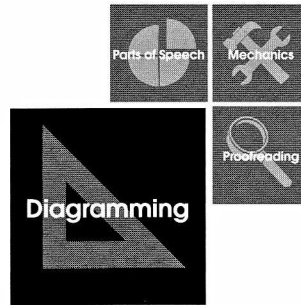
A sentence that consists of two independent sentences connected by a coordinating conjunction is called a **compound sentence**.

In compound sentences, a comma is always required before the conjunction. Sometimes, the conjunction is replaced by a semicolon (;).

Hint: Don't confuse a compound subject or verb with a compound sentence.

*Label each compound verb (**CV**), compound subject (**CS**), and compound sentence (**Csen**). Insert punctuation where required. Write OK after the sentences that do not need punctuation changes.*

1. John and Jim will go to the movies.
2. Jamie will also go to the movies but I will stay home.
3. I will stay home and do my homework.
4. I will write my essay first next I will finish my math.
5. I have homework to do because I didn't finish it on time.
6. Next time, I will avoid procrastinating and finish my work early and then I can go to the movies with my friends.



Understand the Structure

Diagramming Compound Sentences

Diagram each sentence separately. Then join the two with a stepped line on which the conjunction or semicolon is written.

The monster ran fast, but the hero ran faster.

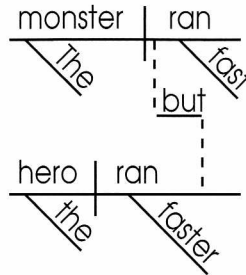


Diagram the following sentences.

1. I ran, but he followed.
2. The lightning flashed, and the thunder crashed.
3. The building collapsed suddenly; everything exploded.



Careless Mistakes Can Cause Big Problems!

Proofreading

Correct the mistakes in the sentences below. **There are seven mistakes.**

Michael Jordan was a great player. The Bulls' realy missed him when he retired. He moved on the court really good and his shooting was completely amazing. I have a bet with my parent's that he will not come out of retirment again. I will be happy weather I win or lose the bet.