

# Compound Subjects and Compound Verbs

A **compound subject** has more than one part.

*Susan and Jane* saw the movie.

A **compound verb** also has more than one part.

Terry *sang* and *danced*.

Identify the compound subjects and compound verbs. Underline the subjects once and the verbs twice in the following sentences.

Example: Merry swims and dives equally well.

1. Gary and Jonathan practiced a piano duet.
2. The man cooked and ate his breakfast.
3. Carrots and cucumbers are both vegetables.
4. The campers chopped and stored the firewood.
5. Marilyn's aunt and uncle are both teachers.
6. We framed and hung the pictures.
7. Lisa hits and pitches well.
8. Construction paper, a ruler, and scissors are needed.
9. Debbie, Mitchell, and Michelle are her children.
10. Two and two make four.
11. Lions, tigers, and bears are all wild animals.
12. Gymnasts balance, tumble, and vault.
13. The kettle gurgled and sputtered on the stove.
14. The sun appeared and dried the sidewalk.
15. A family of swans waddled slowly to the lake and swam off.
16. Cheryl and Mark have moved to St. Louis.
17. I answered the phone, spoke to the caller, and took a message.
18. All at once, our dog ran to the basement door and listened intently.
19. Carol and Bob ran their errands and then ate lunch.
20. The carpenters measured and cut the wood.

## Compound Predicate

A sentence has a **compound predicate** if there are two or more verbs that each have the same subject.

Example: We ate and drank until we were full.

(The subject of both verbs is *We*)

The watch and the ring cost a lot, but were worth the money.

(The subject of both verbs is *watch and ring*)

**Underline the verbs. Write S on the line if it is a simple sentence (the verbs have the same subject).**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. She led and we followed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The spoiled child cried and cried for more candy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The photographer framed and shot a perfect picture.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Sal will wash and dry the dishes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. We heard a crash, and a scream followed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The rain poured and the wind roared.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Faith danced and sang to the music.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Melissa and Bert found the purse and returned it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The large dog slobbered and jumped all over me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. We prune and water the garden twice a week.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Patrick mopped and swept the floor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. John and his sister hurried to the counter and bought two tickets.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Patty washed and dried her pretty auburn hair.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Don't slip and slide on the wet floor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. I tried studying but fell asleep.

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Compound Predicate

**Rewrite each simple sentence with a compound predicate. Remember that both verbs must accompany the same subject for the sentence to be simple.**

Example: We sat on the sofa.  
I felt sorry for her.

We sat and talked on the sofa.  
I felt sorry for her and forgave her.

1. The children played in the park.

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2. The brothers were arguing in view of everyone.

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3. The driver grew sleepy.

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4. The class painted with watercolors.

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5. The girls watched videos at the slumber party.

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6. The talented girl could sing beautifully.

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7. The fire started in the attic.

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8. Sam found a wallet on the ground.

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9. The large dog slobbered all over me.

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10. Ellen closed the door after Bob left.

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