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Compound Sentences

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FANBOYS (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so)

A Compound sentence is a sentence that has two simple sentences joined together. When a compound sentence is joined together with a coordinating conjunction (for, and, nor, but, or, yet so), add a comma **before** a coordinating conjunction.

Hint: not all conjunctions join two simple sentences (independent clauses). If they are not joining two simple sentences, do not use a comma.

Examples of Comma Rule:

Jordan broke his arm, so he had to go to the hospital.

My dog chased a rabbit around the yard, but he couldn't catch it.

Amelia opened her locker and grabbed her books for class.

Directions: Underline the FANBOYS in the sentence. If it is joining 2 sentences, insert a comma **BEFORE** the coordinating conjunction. If it is not joining 2 sentences, do not insert a comma.

Practice:

- The play is tomorrow night so we are having a dress rehearsal tonight.
- Digger dug a hole in the ground and buried his bone.

On Your Own:

1. Roberta likes going to school but she does not like math class.
2. Jed and Joey put hot fudge and whipped cream on their ice cream.
3. Betty likes to eat pizza but she likes spaghetti better.
4. Eli sat down to do his homework but his sister ate it.
5. Snoopy went to his dog house to eat and take a nap.
6. Linus lost his blanket and started to cry.
7. Charlie Brown wanted to ask Lucy a question but she was too busy to answer.
8. Students are eating spaghetti or deli subs today.
9. Sponge Bob took his notebook to class but he forgot his pencil.
10. Sally went fishing last Saturday but we didn't catch anything.