

Compound Sentences

What is a compound sentence?

A compound sentence combines two sentences into one using a comma and a conjunction, such as and, or , but.

Examples:

- ❑ I heard a screeching noise behind the tree. A cat sprinted past me.
 - I heard a screeching noise behind the tree, and a cat sprinted past me.
- ❑ The scared cat jumped up onto my sister's shoulder. My sister screamed.
 - The scared cat jumped up onto my sister's shoulder, and my sister screamed.
- ❑ My mom screamed too. My brother laughed.
 - My mom screamed too, but my brother laughed.
- ❑ We could continue Trick or Treating. We could go home.
 - We could continue Trick or Treating, or we could go home.

Try some sentences yourself by completing this activity.

1. Make a list of Halloween characters, actions, places, props, and mood/weather.

Note-- make a chart: Note: the words across rows do not need to match; just make lists.

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Characters	Actions	Places	Props	Mood/Weather
witch	screeches	dark sky	broom	stormy
ghost	flies	haunted house	oak tree	candy bag
goblin	sneaks	bushes	candy	full moon
princess	prances	sidewalk	magic wand	frosty
	surprises	porch	crown	creepy
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2. Use the words from the chart to create Halloween paragraphs of compound sentences.

Remember to place your comma before the conjunction, or you won't have a correctly written sentence.

* Example:

A witch screeched across the dark sky on her broom, and the ghost flew through the windows in the haunted house. The princess screamed at the ghostly flights, but her little brother laughed. Then a goblin grabbed his bag of candy, and the princess squealed as the fog followed the goblin away. The princess and her brother scampered across the frosty lawn back towards their red brick house, and the wind forced them forward. They pushed open the front door to their house, and dad stood in the living room with a goblin mask in his hand. "Dad!" Todd exclaimed, "You fooled me again this year!"

3. Share your paragraphs.