



GOAL: WRITE STRONG VERB COMPOUND SENTENCES.

WE KNOW STRONG VERBS, BUT: 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 Sentences:

- 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.

Let's Try -- WITH STRONG VERBS

Your directions will be:

Think of two SHORT sentences. Then combine them into one compound sentence. Begin to tell a story *WITH STRONG VERBS*--- Continue writing two short sentences, and combining them into one compound sentence to tell a Halloween story. Then rewrite the compound sentences into a paragraph with an introduction and conclusion.

First let's practice --- and then see a model of a paragraph:

Examples-- with help from you:

1.

The witch swerves in the sky on her broom.

The goblin zooms up the oak tree.

Your compound sentence from these two short sentences:

Check with teacher.

2.

The witch softly lands in the tree.

The goblin zips into the squirrel's home in the tree trunk to hide.

Your compound sentence from these two short sentences:

Check with teacher.

3.

The goblin conjures up a special spell for the witch.

The witch turns into another branch of the tree.

Your compound sentence from these two short sentences:

Check with teacher.

4.

The goblin giggles in glee.

The witch wiggles as wind in the tree.

Your compound sentence from these two short sentences:

Check with teacher.

Now, here are the same sentences recopied into a paragraph:

Final paragraph with introduction and conclusion added:

On Halloween day the goblin spots his enemy the witch. The witch swerves in the sky on her broom, and the goblin zooms up the oak tree. The witch softly lands in the tree, and the goblin zips into the squirrel's home in the tree trunk to hide. The goblin conjures up a special spell for the witch, and the witch turns into another branch of the tree. The goblin giggles in glee, but the witch can only wiggle as wind in the tree. Goblin has won again.



YOUR TURN

| 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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then combine them into a paragraph with introductory and conclusion sentences.



Use your own paper.

Use the ideas you added to the chart to start your sentences and story.

1. Think of two **SHORT** sentences. Then combine them into one compound sentence.
2. Begin to tell a story *WITH STRONG VERBS* --- Continue writing two short sentences, and combining them into one compound sentence to tell a Halloween story.
3. Then rewrite the compound sentences into a paragraph with an introduction and conclusion. (USE STRONG VERBS).
4. Be prepared to share your sentences and your paragraphs on Friday.

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

* Another sample compound sentence story:

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!"

Please have fun writing compound sentence paragraphs for Halloween, and remember to include **STRONG VERBS**.