Compound Sentences

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **compound sentence** joins two complete ideas with a comma and *and, but, or* or *so*: *The dog barked, so the cat ran.*

Recipe: sentence + **,** + and/but/or/so + sentence

1. Is it compound?

A compound sentence has two complete ideas. Circle **yes** or **no**.



1	My dog can skateboard, and my cat can sit.	yes	no
2	My dog and my cat are friends.	yes	no
3	It was late, so we went to bed.	yes	no
4	We went to bed at eight.	yes	no
5	I wanted soup, but we had sandwiches.	yes	no
6	Sam ran and jumped.	yes	no

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2. Join the sentences

Join each pair with a comma and *and*, *but*, *or* or *so*.

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Answer Key

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Other correct answers are possible.

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3. We can walk. We can ride our bikes.
   We can walk, or we can ride our bikes.
4. The test was hard. I did my best.
   The test was hard, but I did my best.
5. The baby was tired. She took a nap.
   The baby was tired, so she took a nap.