Simple and Compound

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

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

Count the ideas: one subject and verb → simple · two complete ideas joined by a comma and and/but/or/so → compound



1. Simple or compound?

Circle **simple** or **compound**.

1	I rode my bike to school.	simple	compound
2	I rode my bike, and Sam walked.	simple	compound
3	The flowers bloomed in May.	simple	compound
4	It was windy, so we flew kites.	simple	compound
5	My aunt and uncle visited us.	simple	compound
6	We could watch a movie, or we could read.	simple	compound

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2. Combine them

Combine the two simple sentences into one compound sentence.

1. I love apples. My brother loves pears.

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3. The alarm rang. Everyone woke up.

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Answer Key

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Other correct answers are possible.

1. I love apples. My brother loves pears.
   I love apples, and my brother loves pears.
2. The water was cold. We swam anyway.
   The water was cold, but we swam anyway.
3. The alarm rang. Everyone woke up.
   The alarm rang, so everyone woke up.
4. We can play inside. We can go outside.
   We can play inside, or we can go outside.