

A **sentence** is a group of words that expresses a complete thought, asks a question, or issues a command. A sentence usually contains a subject (noun) and predicate (verb), and must express a complete thought.

A **compound sentence** has two complete thoughts joined by a conjunction such as *and*, *but*, *or*, *nor*.

Examples of compound sentences:

- The dog ran and the cat purred.
- The black dog ran and the grey cat purred. [Added the adjectives "black" and "grey".]
- The black dog ran swiftly and the grey cat purred loudly. [Added the adverb "swiftly" and "loudly".]

Each sentence above is a compound sentence because the two ends of the sentence (split at the conjunction) can stand alone as a complete thought. Write if each group of words below is a compound sentence or a simple sentence.

1. Our grey cat scratched the couch. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The birds flew overhead and the squirrels jumped around the trees. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Mike cleared the trail but Scott cut the trees.  
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4. I want pizza or I want a hoagie. \_\_\_\_\_