

Compound Subjects Practice

Level E

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What Is a Compound Subject?

A **compound subject** is two or more subjects (nouns or pronouns) joined by a conjunction — usually **and** or **or** — that share the same verb.

Example: *Maria and her brother* walked to school together. (Two subjects — *Maria* and *her brother* — share the verb *walked*.)

Part 1 — Identify the Compound Subject

Underline the compound subject in each sentence.

1. Dogs and cats make great pets.
2. My teacher and the principal met after school.
3. Apples, oranges, and bananas were on sale at the market.
4. Either Tom or his sister will bring the snacks.
5. The wind and the rain knocked down the old tree.
6. Basketball players and coaches practiced early in the morning.
7. Rice and beans are common foods in many countries.
8. My mom, my dad, and my little brother went to Yilan for the weekend.

Part 2 — Combine Two Sentences into One

Rewrite each pair of sentences as one sentence using a compound subject.

Example: Ben likes soccer. Anna likes soccer. → Ben and Anna like soccer.

9. The teacher wrote on the board. The students wrote on the board.

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10. My cat sleeps all day. My dog sleeps all day.

→ _____

11. Sarah plays the piano. James plays the piano.

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12. The bike was stolen. The scooter was stolen.

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Part 3 — Fix the Verb Agreement

Circle the correct verb in each sentence.

13. Peter and Lily (is / are) going to the science fair.

14. The cat and the mouse (chase / chases) each other in the cartoon.

15. Rain or snow (is / are) expected this weekend.

16. My parents and I (visit / visits) my aunt in Tainan every summer.

Tip: When subjects are joined by "and," use a plural verb. When joined by "or / either...or," the verb matches the subject closest to it.

Part 4 — Write Your Own

Write three original sentences, each with a compound subject. Underline the compound subject in each.

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Bonus Challenge ■

Write one sentence with a compound subject **and** a compound predicate (two verbs).

Example: My brother and I ran to the park and played basketball.

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Answer Key

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Part 1: Identify the Compound Subject

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3. Apples, oranges, and bananas
4. Either Tom or his sister
5. The wind and the rain
6. Basketball players and coaches
7. Rice and beans
8. My mom, my dad, and my little brother

Part 2: Sample Combined Sentences

9. The teacher and the students wrote on the board.
10. My cat and my dog sleep all day.
11. Sarah and James play the piano.
12. The bike and the scooter were stolen.

Part 3: Verb Agreement

13. are
14. chase
15. is
16. visit

Parts 4 and the Bonus Challenge are open-ended — check that each sentence uses a correctly joined compound subject (and, where applicable, a compound predicate) with matching subject-verb agreement.