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Compound Sentences with Coordinating Conjunctions

- A **compound sentence** is two or more independent clauses (sentences) joined together with a comma and a coordinating conjunction.
- You can remember the coordinating conjunctions with the mnemonic **FANBOYS**: *for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so*.

Directions

For each compound sentence, write the coordinating conjunction that works best in the space provided.

- 1) Follow me into the light, _____ we'll spend our day in the sunshine.
- 2) Amanda visited her friends between classes, _____ she was tardy to fifth period.
- 3) Noah's voice was kind, _____ his words still haunted me.
- 4) Brayden doesn't like cake, _____ does he like ice cream.
- 5) Olivia was an obedient child, _____ she didn't like being grounded.
- 6) You can wish upon a star, _____ you can keep your fingers crossed.
- 7) Spirits are rumored to haunt the mission, _____ nearly two hundred soldiers died there.
- 8) Roadrunners are fast, _____ they aren't impressive fliers.
- 9) Unicorns are not seen by humans, _____ they are mythical creatures.
- 10) Logan liked heavy metal, _____ he was appalled when his mother played classical music.
- 11) Earwigs are good mothers, _____ their children still eat them.

Brain Bonus

Examine the sentences above to find a secret message.

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Compound Sentences with Semicolons

Semicolon Info

Semicolons can also be used to compose compound sentences. Instead of joining two independent clauses (sentences) with a comma and a coordinating conjunction, combine them with a semicolon. Make sure the information in each sentence is related.

Example Sentence

Fred cooked dinner; we washed dishes.

Directions

Match the sentences on the left with the ones in the box. Then combine them with semicolons to create compound sentences.

1. My mother dreamt of me living with her forever.

- a) I suspect his ghost is near.
b) I treasure my time alone.
c) The unicorn was still following me.
d) Your heart will be happy.
e) Follow me into the sunlight.
f) It's perfect for wintry days.
g) I fantasized about getting a place of my own.

2. Follow your dreams.

3. I am an introvert.

4. Forget the moon and stars.

Compound Sentences with Semicolons

Directions

Match the sentences on the left with the ones in the box. Then, combine them with semicolons to create compound sentences.

5. Flannel is warm.

- a) I suspect his ghost is near.
- b) I treasure my time alone.
- c) The unicorn was still following me.
- d) Your heart will be happy.
- e) Follow me into the sunlight.
- f) It's perfect for wintry days.
- g) I fantasized about getting a place of my own.

6. I looked back.

7. A young man died in this house.

Brain Bonus

Use the pictures below to figure out the word.



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Answer _____