

Conventions

Compound and Complex Sentences

Directions Write compound if the sentence is a compound sentence. Write complex if the sentence is a complex sentence.

1. Great athletes seem superhuman, but they often begin humbly. _____
2. After they learned the basics, they practiced hard. _____
3. If they had failures, they did not give up. _____
4. They kept at it for years, and they steadily improved. _____

Directions Choose the conjunction that can join each pair of simple sentences.

1. I like swimming. My dad is the athleticism trainer. **(but, or)**
2. I can jump like a rabbit. I can run like a racehorse. **(but, and)**
3. I could choose one sport. I could do both. **(or, nor)**
4. According to Mom, I should decide. She is usually right. **(and, or)**

Directions Choose the word in () that best connects the clauses.

1. The players are tired (**because, if**) they have played two games.
2. (**Although, After**) they finish their games, they sleep on the bus.
3. They may travel for hours (**before, since**) they reach the next town.
4. The driver will not wake them (**after, until**) the bus gets to the hotel.