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MECHANICS
Grammar (16)

Using Commas to Form Compound Sentences

> - Use a comma before *and, but,* or *or* when you join two sentences to form a compound sentence.
> - Begin every sentence with a capital letter.

When you form a compound sentence, do not begin the second part with a capital letter.

Read each group of words. Then write them correctly on the line. Be sure to use capital letters and commas in the correct places.

1. wilma was a very tiny baby and no one expected her to live.

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2. doctors were too expensive and her mother took care of her.

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3. wilma had polio and she lost the use of one leg.

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Read each pair of sentences. Then use a comma and *and* to combine them into one sentence. Write the new sentence on the line. Use correct capitalization.

4. Wilma loved to watch basketball. She dreamed of playing someday.

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5. The people in the church were thrilled to see her walk. They couldn't believe it.

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6. Wilma took off the brace forever. Her mother sent it back to the hospital.

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