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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.

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

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

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.

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

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