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20.1 Compound Subjects and Verbs • Practice 1

Compound Subjects A compound subject is two or more subjects that have the same verb and are joined by a conjunction such as *and* or *or*.

COMPOUND SUBJECTS
Mother or Dad will pick us up after the movie.
Lobsters, shrimp, and crabs are popular shellfish.

Compound Verbs A compound verb is two or more verbs that have the same subject and are joined by a conjunction such as *and* or *or*.

COMPOUND VERBS
The waves crested and broke against the rocks.
The passers-by did not move on but stopped to watch the mime.
Paul and Andrew write, direct, and star in their own plays.

Exercise 1 **Recognizing Compound Subjects.** Underline the nouns or pronouns that make up each compound subject below.

EXAMPLE: High winds and freezing rain caused the power failure.

1. Carrots or small tomatoes would make an attractive garnish.
2. Cheese and whole-wheat crackers are a healthful snack.
3. Nancy, Darryl, and I worked on the decorations.
4. Time and the tide wait for no one.
5. In the forest, ferns and wildflowers abound.
6. Neither my brother nor I felt comfortable with those people.
7. Without your help, the table and the food would not have been ready.
8. Jason and Ulysses are characters from Greek mythology.
9. Pueblos, hogans, and tepees were common Indian dwellings.
10. In colonial times, stocks and pillories were used for punishment.

Exercise 2 **Recognizing Compound Verbs.** Underline the verbs that make up each compound verb below.

EXAMPLE: The masked stranger mounted his horse and galloped away.

1. The baby eats and sleeps on a regular schedule.
2. The photographer checked the lighting, posed the subject, and snapped the picture.
3. The paramedic did not hesitate but acted at once.
4. The captain hoisted the sail and pulled up the anchor.
5. The sick puppy neither ate nor drank.
6. The whole family baked and cooked for days before the holiday.
7. Brenda organized her note cards and began her rough draft.
8. Mike pruned and fertilized the grapefruit plant.
9. The departing dignitary neither waved nor looked back.
10. Some students seldom study but still do well.

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