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Our friendship may end, or it may stay the same.	Charlie is going to the zoo, but Linus will stay at home.	Although it rained, he went to the park.
I don't know how to bake, so I buy my sweets.	I went to the mall, for I needed to buy a pair of running shoes.	The clown and the girl danced.
The new girl at school didn't want to play, nor did she want to talk.	We saw our teacher the day before yesterday at the park.	I had a great time at your party, yet it was over so soon.
The flowers in the garden are in full bloom at this time of year.	After I came home from school, I made a snack.	
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We saw our teacher the day before yesterday at the park.	I went to the mall, for I needed to buy a pair of running shoes.	We visited the museum before it closed.
My sister swept and mopped the floors in our house.	The clown scared the little girl, and she ran away crying.	Sally will be able to stay slim if she keeps exercising.
Paul loves to go to the beach and spend his days surfing.	I had a great time at your party, yet it was over so soon.	Billy went to the pool.

# Simple vs. Compound

A simple sentence is an independent sentence with a subject and predicate.

The pitcher threw the ball to first base.

A compound sentence is two independent sentences joined by a comma and a conjunction such as and, but, or, and so.

The pitcher threw the ball, and the batter hit it.



# Complex Sentences

A complex sentence is made up of an independent sentence and one or more dependent sentences.

Mary has known Tim since they were very young.



# The Coordinating Conjunctions

**and**... is used to join words or sentences that show a similar idea.

**but**... is used to join 2 ideas that are opposites.

**or**... is used to show a choice.

**nor**... means "also not." It is used to introduce a further negative statement.

**for**... means the same thing as **because**. It is used to show the reason.

**yet**... means the same thing as **but**. It is used to join 2 ideas that are opposites.

**so**... is used to show the result of something.

# Some Subordinating Conjunctions

**after** ... is used to tell when something happens.

**before** ... is used to tell when something happens.

**as** ... is used to show that two things happen at the same time.

**while** ... is used to tell how long something takes.

**because** ... is used to show why something happens.

**since** ... is used to show why something happens.

**unless** ... is used to show an exception.

**although** ... is used to show surprise or contrast.

**if** ... is used to show a condition or a possibility.



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