

Introduction

This unit focuses on compound sentences and linking words. A compound sentence is a sentence that has more than one subject or predicate. Compound sentences have at least two independent clauses with related ideas.

The independent clauses can be joined by linking words, which are also called conjunctions.

At the end of this unit, you will be able to:

- Define compound sentences.
- Use compound sentences.
- Use linking words correctly.

Learning Content

Compound sentences assist you to write more effectively. At first, writers are taught how combine simple sentences. Later, they learn that compound sentences make paragraphs detailed and engaging. It is very important to have a good understanding of the components and punctuation required when writing compound sentences. They are formed by combining a minimum of two independent clauses with related ideas.

Definition of compound sentences

A compound sentence uses a conjunction to combine more than one independent clauses together. The main conjunctions are known as the FANBOYS, that is, For-And-Nor-But-Or-Yet-So.



If a phrase is able to stand alone as a complete unit, then it is referred to as an independent clause. These clauses each express a complete thought, yet they combine related ideas together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qL0kybutBgg>

An independent clause contains three things: (1) a subject, (2) an action or verb, and (3) a thought that is complete.

Linking words and Compound sentence

A compound sentence is a sentence that consists of two clauses or complete sentences connected by a conjunction or linking word. Therefore, linking words are phrases or words that indicate a relationship between ideas. The relationship can be either a contrast, addition or show reasons to ideas.

The following video provides some more information on compound sentences and linking words:



The words FAN BOYS are used to remember the conjunctions:

For
And
Nor
But
Or
Yet
So

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GHn1O3NGJk>

Examples of Compound Sentences:

- (1) *Thulani loves dancing, and he is going dancing on Saturday.*
- (2) *Simon wishes he could be rich, so that people will respect him.*

Follow the following link for more information:

Summary

In this unit, you learned about compound sentences and linking words, which are critically important in academic writing. It is very important to have a good understanding of the components and punctuation required writing compound sentences. These sentences use conjunctions, such as for, and, nor, but, or, yet, or a semi-colon, to combine more than one independent clauses together.

FAN BOYS is used to remember the conjunctions used in compound sentences. Moreover, semi-colons and compound sentences work together as they both join independent clauses.