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Subjects and Verbs (Compound Subjects and Verbs) • Practice 1

Compound Subjects and Verbs A *compound subject* is two or more subjects that have the same verb and are joined by a conjunction such as *and* or *or*. 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 SUBJECT
<u>Henry</u> , <u>Florence</u> , and the <u>Broudys</u> spent their vacation together.
COMPOUND VERB
The storm <u>continued</u> and <u>worsened</u> throughout the night.

Exercise 1 Recognizing Compound Subjects. Underline the nouns or pronouns in each compound subject.

EXAMPLE: The pitcher and the catcher must have good communication.

- Neither Jake nor I understood the problem.
- The President and the Vice President rode in separate cars.
- The Senate, the House of Representatives, and the Supreme Court assemble for the State of the Union Address.
- Not only the guests but also the hosts enjoyed the party.
- Both lilacs and roses are highly scented flowers.
- Shrimp and other shellfish are good sources of iodine.
- Oranges, lemons, limes, and grapefruits are citrus fruits.
- Paul and I loved our new bunk beds.
- The museum guide or one of the guards should be able to direct you.
- Measles and mumps have been nearly eliminated by vaccines.

Exercise 2 Recognizing Compound Verbs. Underline the verbs in each compound verb.

EXAMPLE: The sales representative opened her bag and began her talk.

- The plane touched the ground and rolled to a stop.
- Amanda did not give up, but practiced her music even harder.
- Joe writes with his right hand but bats with his left.
- Ginny often writes or calls home from college.
- Kelly added the vegetables, adjusted the seasoning, and turned the soup down to a simmer.
- The audience clapped, cheered, and called for an encore.
- Jessica put down her book and yawned.
- Pam checked the card catalog but found few books on her topic.
- The clematis overgrew the trellis and began climbing the chimney.
- The troops neither retreated nor surrendered.