

98 Use Compound Sentences

- A clause contains both a **subject** and a **verb**. An **independent clause** can stand alone as a sentence.

Students wear different kinds of clothes.

- A **simple sentence** has only one independent clause.

Our **school has** a dress code.

- The words **and**, **but**, and **or** are **conjunctions**. They join two independent clauses to form a **compound sentence**.

Parents like the dress code, / **and** / students obey it.

independent clause **conjunction** **independent clause**

Try It

- A. Read each sentence. Then write **simple** or **compound** to name the kind of sentence.**

1. The new dress code for our school is not complicated. _____
2. I read all the rules carefully last night with my parents. _____
3. We can choose our own clothes, or we can buy a uniform. _____
4. Students like jeans, but we may not wear them. _____

- B. Underline the two independent clauses in each compound sentence. Circle the conjunction.**

5. The teachers talked together, and they listed the rules.
6. Sneakers are acceptable, but flip-flops are not allowed.
7. Boys can wear T-shirts with sleeves, or they can wear shirts with buttons.
8. Nora has a new short skirt, but she cannot wear it to school.