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**Commas in Compound Sentences****• Practice 1**

**Commas in Compound Sentences** Use a comma before the conjunction to separate two independent clauses in a compound sentence.

**COMMAS WITH COMPOUND SENTENCES**

Some members wanted to visit Mystic Seaport, but others wanted to go to Old Sturbridge Village.  
We had been traveling for ten hours, so we were happy to reach the motel.

**Exercise 1** **Using Commas with Compound Sentences.** Add commas where they are needed in these sentences. Not every sentence needs a comma.

**EXAMPLE:** There was something familiar about the man yet I couldn't quite place him.  
*There was something familiar about the man, yet I couldn't quite place him.*

1. The teacher repeated the directions but I was still confused.
2. I explained my problem to the librarian and she was able to find exactly what I needed.
3. We arrived early and stayed late.
4. The campers were hot and tired for they had been hiking all day.
5. Alana wanted to explore the cave but her parents had forbidden it.
6. Sam loves coconut cream candies but Andrew won't touch them.
7. We did our best but still lost the game.
8. My brother excels at languages but I am better than he at math.
9. The fossils the explorers found were very valuable yet the coins were worthless.
10. I ironed the shirts and put them back into the closets.

**Exercise 2** **Writing Compound Sentences.** Write a compound sentence from each pair of shorter sentences below. Use an appropriate conjunction and correct punctuation.

**EXAMPLE:** Kevin enjoys baseball. Brian prefers soccer.  
*Kevin enjoys baseball, but Brian prefers soccer.*

1. The Browns have a terrific defense. The Bombers' offense is stronger.  
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2. Replace the fuse right away. The ice cream in the freezer will melt.  
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3. Jodi had better work harder. The coach will throw her off the team.  
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4. We had eaten everything in the refrigerator. We were still hungry.  
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5. Luis tried out for the lead in the class play. Jed got the part.  
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