

- A **simple sentence** contains only one independent clause. The subject, the predicate, or both may be compound.
EXAMPLES: The courthouse/is the oldest building in town. Gale and Louise/are making costumes and dressing up.
- A **compound sentence** consists of two or more independent clauses. Each independent clause in a compound sentence can stand alone as a separate sentence. The independent clauses are usually joined by and, but, so, or, for, or yet and a comma.
EXAMPLE: Jack brought the chairs, but Mary forgot the extra table.
- Sometimes a **semicolon (;)** is used to join two independent clauses in a compound sentence.
EXAMPLE: The music started; the dance had begun.

A. Write S before each simple sentence, and write CS before each compound sentence.

- _____ 1. We can wait for Jesper, or we can go on ahead.
- _____ 2. The carnival will start today in the empty lot.
- _____ 3. Jack and Manuel are going to meet us there at six o'clock.
- _____ 4. I really want to go to the carnival, yet I am not sure about going tonight.
- _____ 5. I didn't mean to hurt Carl's feelings by not going.
- _____ 6. You wait for the package, and I'll meet you at the carnival.
- _____ 7. I can't skip my homework to go, but maybe I'll finish it this afternoon.
- _____ 8. Jan and Alicia are both working at the carnival this year.

B. Put brackets ([]) around the independent clauses in each compound sentence. Then underline the word or punctuation used to join the clauses.

1. You must observe all the rules, or you must withdraw from the race.
2. I did well on the test, and Rita did well, too.
3. Shall I carry this box, or do you want to leave it here?
4. Put the key in your pocket, or it may get lost.
5. He threw a beautiful pass, but no one caught it.
6. The doctor treated the cut, but he did not have to make any stitches.
7. I like to spend weekends at home, but the others prefer to travel.
8. The year is almost over, and everyone is thinking of the new year.
9. The family faced every hardship, yet they were thankful for what they had.
10. Move the box over here; I'll unpack it.
11. Connie likes football; James prefers hockey.
12. I drive safely, but I always make everyone fasten their seat belts.
13. Please get the telephone number, and I'll call after work.