

## Compound Subjects

**15e.** A *compound subject* consists of two or more subjects that are joined by a conjunction and that have the same verb.

**EXAMPLES** You and Cody ought to be proud of your grades this term.  
 Is news, weather, or sports covered first each night in the newscast?  
 Last night, neither the car nor the motorcycle would start.

**EXERCISE** In each of the following sentences, underline the parts of the compound subject.

**Example 1.** Did either a mountain lion or a bear make that sound?

- Increased wages and additional benefits were the results of the negotiations.
- Will Mark or Sara pick you up at the bus stop?
- There are many charts and graphs in our new economics book.
- Trains, buses, and the subway make up the mass-transit system here.
- Neither swimming nor boating is possible yet at the site of the man-made lake.
- The radius of this circle and the height of that rectangle should be equal.
- Is soy, corn, or wheat more important in the U.S. economy?
- Wire cages or netting can keep young plants safe from hungry birds and animals.
- One coat, two caps, and four sweaters were on Nettie's shopping list.
- Neither Kevin nor Sean had seen this kind of caterpillar before.
- Has either the deer or her fawn been eating at the trough with the cattle?
- Tomorrow, the coach or the team captains will speak at the pep rally.
- Alfalfa or soybeans will grow in those fields next year.
- Newsstands and newspaper vending machines are located throughout the airport.
- Snips and snails and puppy dogs' tails are not really the ingredients of little boys.
- Are plant nutrients and dirt really derivative products of rocks?
- Electricity and computers certainly caused changes in industry in the last century.
- Mathematicians and astronomers agreed on the location and size of the new planet.
- This weekend, four or five of us will walk in the benefit for cancer research.
- Either next weekend or the one after might be better for our class picnic.