

Compound Verbs

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

EXAMPLES Ian **collected** his thoughts and **began** to write.
Have you ever **seen** a movie or **read** a book about the Sasquatch?
You can either **take** the subway or **ride** a bus to the state fair.

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

Example 1. We will either wash dishes after dinner or clean the den.

1. Survey crews may either finish the job now or wait until after the thunderstorm.
2. My father usually sleeps during the day and eats his breakfast at 7:00 P.M.
3. Evan would have walked, run, or bicycled to the first game of the season.
4. The driver turned off the road, parked on a side street, and waited.
5. Mom did an excellent job, was awarded a paid day off, and earned a raise.
6. Our supermarket manager looked but could not find the product either.
7. Juan dropped his duffel bag on the sand, doffed his sandals, and raced into the ocean.
8. Do mail carriers work in bad weather or wait for better conditions?
9. You should finish all the problems but still have enough time for a quick review.
10. The poet Paul Valéry rose at dawn each morning and wrote for hours.
11. For orange paint, add equal parts of red and yellow and blend thoroughly.
12. Court stenographers hear all the testimony but should not discuss any of it with anyone.
13. Harold, Mel, and I compared our notes and reviewed the chapter before the civics test.
14. Shall I call some of my friends and invite them to the show?
15. In the morning, the aircraft mechanics will either repair or replace the part.
16. Firefighters needed more water and chemicals but couldn't get them fast enough.
17. Biologists could neither recognize nor categorize the new strain of bacteria.
18. Helen liked stories by Robert Louis Stevenson but could never remember any of the titles.
19. My cat always recognizes the sound of my father's car and meets my father at the door.
20. Will Ruby and James bring fruit for a salad or buy some at the grocery?