

Compound Subjects and Verbs

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

COMPOUND SUBJECT Nancy, Tim, and I want to sign up for the track team.

COMPOUND VERB The baseball game ran late and delayed a cricket demonstration.

EXERCISE A Underline the compound subjects and compound verbs in the following sentences. Then, on the lines provided, write *CS* for *compound subject* or *CV* for *compound verb*.

Example CV 1. In the 1970s, Thomas Bewick developed a method of carving wood and popularized it for printmaking.

- _____ 1. Bewick would cut away pieces of a block of wood and leave a raised, printable image.
- _____ 2. Grace Albee (1890–1985) began her engraving career by creating linocuts but later, in Paris, learned Bewick’s technique.
- _____ 3. Either her artistic skill or her eye for detail would have made her work successful.
- _____ 4. She inked, screened, and laid the prints on the dining room table.
- _____ 5. Her works and those of artists such as Rockwell Kent have been called regionalist art.

EXERCISE B Combine each of the following sets of sentences to create one sentence with a compound subject or a compound verb. Write each new sentence on the line provided.

Example 1. Grace Albee grew up in Rhode Island. She studied art there.

Grace Albee grew up in Rhode Island and studied art there.

6. In 1927, she entered work in a Providence Art Club print exhibition. Her husband did also.

7. The couple moved to Paris in 1928. They began working and taking classes there.

8. Painter Norman Rockwell was among their friends. So was printmaker John Taylor Arms.

9. Albee’s prints of plants contrasted soft against sharp. They also played light against shadow.

10. A museum displays some of her prints. The Boston Public Library displays some, too.
