

Compound Subjects

10f. A **compound subject** consists of two or more connected subjects that have the same verb.

The most common connecting words are *and* and *or*.

COMPOUND SUBJECT The **doorbell** and the **telephone** rang at the same time.

EXERCISE A Each of the following sentences contains a compound subject. Underline the parts of the subject in each sentence.

Example 1. Pepper and Salty are our pet cats.

1. Kelly and I found two kittens.
2. My sister and Kelly named them Pepper and Salty.
3. The cats and our dog get along well.
4. My classmates and neighbors often come to visit.
5. Jacqui or Danielle will bring a leash for our dog.
6. Will the other dogs and my dog play together?
7. My sister or I will feed all the dogs.
8. Pepper and Salty sometimes wake up the dogs in the morning.
9. My aunts and uncles all have pets.
10. Parakeets, poodles, and goldfish are my grandmother's favorite pets.

EXERCISE B For each of the following sentences, underline all parts of the compound subject.

Example 1. Glenn and his brother visited Knoxville, Tennessee.

11. The brothers and their father went to the lake.
12. Ducks, geese, and other birds gathered around the lake.
13. Several picnic tables and benches were lined up on one side of the lake.
14. Are the sandwiches and drinks in the ice chest?
15. The brothers, their father, and several other tourists played a game of kickball.
16. Did Glenn or his father bring the kickball to the lake?
17. Glenn's brother and a duck got into a tug of war over a slice of bread.
18. Were the sandwiches, drinks, and fresh fruit enough to feed everyone?
19. Glenn's brother and father cleared the table after the meal.
20. Glenn, his brother, and his father had a splendid time at the lake.