

Commas in Compound Sentences

Off and Running
Grammar: Compound Sentences

In a **compound sentence**, the shorter sentences are usually joined by a comma and the word *and*, *but*, *so*, or *or*.

Reina planned to write her speech alone, but her friends offered to help.

Thinking Questions

Which groups of words express a complete thought? What word joins the two complete thoughts?

Activity Add the correct punctuation to make each item a compound sentence. Then write the word that is used to join the shorter sentences.

1. Blue and red confetti fell from the ceiling it covered the winner.
2. Music played in the auditorium we thought it was too loud.
3. The winner wanted to give a speech a teacher turned down the music.
4. Reina thanked everyone for voting she promised to work hard for the school.
5. She wanted to raise funds by selling class T-shirts the class could wash cars.