

Grammar: Simple and Compound Sentences**Assess**

A Underline each independent clause in the following compound sentences. Then, circle the coordinating conjunction.

Example: Lions live in Africa, (but) most of them are in national parks.

1. My older sister drives, but my younger one has yet to learn.
2. Did you buy the cake today, or will you get it later?
3. I prefer roomy American cars, but my brother likes foreign models.
4. James must remember to bring the lantern, or we will have no light in the cabin.
5. She is interested in space exploration, so she reads every article and book on the subject.
6. I looked everywhere, but I couldn't find the keys.
7. The book is unusually interesting, and I will finish it tonight.
8. The night sky was clear, but we did not see a single shooting star.

B Combine each pair of sentences into a compound sentence, using the coordinating conjunction indicated. Remember to use a comma before the conjunction.

1. Both the bus and the taxi had engine trouble. They arrived late. (and)

2. The ripcord that opens the chute must be strong. It could break. (or)

3. The sky was full of threatening dark clouds. It never rained. (yet)

4. Stephen studied long hours. He never did enjoy the subject. (but)
