



# Compound Sentences



# Definition

- A **Compound Sentence** is a sentence that joins two simple sentences together with a comma, conjunction or semicolon.



□ Simple Sentence =  
Independent Clause




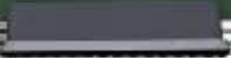

□ Compound Sentence =

Independent Clause + Independent  
Clause






# What?

- An independent clause is a clause that can stand alone. It is a group of words that contains a subject and verb and expresses a complete thought.
  - An independent clause is a sentence.
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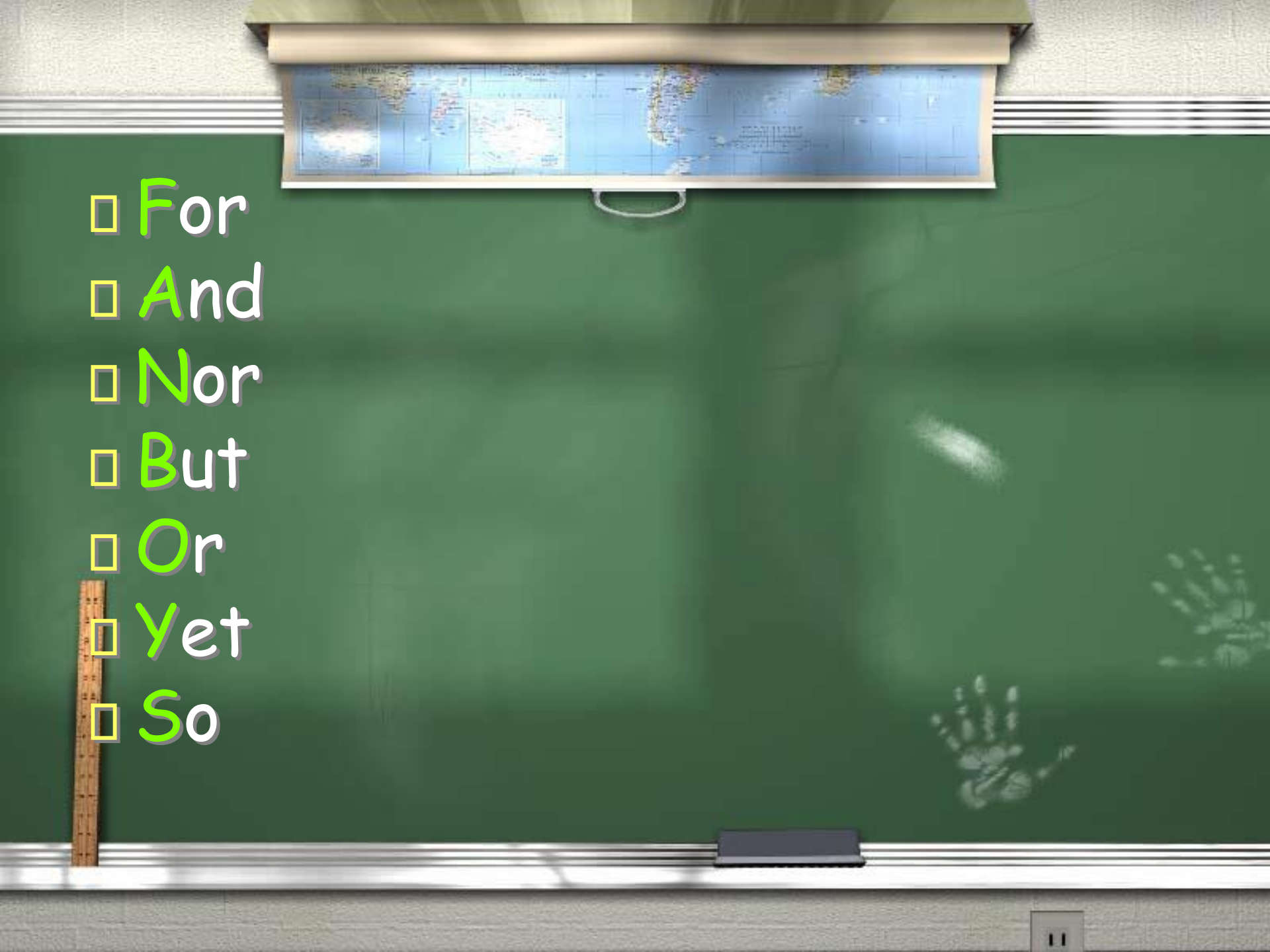
# Fixing Choppy Sentences

- Ex) The cat was happy.
  - Ex) He slept underneath the bed.
  - Compound= The cat was happy, he slept underneath the bed.
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# Combining Clauses


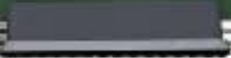
- There are three ways to combine independent clauses to make a compound sentence:
    - Comma
    - Conjunction
    - Semicolon
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- For
  - And
  - Nor
  - But
  - Or
  - Yet
  - So






## Comma + Conjunction

- Ex) The teens walked to the park **but** it was closed.
  - Ex) The gentleman did not know where the sound came from, so he hid behind the tree.
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# Semicolon

- You can also use a semicolon to create a compound sentence since the two statements are equal.
  - Ex) The teacher applauded the class; the kids beamed with pride.
  - Ex) The dog ate; the cat slept.
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□ Now, it is your turn!

