Compound Sentences: Practice



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2. Penguins have wings, (so / but) they cannot fly.
3. We can plant corn, (or / so) we can plant beans.
4. The volcano erupted, (but / so) the people moved away.
5. Wade found a shell, (and / or) Kim found a crab.
6. The moon was full, (or / so) the night was bright.

B Is it a compound sentence? Write yes or no.

7. _____ The fox and the owl hunt at night.
8. _____ The fox hunts at night, and it sleeps by day.
9. _____ I wanted a pear, but there were none left.
10. _____ Pam washed and dried the dishes.
11. _____ You can read a book, or you can draw.
12. _____ After lunch we played outside.

C Join the two sentences. Use a comma and the word in ( ).

13. Dot barked. The mail carrier waved. (and)

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14. I studied hard. I passed the test. (so)

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15. The soup was hot. I ate it anyway. (but)

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16. We can go now. We can wait for Ben. (or)

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10. **no** Pam washed and dried the dishes.
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    Dot barked, and the mail carrier waved.

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    I studied hard, so I passed the test.

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Answers will vary. Example: The sky was gray, so I took my umbrella.