

## SIMPLE AND COMPOUND SENTENCES

### Skill Reminder

- A **simple sentence** expresses only one complete thought. The subject or predicate may be simple or compound.
- A **compound sentence** is made up of two or more simple sentences.
- The simple sentences are usually joined by a comma and a **coordinating conjunction**—a connecting word such as *and*, *or*, or *but*. They also may be connected by a semicolon (;).
- Avoid writing **run-on sentences** (two or more sentences joined as a compound sentence with nothing between them) and **comma splices** (two sentences joined by only a comma and no conjunction).

Write each sentence. Underline the simple sentences that make up each compound sentence. Then circle the conjunction that joins them.

1. Some kids do things well; others mess up.
2. Linda called to Darnell, and he answered her.
3. You put your mind to a problem, and it can be solved.
4. Some people need help, and others can offer it.
5. People heard about Sweeby, and a hospital offered him a job.

Write each compound sentence, correcting any errors. Add punctuation and conjunctions as needed.

6. Darnell wanted to speak at the meeting he was nervous.
7. Darnell finished his speech, Miss Seldes congratulated him.
8. The council members voted, then the meeting was over.
9. We lost you spoke well.