

Combining Sentences

- Two sentences in which the subjects are different and the predicates are the same can be combined into one sentence. The two subjects are joined by and. EXAMPLE: **Hurricanes** are storms. **Tornadoes** are storms. **Hurricanes and tornadoes** are storms.
- Two sentences in which the subjects are the same and the predicates are different can be combined into one sentence. The two predicates may be joined by or, and, or but. EXAMPLE: Hurricanes **begin over tropical oceans**. Hurricanes **move inland**. Hurricanes **begin over tropical oceans and move inland**.

- Combine each pair of sentences below. Underline the compound subject or the compound predicate in each sentence that you write.

1. Lightning is part of a thunderstorm. Thunder is part of a thunderstorm.

2. Thunderstorms usually happen in the spring. Thunderstorms bring heavy rains.

3. Depending on how close or far away it is, thunder sounds like a sharp crack.
Depending on how close or far away it is, thunder rumbles.

4. Lightning is very exciting to watch. Lightning can be very dangerous.

5. Lightning causes many fires. Lightning harms many people.

6. An open field is an unsafe place to be during a thunderstorm.
A golf course is an unsafe place to be during a thunderstorm.

7. Benjamin Franklin wanted to protect people from lightning.
Benjamin Franklin invented the lightning rod.

8. A lightning rod is a metal rod placed on the top of a building.
A lightning rod is connected to the ground by a cable.
