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- A **conjunction** joins words or groups of words. *And* adds information; *but* shows contrast; *or* gives a choice.
- A **compound sentence** contains two sentences joined by a comma and *and*, *but*, or *or*.
- You can form a compound sentence by joining two related sentences.

Put an X in front of each sentence that is a compound sentence. For those sentences, write the word that joins the two shorter sentences.

1. ____ Crayons were invented in 1903 by Edwin Binney and Harold Smith, and they were an instant success.

2. ____ Crossword puzzles can be diamond-shaped, or they can be square.

3. ____ The first ferriswheel began operating on June 21, 1893 at the Chicago World's Fair.

4. ____ It had 36 wooden cars that could each seat 40 people, but most modern ferriswheels are much smaller.

5. ____ A kaleidoscope is a tube one can look into that makes beautiful, colorful patterns using mirrors.

6. ____ The kaleidoscope was invented by the Scottish physicist Sir David Brewster in 1817.



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- Use a comma before the conjunction in a compound sentence.
- If two parts of a compound sentence are not joined by a conjunction, a semicolon is used to separate the parts.

Combine each set of sentences. Use a comma and a conjunction in the compound sentence.

1. Tic Tac Toe has been played in the United Kingdom for hundreds of years. There it is called Noughts and Crosses.

2. A.S. Douglas was the first to put Noughts and Crosses on a software program. That was way back in 1949!

3. In 1956, Noah and Joe McVicker invented play dough. It was promoted as a wallpaper cleaner first.

4. Joe realized the child-safe type of clay would make a great toy. He became a millionaire almost overnight.

5. Over 700 million pounds of play dough have been sold since it was first marketed. The formula is still a secret.



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Rewrite the passage below, correcting all capitalization and punctuation mistakes. Combine any sentences you find appropriate.



everyone knows that necessity is the mother of invention the woman who invented disposable diapers was both a woman and an inventor Marion Donovan invented the disposable diaper in 1950 she used a regular cloth diaper, lined it with pieces cut from a shower curtain, and called her invention "Boaters" since no company was interested in marketing her new invention Mrs. Donovan founded her own company today disposable diapers are big business

