

1 Here's the Idea

Every sentence must have a subject and a verb. Either or both of these basic parts may be compound.

Compound Sentence Parts		
	Definition	Examples
Compound subject	Two or more subjects that share a verb	The aurora borealis and the aurora australis are two of nature's great light shows.
Compound verb	Two or more verbs or verb phrases that share the same subject	The lights glimmer and ripple across the night sky.
Compound predicate	A compound verb and all the words that go with each verb	A magnetic storm in the upper atmosphere causes the lights and creates their eerie, shifting patterns.

Join compound subjects and verbs with a conjunction that makes the relationship between the parts clear.

- Use *or* or *either . . . or* to show a choice.
- Use *neither . . . nor* to show a negative choice.
- Use *and* to show a combination.