19.3 Compound Subjects and Compound Verbs • Practice 1

Compound Subjects  A compound subject is two or more subjects that have the same verb and are joined by a conjunction such as and or or.

**COMPOUND SUBJECTS**

- Pines and spruces are both evergreen trees.
- Clothes or records make perfect gifts.

Compound Verbs  A compound verb is two or more verbs that have the same subject and are joined by a conjunction such as and or or.

**COMPOUND VERBS**

- Jill wrote and performed her own music.
- He will play golf or jog on Saturday.

Exercise 1  Identifying Compound Subjects. Underline each compound subject in these sentences.

EXAMPLE: Pam and Kathy have a birthday next week.
1. The house and the barn were painted red.
2. Lemons, limes, and oranges are citrus fruits.
3. On Saturday afternoon, my sister and I visited the zoo.
4. Paintings and sculpture can be found in the museum.
5. My mother or father will take me to the game.
6. Jewelry and pottery were on sale at the bazaar.
7. Cows and horses grazed on the hillsides.
8. During the storm, lightning, thunder, and heavy rains occurred.
9. July or August is a perfect month for a vacation at the shore.
10. Washington and Oregon are states located in the northwest.

Exercise 2  Recognizing Compound Verbs. Circle the compound verbs in the sentences below.

EXAMPLE: We danced and sang at the party.
1. The quarterback will run or will pass on the play.
2. She sat on the couch and read her history assignment.
3. The sun rose and shone brightly over the countryside.
4. I ate a sandwich and drank a glass of milk for lunch.
5. We wrote a script and took pictures for our own slide presentation.
6. Bill coached the team and played in the outfield.
7. We mowed the lawn, pruned the bushes, and cleaned the garage before dinner.
8. Tomorrow I will go downtown and buy a new coat.
9. The kite twisted and turned in the wind.
10. You will be surprised and may be pleased by my news.