COMPOUND SENTENCES

Writing 1

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A Compound Sentence:
contains two independent clauses
joined by a coordinator.

The coordinators are as follows:

for and nor but or yet so
Helpful hint: The first letter of each of the coordinators spells **FANBOYS**.

*Except for very short sentences,* coordinators are always preceded by a comma.

In the following compound sentences, subjects are in blue, verbs are in green, and the coordinators and the commas that precede them are in red.
A. I tried to speak Spanish, and my friend tried to speak English.

B. Alejandro played football, so Maria went shopping.

C. Alejandro played football, for Maria went shopping.

The above sentences are compound sentences. Each sentence contains two independent clauses, and they are joined by a coordinator with a comma preceding it.
Note how the conscious use of coordinators can change the relationship between the clauses.

Sentences B and C, for example, are identical except for the coordinators.

In sentence B, which action occurred first?

Obviously, "Alejandro played football" first, and as a consequence, "Maria went shopping.

In sentence C, "Maria went shopping" first.

In sentence C, "Alejandro played football" because, possibly, he didn't have anything else to do, for or because "Maria went shopping."
There are three ways to join the clauses:

1. With a coordinator/ conjunction
   Salt water boils at a higher temperature than freshwater, so food cooks faster in salt water.

2. With a conjunctive adverb
   Salt water boils at a higher temperature than freshwater; therefore, food cooks faster in salt water.

3. With a semicolon
   Salt water boils at a higher temperature than freshwater; food cooks faster in salt water.
Questions to consider:

- How can the use of other coordinators change the relationship between the two clauses?

- What implications would the use of "yet" or "but" have on the meaning of the sentence?
V WRITING PRACTICE

Write compound sentences as responses to the following pictures