Grammar Lesson 2

Compound Subjects and Predicates

Objectives

- Define Compound Subject, Compound Predicate, Coordinating Conjunction
- Know your FANBOYS
- Diagram Sentences with Compound Subjects and Predicates

Compounds

- A compound is when you take two things and put 'em together.
- With a compound Subject, two subjects are doing the same thing.
- With a compound predicate, one subject is doing two things.

Compound Subjects

- When two things are doing the same thing or things.
- Example:
- George and Abe arm-wrestled.
- Cats and dogs eat.
- George or Abe won.

Compound Predicate

- When the subject is doing more than one thing.
- John skates and flies.
- Teams win or lose.

Both Works Too!

- A sentence can have a compound subject and a compound predicate.
- Cats and dogs eat and sleep.
- Mike and Leo fight and hide.

Do more than two!

- John, Mike, Cindy, Benny, and Ralph sit, panic, and wait.
- Notice how the commas work in these lists.

Conjunctions

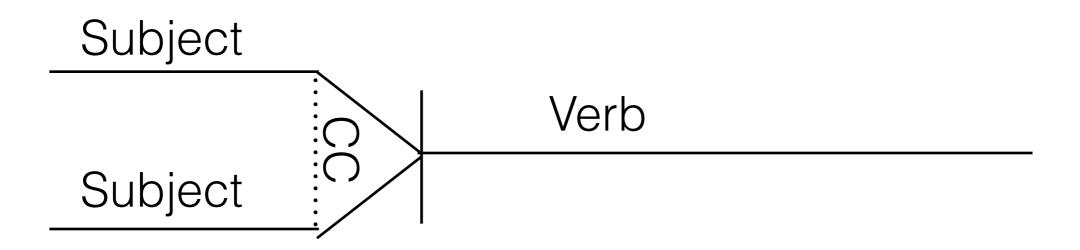
- Conjunctions join words together.
- Coordinating, Subordinating, Correlative
- We'll stick with Coordinating for today.

Coordinating Conjunction

- FANBOYS
- FOR AND NOR BUT OR YET SO
- These guys join words or groups of words.

Diagramming

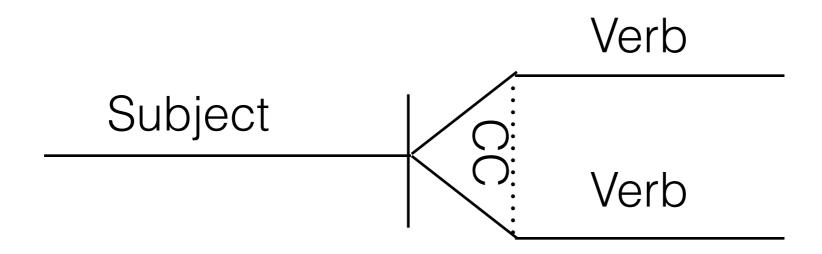
Compound Subject



CC = Coordinating Conjunction

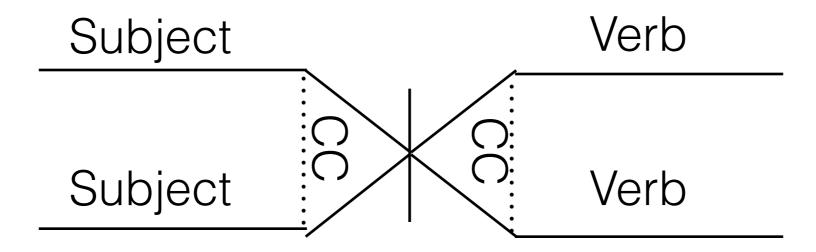
Diagramming

Compound Predicate



CC = Coordinating Conjunction

Both



Practice

• George and Abe arm-wrestled.

• Cats and dogs eat.

• George or Abe won.

Suzie hikes and fishes.

Ollie runs and barks.

Ollie and Wrigley howl and chase.

Lakes fill and drain.

Put it all together.

- In small groups (3-4 people)
- Create your own definitions for compound subjects, compound predicate, and conjunctions.
- Write three of your own sentences using a compound subject and a compound predicate.
- Diagram them.
- Be ready to present your sentences before the end of class.