

# Compound Sentences

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## 1 Compound sentences

◆ A compound sentence has two or more clauses joined by coordinating conjunctions: and, but, for, so, etc.

E.g. The viewable screen size is measured diagonally, **so** a 19" screen measures...

E.g. ...an old VGA monitor with an 8-bit depth can generate 256 colours **and** a superVGA with a 24-bit...

◆ We usually leave out the same subject (1), the same subject+verb (2) or the same subject+auxiliary (3).

1 They provide ...as you work **or** play.

2 CRTs are cheap, **but** heavy.

3 LCDs offer better quality and take up less space, **so** replacing CRTs.

◆ We can emphasize the relationship between two clauses in compound sentences by using different combinations of conjunctions. They can express an addition (4), a combination (5), an alternative (6), or a combination of negatives (7).

4 LCDs **not only** require much space **but also** use less power than CRTs.

5 In a rear projection TV, a large box contains **both** the projector **and** the screen built-in.

6 The output can be displayed **either** on the screen **or** printed onto paper.

7 **Neither** a desktop PC **nor** a laptop could be as complex as a mainframe.

## 2 Complex sentences

◆ We create a complex sentence by joining two or more clauses with subordinating conjunctions such as because, since, after, although, or when. E.g. The material emits light **when** it is simulated by an electrical current...

◆ Complex sentences contain relative clauses (1), noun clauses (2), and adverbial clauses (3). We can put adverbial clauses followed by a comma at the beginning of complex sentences.

1 CRT monitors use a VGA cable, which converts digital signals into analogue signals.

2 If a monitor has a refresh rate of 75Hz, it means that the screen is scanned 75 times per second.

3 When OLEDs aren't being used, they can be bent or rolled up.

## 3 Compound-complex sentences

◆ We form compound-complex sentences with three or more clauses joined by both coordinating and subordinating conjunctions. E.g. Inside the computer, there is a videocard **which** processes images **and** sends signals to the monitor.