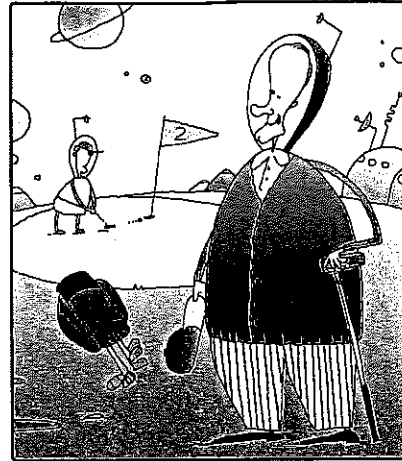


Compound Subjects and Predicates

Combining short, related sentences into longer sentences is valuable practice for improving your writing style. Writers can combine short sentences using coordinating conjunctions. This can result in a sentence with either a **compound subject** (two or more simple subjects) or a **compound predicate** (two or more simple predicates) or both. (For more information about compound subjects and compound predicates, see 435.2 and 435.6-435.7 in *Write Source 2000*.)



EXAMPLES

Compound Subject:

Earl and Kultida Woods are the proud parents of golf champion Tiger Woods.

Compound Predicate:

Tiger Woods putted against Bob Hope at age two and was featured in *Golf Digest* at age five.

Compound Subject and Compound Predicate:

Tiger and his father play golf and support charities.

Directions

In the following sentences, underline the subject with one line and the predicate with two lines. Remember that some sentences have only a compound subject, some have only a compound predicate, and some have both. The first one has been done for you.

1. Tiger Woods became a professional golfer and won two PGA Tour victories in 1996.
2. Keenan and Angelica watched Tiger play in the tournament and got his autograph at the ninth hole.
3. Last year Tiger and his family traveled to the Asian Honda Classic Golf Tournament in Thailand.

4. In just one year, Tiger won several tournaments, made a lot of money, and earned the respect of other professional golfers.
5. Tiger's father and mother taught him that all people deserve the chance to live out their dreams.
6. Tiger and his father created and actively support a foundation that gives minorities opportunities to play golf.
7. Many awards, trophies, and medals decorate Tiger's home.
8. In their spare time, Tiger and his friends play basketball and go fishing.
9. Mary Lou Retton, the gymnast, and Tiger Woods are the two youngest athletes to be named "Sportsperson of the Year" by *Sports Illustrated*.
10. Young men and women admire Tiger for both his skill and his modesty.
11. Can you or your friend think of a more exciting golfer than Tiger?
12. Over the past few years, Tiger has played well and created a renewed interest in golf.
13. Young people and old people alike admire Tiger's talent and enjoy watching him play.
14. Because of his popularity, many companies and nonprofit organizations have asked Tiger to be a spokesperson for them.



Next Step Using the Internet or other sources, research a sports or entertainment figure. Write a paragraph or two about your findings using some compound subjects and compound predicates. Share your writing with a classmate and ask him or her to check for complete sentences and proper use of compound subjects and predicates.