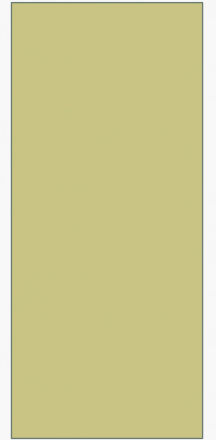


SENTENCE IMITATION #1

SIMPLE VS. COMPOUND SENTENCES



COPY THE SENTENCE

**“I sold my life for this treasure,
and I sold it well”
(*Beowulf* 109).**

**What do you notice about how the
sentence is structured?**

COPY DOWN THE RULE

- **Compound Sentence**
- **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.*)

IMITATE THE SENTENCE

Write your own sentence in the same structure.

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and I sold it well”
(*Beowulf* 109).**

COMMON COMMA MISTAKE

**“I sold my life for this treasure,
and sold it well.”**

COPY DOWN THE RULE

- **A true compound sentence has BOTH a subject and verb on BOTH sides of the coordinating conjunction.**
- **A simple sentence with a compound predicate has ONE subject and TWO verbs; therefore, you do NOT need a comma.**

EDITING APPLICATION

- **Read one of your journals now and edit it for correct compound sentence comma usage.**
- **Make corrections as needed.**