

**Lesson 14****Compound Subjects and Predicates**

A **compound subject** consists of two or more simple subjects joined by a conjunction. The subjects share the same verb. A **compound predicate** consists of two or more verbs or verb phrases joined by a conjunction. The verbs share the same subject.

**Lloyd and Millie** drove from Boston to Tallahassee. (compound subject)

Brad **washed and waxed** his old jalopy. (compound predicate)

► **Exercise 1** Draw a vertical line between the subject and predicate. Write *S* above each simple subject and *P* above each simple predicate.

S            S    P    P

Lois and Clark | sat outside and looked up at the stars.

1. Our school library and cafeteria are under renovation.
2. The groundhog tunneled beneath the fence and poked its head into our yard.
3. Jules and his sister took pictures with their new camera.
4. Robins either find worms in the grass or dig for them underground.
5. The turbulent waves swirled and crashed to shore.
6. My friends and I borrow and wear each other's clothes.
7. A police car and an ambulance just whizzed by our house.
8. Erica sewed on the button and mended the tear.
9. Graham crackers, marshmallows, and chocolate taste delicious together.
10. The boy and the collie ran away but soon came back.
11. Salvador Dali, a surrealist artist, not only painted paintings but also made sculptures and designed jewelry.
12. Neither Yuri nor Bruno received mail today.
13. The mountain climbers hooked up their ropes and secured their backpacks.
14. Rea and Marissa auditioned for the lead roles in the school musical but got only chorus parts.
15. The alley cat yawned and stretched.

- 16. Darren and Brian washed and waxed their dad's car.
- 17. Wind and hail damaged our porch.
- 18. The tennis match and the track meet attracted many spectators.
- 19. Both the Senate and the House discuss and vote on legislation.
- 20. Jamaal and Keisha saw the movie and liked it.

► **Exercise 2** Draw a vertical line between the subject and predicate. Write *CS* in the blank if the subject is compound, *CP* if the predicate is compound, or *B* if both are compound.

- CS Purple hyacinths and yellow daffodils bloom along the back fence.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Feng Ying wrote and edited the article for the school newspaper.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The Browns and the Sterns cooked outdoors and slept in a tent.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Luis popped the popcorn but did not put butter on it.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The novels of John Steinbeck and the poetry of Maya Angelou inspire me to write.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 5. I will either borrow or buy a leotard for dance class.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Final exams and the SATs are the same week.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Both the bakery and the grocery bake and decorate birthday cakes.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 8. My name, address, and social security number appear on the job application.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Community service projects keep me busy and give me self-esteem.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Claudio and Austin go to the gym and work out nearly every day after school.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 11. The track star ran and jumped the hurdles in record time.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Quilts and baskets made up the special exhibit at the museum.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 13. The Big Dipper and Orion were visible in the clear night sky.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 14. My brother and one of his friends reviewed all the math questions and studied hard for the test.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Albert Schweitzer won the Nobel Peace Prize and established a leper colony with the money.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Chemistry and government are my favorite subjects.