

## Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #12

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### **FOCUS**      Compound Subjects

The **compound subject** has two or more connected common nouns, proper nouns, or pronouns that one verb acts upon. The words “and,” “or,” or “nor” connect them. The compound subject is the “do-er” of the sentence. It tells whom or what the sentence is about.

**Examples:**    The *girl* and her *mother* walked to the store.

                    Running quickly down the slope were *Suzanne, Becky, and Carson*.

When additional words help name or describe the compound subject, this is known as a **complete compound subject**.

### **CONNECT TO WRITING**

The compound subject is usually found at the start of a declarative sentence. To find the compound subject of the sentence, first identify any prepositional. The compound subject is not part of a prepositional phrase.

### **PRACTICE**

Circle or highlight the complete compound subjects in the article below.

In terms of difficulty, running 28 miles is quite an accomplishment, and the marathon always fills the stadium or arena with an eager audience. Track fans and casual spectators enjoy the competition of this oldest Olympic event. Basketball and ice-hockey also get high television ratings. The “Dream Team,” composed of the best National Basketball Association players, or the United States hockey team, composed of professional hockey all-stars, always entertains the Olympic audience. These two popular events, as well as the track-and-field contests, highlight the Winter or Summer Olympics for most sports fans.

### **WRITE**

Compose your own sentence with a compound subject.

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In the sentence above, identify the complete compound subject.

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# **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet Answers**

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #7 Practice Answers**

to [flag], of [United States], of [America], to [republic], for [which], under [God],  
with [liberty], for [all], in [schools], throughout [America], over [heart], on [flag], to [country]

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #8 Practice Answers**

and, but, yet, so, and, but, yet, but (yet), and, for

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #9 Practice Answers**

Before, because (since, as), when, Although (Even though), Since (Because), where, Despite (In spite of)

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #10 Practice Answers**

and, either, or, whether, or, Neither, nor, Both

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #11 Practice Answers**

traveler, Tasco, cathedral, Guadalajara, city, one, Mexico City, trip, an experienced traveler

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #12 Practice Answers**

running 28 miles + the marathon, Track fans + casual spectators, Basketball + ice-hockey, The “Dream Team” + the United States hockey team, These two popular events + the track-and-field contests

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #13 Practice Answers**

Ice cream + [has pleased], ice cream + [is], treat + [has], Rocky Road + [delights],  
nuts + marshmallows + [may cause], double-scoop + [tastes], Eating ice cream + [can be]

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #14 Practice Answers**

works + [stand] + [are remembered], description + [entertains] + [informs],  
one + [will learn] + [will understand], novel + [teaches] + [preaches],  
hero + [struggles] + [triumphs], Debbie walked into the room, sat down in the chair,  
and heaved a sigh of relief.

## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #15 Practice Answers**

1. imperative 2. exclamatory 3. interrogative 4. declarative