

Compound sentences combine two independent clauses (a group of words with subject and a verb) combined with either a comma and a coordinating conjunction or a semi-colon.

F. A. N. B. O.Y. S.

Coordinating conjunctions: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so

SEMICOLON ;

People who feel like outsiders might feel lonely, but they don't have the same societal pressures as those who are popular might face.

People who feel like outsiders might feel lonely; on the other hand, they don't have the same societal pressures as those who are popular might face.

BEWARE OF COMPOUND VERBS

Compound verbs are sentences where the subject has more than one verb. These do not need commas unless there are more than two.

The students group themselves by common interests and sit in certain areas of the cafeteria.

Some teens use social media to gain popularity by getting likes and to judge what other teens are doing.