I. COMPOUND SENTENCES

A. DEFINITION - composed of two simple sentences joined together by a comma and coordinating conjunction

SIMPLE SENTENCE, COORDINATING CONJUNCTION SIMPLE SENTENCE

- ❖ My family goes camping every summer, AND we usually have fun.
- ❖ Last year we went camping at Lake Mead, BUT we had a terrible time.
- ❖ Next year we will take a cruise, OR we may just stay at home.
- ❖ We want to go to Hawaii soon, SO we need to save money.

B. COORDINATING CONJUNCTION RULES

1. AND - use it to join sentences that are alike

- The dog was sick, and it couldn't sleep.

2. BUT - use it to join sentences that are opposite or show contrast.

- I was sick, but I still went to school.

3. SO - use it to join a reason sentence to a result sentence

- Maria didn't study, so she failed the English exam.

4. OR - use it to join sentences that give choices or alternatives.

- Tom will go to the store, or he will take a nap.

NOTE: Do NOT confuse a compound sentence with a simple sentence that has a compound verb. A compound sentence has TWO or more subject/verb COMBINATIONS

Compound sentence: My family **goes** camping every summer, and we usually **have** fun.
subj1 verb1 subj2 verb2

Simple sentence with compound verb: My family **goes** camping every year and usually **has** fun.
subject verb1 verb2