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Tell whether or not each sentence is a compound sentence.

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8. _____ Would you like some hot chocolate or orange juice?

Write a compound sentence. Draw a red line under the first independent clause. Draw a blue line under the second independent clause.

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Write another compound sentence. Draw a red line under the conjunction.

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Write another compound sentence. Draw a blue line under each subject. (Remember, a compound sentence should have two subjects.)

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9. **Answers will vary.**

Sample Answer: We went to the fair, and I ate too much.

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There is no conjunction after the comma. You could add the word *but* after the comma.

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There is no comma before the conjunction. There should be a comma before the word *so*.