

Compound Verbs

1g. A **compound verb** consists of two or more verbs that are joined by a conjunction and that have the same subject.

EXAMPLE Which mammal **has** wings and **can fly** like a bird?

EXERCISE A Underline each compound verb or verb phrase.

Example 1. Can a mammal move as fast as a car and rise as high as an airplane?

1. Some bats can fly sixty miles per hour and can also soar to a height of ten thousand feet.
2. Some species of bats fly much slower and cannot reach the same heights as others.
3. In all, more than nine hundred species of bats exist and find habitats worldwide.
4. Bats are the world's only flying mammals and may have wingspans of over five feet.
5. The flying fox hangs in trees and can have a wingspread more than five feet across.
6. The bumblebee bat has a five-inch wingspan and weighs less than a dime.
7. All mammals, including bats and humans, grow fur or hair and nurse their young.
8. Honduran white bats grow long white fur and eat only fruit.
9. The vampire bat drinks cows' blood but seldom consumes human blood.
10. This bat bites its prey and then hungrily laps blood from the wound.

EXERCISE B Add a compound verb to complete each of the following sentences. Use *and*, *or*, or *but* to join the parts of your compound verb.

Example 1. Can _____ bats fly and roost _____ in the darkness of the cave?

11. In the backyard, my puppy _____.
12. _____ Keisha _____ during lunch period?
13. Every so often, I _____.
14. We _____ at the track after school.
15. _____ the seventh graders _____?
16. Birds and squirrels _____ with each other at the bird feeder.
17. The runners _____ before they went to the starting line.
18. _____ you and Suzi _____ before dinner?
19. Each student _____ a paper on a topic of his or her choice.
20. The ball _____ toward the end zone.