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# Read and Discover

## Compound Subjects and Compound Predicates

### Lesson 3

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- \_\_\_ Many Australian zoologists and veterinarians study marsupials.
- \_\_\_ A marsupial carries and nurses its young in a pouch on its stomach.

Write *S* next to the sentence that contains two or more simple subjects.  
Write *P* next to the sentence that contains two or more simple predicates.

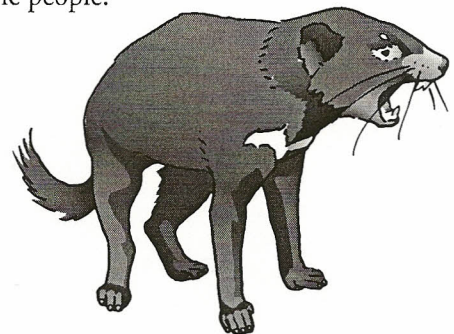
A **compound subject** is two or more subjects joined by a coordinating conjunction (*and, but, or*). A **compound predicate** is two or more verbs joined by a coordinating conjunction.

See Handbook Sections 11, 12

### Part 1

Each sentence below has either a compound subject or a compound predicate. If a sentence has a compound subject, underline the nouns that are the simple subjects. If a sentence has a compound predicate, circle the verbs that are the simple predicates.

1. Koalas, kangaroos, and wallabies are three kinds of marsupials.
2. Koalas live in trees and sleep up to 20 hours a day.
3. They survive on a diet of eucalyptus leaves and drink very little water.
4. Australia and Papua New Guinea are home to kangaroos and wallabies.
5. These marsupials have powerful hind legs and hop from place to place.
6. Baby koalas, kangaroos, and wallabies are called joeys.
7. A joey crawls into its mother's pouch after birth and receives nourishment from her.
8. Wombats and Tasmanian devils are two other kinds of marsupials.
9. Wombats dig and live in burrows.
10. Native grasses and shrub roots are part of the wombat's diet.
11. Tasmanian devils hunt and eat small mammals and birds.
12. The appearance and sound of the Tasmanian devil frightens some people.
13. Tasmanian devils look fierce and screech while eating.
14. Wombats and Tasmanian devils have backward-facing pouches.
15. The newborn wombat makes its way into its mother's pouch and stays there for up to ten months.
16. The Tasmanian devil joey enters its mother's pouch after birth and remains there for about four months.



The Tasmanian devil looks ferocious and has an eerie cry.