

Putting Sentences Together

Decide whether each sentence is a simple sentence or a compound sentence.

Fill in the circle next to your answer.

1. Mary Lou Retton is one of America's favorite Olympic athletes.
 simple compound
2. She was a gymnast, and she became famous at the 1984 Olympics.
 simple compound
3. Retton was only sixteen years old for the 1984 Olympics.
 simple compound
4. Los Angeles, California, hosted the 1984 Olympics.
 simple compound
5. Retton won individual medals, but she also won a team medal.
 simple compound
6. Retton won a silver medal in the vault event, and her team medal was silver, too.
 simple compound
7. She won bronze medals in the floor exercise and on the uneven bars.
 simple compound
8. But her important moment was in the individual all-around competition.
 simple compound
9. Maybe it was her "perfect ten" on the vault, but she won the gold medal!
 simple compound
10. Altogether, Mary Lou Retton won five medals, and she became America's favorite gymnast.
 simple compound

Decide whether each compound sentence should be joined with *and*, *or*, or *but*. Fill in the circle next to your answer.

11. Mary is a gymnast, _____ her sister Susan is a basketball player.
 and *or* *but*
12. There is a basketball game tonight, _____ Susan will be playing.
 and *or* *but*
13. The players could ride the bus to the game, _____ their parents could take them.
 and *or* *but*
14. Mary wants to go to the game, _____ she has gymnastics practice.
 and *or* *but*
15. The team won the championship, _____ the school gave them a parade.
 and *or* *but*