COMPOUND PARTS OF SENTENCES

Subjects, objects, complements, and verbs may all be compound. They may include more than one part of the same kind.

1. COMPOUND SUBJECT: Joe and Ann are twins.
2. COMPOUND VERB: He jumped and shouted.
3. COMPOUND DIRECT OBJECT: He grows lettuce and tomatoes.
4. COMPOUND INDIRECT OBJECT: He told Mary and me a story.
5. COMPOUND OBJECT OF PREPOSITION: I wrote about Tom and Jim.
6. COMPOUND SUBJECT COMPLEMENT: She looks thoughtful and sad.

Determining Compound Parts of Sentences. Look at the underlined words in each sentence below. From the list above, decide what kind of compound the words are. Put the corresponding number in the blank.

Example: The girls were happy but subdued. 6

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2. Helen received packages from Iowa and Michigan on her birthday.  ____
3. Mr. Bennett ordered three shirts and two ties from the catalog.  ____
4. Those girls in the car ahead of us must be Linda and Jane.  ____
5. Sam is exhausted; he has jogged and bicycled all day.  ____
6. I gave Tom and Frank a piece of my mind.  ____
7. The principal and the dean of students are retiring.  ____
8. Bob plays on the basketball team and the football team.  ____
9. Sally visited Maine and Vermont last summer.  ____
10. Dick studied history and reviewed math.  ____
11. Newsweek and The New Yorker are two of my favorite magazines.  ____
12. Thomas questioned Mark and Tim about their plans.  ____
13. Helen and Martha dreaded the long trip ahead of them.  ____
14. The little girls played hopscotch and jumped rope.  ____
15. Please tell Mother and Father Mr. Spencer's question.  ____
16. I bought milk and eggs at the grocery store.  ____
17. The children are quiet and polite.  ____
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