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Part Six - August
Grammar

Directions: A common mistake in writing is putting a comma automatically in front of the word *and*. It's important to recognize the difference between a simple sentence and a compound sentence.

A **simple sentence** has one *complete subject* and one complete predicate.

August and Summer eat together in the cafeteria.

Daisy and August enjoyed sleeping and resting together.

A **compound sentence** has two simple sentences combined by a coordinating conjunction (for, and, not, but, or, yet, so) or a semicolon (;). If it has a coordinating conjunction like *and*, a comma should be placed before the conjunction.

August and Summer eat together in the cafeteria, and they play together at recess.

Daisy and August enjoyed sleeping and resting together, and Daisy was always happy to see Auggie.

Directions: For each of the sentences below add a comma before and if it's necessary. If it's not necessary, do nothing to the sentence.

1. The play is incredibly performed by Via and beautifully fiddled by Justin.
2. Via is the understudy and Miranda is the lead role.
3. August believes Daisy is in heaven and enjoying her life there.
4. Mrs. Pullman saw Daisy whimpering and Via and Auggie had to say goodbye.
5. Via and Mrs Pullman fought about the play and struggled to come to an agreement.
6. August's new hearing aids look like a headband and he's not sure if he likes them.
7. Julian leaves notes in Auggie's locker and stares at him in classes.
8. Mr. and Mrs. Pullman are proud of Auggie and are thrilled at his success.