Some examples of compound sentences:

Compound NS joined by “and”:
\[
\text{NS} \quad c \quad \text{NS} \quad \text{Vi}
\]
The boy and the girl were fighting.

Compound NDO joined by “and”:
\[
\text{NS} \quad \text{Vt} \quad \text{NDO} \quad c \quad \text{NDO}
\]
Every year Sara repaints her kitchen and her bedroom.

Compound NDO joined by “and”:
\[
\text{NS} \quad \text{Vt} \quad \text{NDO} \quad c \quad \text{Vt} \quad \text{NDO}
\]
Sara eats her cereal and watches TV.

Compound VERB joined by “and”:
\[
\text{NS} \quad \text{Vi} \quad c \quad \text{Vt} \quad \text{NDO}
\]
Sara drives to her sister’s house and watches the children.

COMMA RULES AND COMMA ERRORS

When to use a comma with Coordinating Conjunctions: FANBOYS

For - And - Nor - But - Or - Yet - So

Comma needed with FANBOYS: NS V , and NS V
Because there is a Subject + Verb before and after the FANBOYS

\[
\text{NS} \quad \text{V} \quad c \quad \text{NS} \quad \text{V}
\]
Carol walked to school, and she took a test.

No comma needed: NS V and V
Because no subject with the verb after the FANBOYS

\[
\text{NS} \quad \text{V} \quad c \quad \text{V}
\]
Carol walked to school but took the bus home.
OTHER COMMA RULES: series of three or more
I like oranges, apples, and bananas.
Carol ran, skipped, and jumped her way to school.
The dog ran up the stairs, down the hall, and into the room.

OTHER COMMA RULES: extra unnecessary information appositives or clauses
APPOSITIVE: Claudia, a student of mine, walked to school.
CLAUSE: Claudia, who loves elephants, is a student of mine.

OTHER COMMA RULES: After Dependent Clause at beginning of the sentence.
Dependent CLAUSE: When I was driving to school this morning
Independent CLAUSE: I got a flat tire.

Complex sentence:
When I was driving to school this morning, I got a flat tire.
I got a flat tire when I was driving to school this morning.
COMMON ERRORS

Comma Splice: two sentences with ONLY a comma between them
Carol walked to school today, she took a test.

Run-on: two sentences with no punctuation between them
Carol walked to school today she took a test.

TO FIX: use period (.)

   OR - use FANBOYS (, and)

   OR - use semicolon (;)

Carol walked to school today. She took a test.
Carol walked to school today, and she took a test.
Carol walked to school today; she took a test.