

Sample #1 (compound sentences)

INCORRECT:

Cinderella was **running out** of time to be able to go to the festival, and **she** still **did not have** anything to wear.

FIND subject (noun, pronoun): Cinderella, she

FIND verb (action word or form of is/was/to be): was running out, did not have

Since there are 2 verbs AND two subjects, connected by “and” your sentence needs----

CORRECT - add comma

Cinderella was **running out of time to be able to go to the festival**, and she still **did not have** anything to wear.

Sample #2 (Complex sentence)

INCORRECT

Although the Baker did not want help trying to get things that the witch wanted before midnight he realized he needed the help from his wife.

(read aloud) Although the Baker did not want help trying to get things that the witch wanted before midnight (hear that incompleteness? This is a fragment that cannot stand alone).

(read aloud) he realized he needed the help from his wife. (complete sentence, subject: he, verb realized, object, needed what? --- the help....

Preposition, from who? Prepositional phrase.... from his wife

CORRECT - add comma

Although the Baker did not want help trying to get things that the witch wanted before midnight, he realized he needed the help from his wife.

IMPROVED --- lose “the” and add “that”

Although the Baker did not want help trying to get things that the witch wanted before midnight, he realized **that** he needed **help** from his wife.