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7. ____________________ I'm going to pick up cheese, crackers, and pepperoni at the store.

8. ____________________ Would you like some hot chocolate or orange juice?

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Write a compound sentence. Draw a red line under the first independent clause. Draw a blue line under the second independent clause.

9.  


Write another compound sentence. Draw a red line under the conjunction.

10.  


Write another compound sentence. Draw a blue line under each subject. (Remember, a compound sentence should have two subjects.)

11.  


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9. **Answers will vary.**

10. **We planned on playing soccer, but it was raining outside.**

11. **My family ate dinner, but my sister wasn’t there.**

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12. **I wanted to visit my cousin in Florida, I didn’t have enough money for a bus ticket.** There is no conjunction after the comma. You could add the word **but** after the comma.

13. **My dog lost her favorite toy so I bought her a new one.** There is no comma before the conjunction. There should be a comma before the word **so**.