



The Compound Sentence Comma

Here is something important:
When you write a compound sentence, like

The old street was flooded, **and** the rescue team arrived.

you have to put a comma
before the **coordinating conjunction** that
joins the two clauses.

The comma goes after the first clause
and before the coordinating conjunction.

The mayor spoke, **and** the crowd applauded.

BUT...if it is not a compound sentence,
but only a compound part of speech, like

The street had **houses and shops**.

which is only a compound noun,
then you do not use a comma.