The Compound Words

Over 7,000 Compound and Hyphenated Words

Important Notes

A in 106 compound words, as in artwork
A- in 29 hyphenated words, as in attorney-at-law

B in 486 compound words, as in background
B- in 89 hyphenated words, as in blue-collar

C in 413 compound words, as in cannot
C- in 115 hyphenated words as, in cross-cultural

D in 169 compound words, as in downstairs
D- in 78 hyphenated words, as in daughter-in-law

E in 85 compound words, as in easygoing
E- in 16 hyphenated words, as in entry-level

F in 368 compound words, as in freethinker
F- in 122 hyphenated words, as in face-to-face

G in 193 compound words, as in grandmother
G- in 58 hyphenated words, as in good-looking

H in 379 +150 additional compound words, as in heartbreaking
H- in 145 + 145 additional hyphenated words, as in hands-on

I in 44 + 170 additional words compound words, as in interchange
I- in 25 hyphenated words, as in ill-mannered

J in 43 compound words, as in jukebox
J- in 18 hyphenated words, as in jack-of-all-trades

K in 39 compound words, as in keyboard
K- in 16 hyphenated words, as in know-it-all

L in 168 compound words, as in lifeguard
L- in 64 hyphenated words, as in leading-edge

M in 158 compound words, as in midsummer
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N in 103 + 700 compound words, as in newcomer 90
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O in 247 compound words, as in ongoing 94
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Y- in 6 hyphenated words, as in year-round 144

Z in 7 compound words, as in zookeeper 145
Z- in 4 compound words, as in zero-rated 145
Important Notes

This is a workbook for learning over 7,000 compound and hyphenated words. It is not a reference book; please consult your standard dictionary to look up compound or hyphenated words.

Learning these words is fun and easy. You will learn most of them by simply looking at them. If you insist on memorizing all of them, you will need to read each group of words aloud as many times as needed until you memorize their spelling. The 7,000 words are prepared for you to simply look at or read and learn. For instance, 106 compound words and 29 hyphenated words that begin with an “a” are prepared for you, colored, and listed on three pages.

What is a compound word?
As in “textbook” and as in “nowadays,” a compound word is one word, composed of two or more other words. The following words are examples of some compound words:

- cannot
- border
- however
- anyone
- anything
- everything
- someone
- whereas
- whatever
- herself
- throughout
- breakthrough
- keyboard
- laptop
- download
- goodbye
- fingerprint
- fireplace
- freeway
- afternoon
- airplane
- artwork
- backward
- businessman
- birthday
- brainwash
- nowadays

What is a hyphenated word?
A hyphenated word is a word made of the two or more words that is separated by hyphens, as in self-esteem and step-by-step. Usually, a noun follows a hyphenated word, as in “down-to-earth person” and, as in “first-class service.”

- all-out
- double-click
- attorney-at-law
- carry-out
- back-and-forth
- back-to-back
- down-the-line
- day-to-day
- door-to-door
- empty-handed
- first-class
- free-for-all
- full-time
- part-time
- face-to-face
hit-and-run  have-not  ill-natured
father-in-law  know-it-all  like-minded
out-of-order  right-handed  left-wing
run-down  self-help  short-term
simple-minded  top-notch  user-friendly

Examples of a noun preceded by a hyphenated word:
door-to-door salesman  empty-handed guest
full-time employment  face-to-face interview
high-class society  six-member committee
king-sized bed  letter-size page
low-keyed lady  like-minded people
left-handed artist  run-down apartments
round-table talks  second-degree burn
self-help workbook  short-term assignment
simple-minded fellow  English-speaking people
top-notch school  time-saving equipment
300-page book  forty-four dollars

Hyphenated Numbers

Numbers between 21 and 99 are hyphenated, as in twenty-one, thirty-seven, fifty-three, sixty-eight, and all the way to ninety-nine. Furthermore, numbers from “one to nine” must be spelled out as in, one boy, two girls, three houses, four men, five women, six books, seven trees, eight stars, nine cups. Either 10 boys or ten boys is correct, 11 girls or eleven girls is also correct.

twenty-one  to twenty-nine
forty-one  to forty-nine
sixty-one  to sixty-nine
eighty-one  to eighty-nine

thirty-one  to thirty-nine
fifty-one  to fifty-nine
seventy-one  to seventy-nine
ninety-one  to ninety-nine