

The Compound Words

Over 7,000 Compound and Hyphenated Words

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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 line	how ever
any one	any thing	every thing
some one	where as	what ever
her self	through out	break through
key board	lap top	down load
good bye	finger print	fire place
free way	after noon	air plane
art work	back ward	business man
birth day	brain wash	now adays

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

father-in-law

out-of-order

run-down

simple-minded

have-not

know-it-all

right-handed

self-help

top-notch

ill-natured

like-minded

left-wing

short-term

user-friendly

Examples of a noun preceded by a hyphenated word:

door-to-door salesman

full-time employment

high-class society

king-sized bed

low-keyed lady

left-handed artist

round-table talks

self-help workbook

simple-minded fellow

top-notch school

300-page book

empty-handed guest

face-to-face interview

six-member committee

letter-size page

like-minded people

run-down apartments

second-degree burn

short-term assignment

English-speaking people

time-saving equipment

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