



English



Self-Learning pack

Grade 11





Lesson 07 – Compound Nouns

Competency 4 - Building up vocabulary using words appropriately and accurately to convey precise meaning

Competency level - 4.6 Identifies collective nouns and compound nouns.
4.8 Uses collective nouns and compound nouns properly.

Compound Nouns

What are compound nouns?

Compound nouns are words, made up of two or more words.

We write compound words as one word, two words and more words with a hyphen.

Eg: **As one word:**

butter	+	fly	-	butterfly
sun	+	flower	-	sunflower
sun	+	shine	-	sunshine
cup	+	board	-	cupboard
milk	+	man	-	milkman

As two words:

foot	+	print	-	foot print
fish	+	tank	-	fish tank
river	+	bank	-	river bank
dinner	+	table	-	dinner table
swimming	+	pool	-	swimming pool

More words with a hyphen:

passer	+	by	-	passer - by		
boy	+	scout	-	boy - scout		
brother	+	in	+	law	-	brother - in - law
teacher	+	in	+	charge	-	teacher - in - charge
justice	+	of	+	peace	-	justice - of - peace

Activity 1

Use a word from the box below and form a compound noun.

- a) tooth + paste = toothpaste
- b) news + _____ = _____
- c) basket + _____ = _____
- d) snow + _____ = _____
- e) gold + _____ = _____
- f) traffic + _____ = _____
- g) bus + _____ = _____
- h) camp + _____ = _____
- i) grand + _____ = _____
- j) bird + _____ = _____
- k) sun + _____ = _____



cage	paper	man	stop	light	mother
fly	ball	fish	fire	past	

Activity 2

Form compound nouns from the words given below as shown in the example.

- Eg: book: bookshop class: _____
 book shelf
- bus: _____ table: _____
- Butter: _____ water: _____

tennis	knife
cloth	fly
station	melon
room	teacher
shop	stop
tank	shelf



Activity 3

Fill in the blanks using the compound nouns given in the box.

bookshop / milkman / colour light / timetable / head prefect

- a) Motorists have to stop when the _____ turns red.
- b) You can buy all your stationery items at the school _____
- c) The prefects' meeting was cancelled as the _____ was not well.
- d) According to the new _____ we have two library periods a week.
- e) Every morning, my mother buys two bottles of fresh milk from the _____