

NOUNS (3)

Compound Nouns (05)

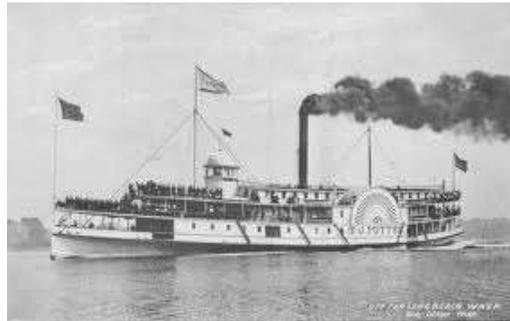
In context

3 min

What is a compound noun?



basketball



a steamboat

Compound Nouns

12 min

A compound noun is a noun that is made up of 2 or more words. It can be in 1 word, 2 or more juxtaposed words, 2 or more words separated by a hyphen(-).

Examples:

a policeman

a police station

the check-out

the mother-in-law

The first element gives more information about the second element.

Examples:

a racehorse (a horse that participates in races)

a horse race (a race between horses)

For the plural, there are 3 possibilities:

Possibility 1:

if only one element is a noun, this noun will be in the plural.

Example:

passer-by → *passers-by*

Possibility 2:

if both elements or neither are nouns, the second one takes the plural form.

Examples:

tooth-brush → *tooth-brushes*

grown-up → *grown-ups*

Possibility 3:

if one of the elements is 'man' or 'woman', both are modified.

Examples:

gentleman-farmer → *gentlemen-farmers*

woman-doctor → *women-doctors*

Writing Exercise

5 min

What is the correct plural?

1. woman-doctor → woman doctors or women-doctors?

2. swimming pool → swimming pools or swimings pool?

3. bedroom → bedrooms or bedrooms?

4. start-up → start-ups or starts-up?

5. work place → works-places or work places?

Writing Exercise

5 min

Find a compound noun matching these definitions.

1. a truck used by firemen: _____

2. a race where bikes compete: _____

3. a room where I can take a bath: _____

4. a fire started by campers: _____

5. a synonym for "adult": _____

Watch the Video!

10 min

With this slide show, you will practice using compound words.

Watch the video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EVIHVSJ4fII&feature=relmfu>

Watch it again and answer the questions:

1. Complete the first sentence in the video:

A compound word is when 2 or more smaller words _____ together to make a _____ word.

2. Give 1 example of a compound word related to a power outage: _____

3. Give 1 example of a compound word related to a dangerous job: _____

4. Give 1 example of a compound word related to a light show in big celebrations:

5. Give 1 example of a compound word related to a sport: _____

Quiz

5 min

True or False ?

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| 1. All compound words are separated by a hyphen. | true | false |
| 2. A compound noun is a noun that is made up of 2 or more words. | true | false |
| 3. A compound word cannot be made up of more than 2 words. | true | false |
| 4. Compound words cannot be used in the plural. | true | false |

Make 4 compound nouns from the nouns below. Write them in alphabetical order.

slide, news, base, brain, paper, land, ball, storm

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Write the nouns below in the plural:

1. fireman: _____
2. woman-doctor: _____
3. tooth-brush: _____
4. policeman: _____