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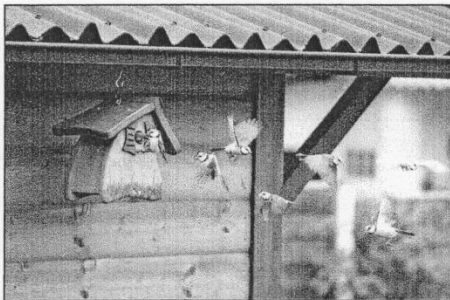
A **compound word** is a combination of two or more words that makes a new word. The smaller words that make up a compound word create a new meaning when they are combined.

Common Compound Words		
Smaller Words	Compound Word	Meaning
book + shelf	bookshelf	"a shelf that holds books"
hand + shake	handshake	"shaking of clasped hands"
bird + house	birdhouse	"a house for birds"
back + yard	backyard	"a yard behind a house or structure"

Notice that the meaning of the compound word relates to the meaning of the words used to create the compound word. If you are unsure of the meaning of a compound word, you can look up the word in a dictionary.

Examples Birds nest in the **birdhouse** in our **backyard**.

A **handshake** should be firm but not too strong.



Test Example

1. What is the meaning of the word *housefly*?
 - A. a house for a fly
 - B. a house that flies
 - C. a fly that needs a house
 - D. a fly that can be found in houses

D. The smaller parts of the compound word are *house* and *fly*. The word *house* describes the word *fly*. That helps you understand that this word names a kind of fly that can be found in homes.

Strategy

Look for word parts that you know. If you see a smaller word that you know, draw a slash to separate the word. Do you know the meaning of the other part of the word?

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Practice

- 1 What is the meaning of the word *backbone*?
- A. the back part of a bone
 - B. a bone given back
 - C. spine; bone in your back
 - D. a bone that has grown back together

- 2 What is the meaning of the word *homemade*?
- A. made at home
 - B. made for a home
 - C. a home that is made
 - D. not made for a home

- 3 Read the sentence.
To be careful, I decided to cross the street at the _____.
- Which compound word best completes the sentence?
- A. upside
 - B. crosswalk
 - C. skateboard
 - D. touchdown

- 4 Read the sentence.
If the ship sinks, find a _____ to climb into.
- Which compound word best completes the sentence?
- A. lifeboat
 - B. waterfall
 - C. backpack
 - D. daydream

- 5 Read the sentence.
You can buy a _____ to read about what is happening.

Which compound word best completes the sentence?

- A. carpool
- B. sidewalk
- C. headlight
- D. newspaper

- 6 Read the sentence.
The _____ in the mud show where someone walked through the yard.

Which compound word best completes the sentence?

- A. railroads
- B. skylights
- C. footprints
- D. snowflakes

- 7 Read the definition.
A book with blank pages that you can write notes in.

Which compound word matches the definition?

- A. banknote
- B. notebook
- C. footnote
- D. notecard

- 8 Read the definition.
A drop of rain.

Which compound word matches the definition?

- A. raincoat
- B. rainbow
- C. raindrop
- D. raincheck

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- 1 What is the meaning of the word *moonlight*?
- A. a moon that is not heavy
 - B. a moon with no light
 - C. a flashlight shaped like a moon
 - D. light that comes from the moon
- 2 Read the definition.
A lace used to tie your shoe.
Which compound word matches the definition?
- A. shoehorn
 - B. shoebox
 - C. shoelace
 - D. overshoe
- 3 Read the sentence.
I always use a _____ when I close my book so that I do not lose track of what pages I have read.
Which compound word best completes the sentence?
- A. backpack
 - B. bookmark
 - C. crosswalk
 - D. bodyguard
- 4 Read the sentence.
My _____ is a cozy place to sleep at the end of a long day.
Which compound word best completes the sentence?
- A. bedroom
 - B. bedspread
 - C. bedbug
 - D. bedtime
- 5 Read the definition.
A flake of snow.
Which compound word matches the definition?
- A. snowflake
 - B. snowstorm
 - C. snowdrift
 - D. snowball
- 6 What is the meaning of the word *raincoat*?
- A. a coat made of rain
 - B. a coat to wear in the rain
 - C. being coated in rain
 - D. rain that coats
- 7 Read the sentence.
The doctor gave me drops to put in my ears to treat my _____.
Which compound word best completes the sentence?
- A. backache
 - B. earring
 - C. stomachache
 - D. earache
- 8 What is the definition of the word *doorstop*?
- A. a door with the word *stop* written on it
 - B. a door that is hard to open
 - C. an object that stops a door from closing
 - D. a heavy object made from a door

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- 9 Read the sentence.
I have almost filled all the pages in my _____ with notes from my reading.
Which compound word best completes the sentence?
- A. bookbag
 - B. notebook
 - C. bookstore
 - D. noteworthy
- 10 Read the definition.
A decorative paper for the walls of a room.
Which compound word matches the definition?
- A. wallflower
 - B. papercut
 - C. wallpaper
 - D. sandpaper
- 11 What is the meaning of the word *shipwreck*?
- A. an old ship
 - B. a wrecked ship
 - C. a partially built ship
 - D. the bottom of a ship
- 12 Read the sentence.
The lights went out during the storm, leaving us in a _____.
Which word best completes the sentence?
- A. outside
 - B. blackout
 - C. overflow
 - D. blackmail
- 13 What is the meaning of the word *wheelchair*?
- A. a chair with wheels used for transportation
 - B. a wheel that attaches to a chair
 - C. a chair without wheels
 - D. a wheel used to steer a chair
- 14 Read the definition.
The cutting or clipping of the hair on the head.
Which compound word matches the definition?
- A. haircut
 - B. headline
 - C. hairline
 - D. headless
- 15 What is the meaning of the word *playground*?
- A. to stop someone from playing
 - B. an area used for outdoor play
 - C. a play on stage
 - D. a person who plays on the ground
- 16 Read the sentence.
The bright beam coming from the tall _____ helped ships find their way to shore.
Which compound word best completes the sentence?
- A. nightlight
 - B. housefly
 - C. lighthouse
 - D. houseboat
- 17 What is the meaning of the word *mailbox*?
- A. to hit with a piece of mail
 - B. mail that fits into a box
 - C. a box that is mailed
 - D. a box that holds mail

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1. C. The smaller words are *back* and *bone*. *Back* describes what kind of bone it is; it is the bone (actually a set of bones) in your back.
2. A. The smaller words are *home* and *made*. *Home* describes where the thing was made.
3. B. A crosswalk is a marked area on a street to show where to cross, or walk across, the street.
4. A. A lifeboat is a small boat meant to save lives if a larger boat sinks.
5. D. A newspaper is a bundle of paper on which recent news is printed.
6. C. Someone walking through mud would leave prints in the shape of a foot, or footprints.
7. B. A notebook is a book that you can take notes in.
8. C. A raindrop is a drop of water that falls during a rain.

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1. D. *Moonlight* is made up of the words *moon* and *light*. *Moon* tells where the light is coming from.
2. C. A *shoelace* is a lace or string used to tie a shoe.
3. B. A *bookmark* is an object used to mark your place in a book.
4. A. A *bedroom* is the room where a person sleeps.
5. A. *Snowflake* is made up of the words *snow* and *flake*.
6. B. *Raincoat* is made up of the words *rain* and *coat*. *Rain* describes the kind of weather in which a person wears the coat.
7. D. An *earache* is the condition of having pain in one or both ears.
8. C. *Doorstop* is made up of the words *door* and *stop*. *Stop* describes how an object interacts with a door.
9. B. *Notebook* is made up of the words *note* and *book*. A *notebook* is a book in which someone writes notes.
10. C. *Wallpaper* is decorative paper that is glued to the walls of a room.
11. B. *Shipwreck* is made up of the words *ship* and *wreck*. *Wreck* describes the condition of the ship.
12. B. A *blackout* is the failure of the power supply. When the lights go out, the room is black.
13. A. A *wheelchair* is a chair with wheels used mostly for transportation by individuals with a disability.
14. A. *Haircut* is made up of the words *hair* and *cut*.
15. B. *Playground* is made up of the words *play* and *ground*. *Play* describes the action taking place on the *ground*.
16. C. A *lighthouse* is a building that houses a bright light, which shines over the ocean to guide ships.
17. D. A *mailbox* is a box that holds mail.