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COMPOUND WORDS



Compound words are formed by combining two or more individual words to create a new word with a distinct meaning. These combinations can be made by joining two nouns, two adjectives, a noun and an adjective, a verb and a noun, and so on. Here are some examples of compound words:

These examples demonstrate the versatility of compound words in the English language and how they can be created by combining various word types to convey specific meanings.

1. Noun-Noun Compound Words:

- a. Toothpaste
- b. Basketball
- c. Raincoat
- d. Sunflower

2. Adjective-Noun Compound Words:

- a. Redhead
- b. Brightness
- c. Coldwater
- d. Greenhouse

3. Verb-Noun Compound Words:

- a. Breakwater
- b. Jumpstart
- c. Runway
- d. Swimwear

4. Noun-Verb Compound Words:

- a. Handshake
- b. Rainfall
- c. Sunset
- d. Moonwalk

5. Adverb-Adjective Compound Words:

- a. Well-behaved
- b. Quickly-turned

- c. Hardworking
 - d. Outspoken
6. Preposition-Noun Compound Words:
- a. Underworld
 - b. Overhead
 - c. Afternoon
 - d. Throughout
7. Noun-Preposition Compound Words:
- a. Playground
 - b. Bedroom
 - c. Highway
 - d. Seashore
8. Adjective-Adjective Compound Words:
- a. Dark-haired
 - b. Cold-hearted
 - c. Open-ended
 - d. High-pitched
9. Adverb-Verb Compound Words:
- a. Suddenly stop
 - b. Quickly jump
 - c. Quietly walk
 - d. Slowly run
10. Compound Words with Numbers:
- a. Twenty-five
 - b. Hundredfold
 - c. Fifty-five
 - d. Thirteen

Examples for expanding the Compound Nouns:

- Watchdog – A dog which watches.
- Rocking chair – A chair that rocks.
- Glass painting – A painting which is done on glass.
- Dining room – A room used for dining.
- Flashlight – A light which flashes.