

Blending words together

A **blend** is a word that is made up of parts of other words that are combined to form a new word, e.g. smog from smoke + fog. Blends can also be called *portmanteau* words.



GETTING STARTED

Use your Oxford dictionary to help you to identify the words that have been blended together to make the word in the first column. The first one is done for you.

BLEND	WORD 1	WORD 2
motel	binary	lunch
brunch	motorcycle	troops
bit	motor	electron
moped	quasi	enormous
paratroops	gigantic	digit
ginormous	transfer	stellar
quasar	camera	hotel
transistor	breakfast	exchange
camcorder	teleprinter	resistor
telex	parachute	recorder
positron	positive	pedal



MOVING ON

Use your Oxford dictionary to place the correct blend from the list above next to the correct definition.

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| | motel | a hotel providing accommodation for customers and their cars |
| 1. | _____ | a particle of matter with a positive electric charge |
| 2. | _____ | a system of sending printed messages by telegraphy |
| 3. | _____ | the smallest unit of information in a computer |
| 4. | _____ | a late morning meal combining breakfast and lunch |
| 5. | _____ | a portable video camera and sound recorder |
| 6. | _____ | a kind of small motorcycle that can be pedalled |
| 7. | _____ | a tiny semiconductor device that controls a flow of electricity |
| 8. | _____ | extremely large |
| 9. | _____ | troops trained to be dropped from aircraft by parachute |
| 10. | _____ | a distant object looking like a star, giving out powerful electromagnetic radiation |