

Compound Words

1 Look up **compound**¹ in the dictionary and write down what you think a compound word is.

2 The opposite of **compound** is **simple**. Which of the following are simple words and which are compound words? Write S or C next to each word.

water **fall** **waterfall** **breakwater** **break**

3 Find five more compound words and write them down together with the simple words that form them. For example: **lifetime** = **life** + **time**

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4 Some compound words are *hyphenated*, i.e. the simple words that form them are joined by a dash called a *hyphen*.

Write down the compound words which are formed from the following pairs of words, showing which ones require a hyphen and which ones do not.

red + hot	=	.....	light + house	=	.....
main + land	=	.....	sand + paper	=	.....
set + up	=	.....	eye + catching	=	.....
frame + work	=	.....	lift + off	=	.....
pick + pocket	=	.....	self + employed	=	.....

5 Can you make this *word stair* longer?

banknote

notepaper

paperback

background

ground

Make up some more *word stairs* of your own, using compound words. Write them on a separate sheet or on the back of this page.

6 The words **out** and **look** can be used to form *two* compound words, **outlook** **lookout**

Can you think of any other pairs of words which do this? (There is one example in question 4.)