

Vocabulary and speaking

Compound nouns

- 1 Nouns can be combined to make a new word. Look at these examples.

music collection computer games
lifetime band members

Where is the stress on these compound nouns?

11.5 Listen, check, and repeat.

- 2 Where is the stress in this wrong example? What does it mean with this stress? What's the correct stress?

A sleeping pill.



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- 3 Look at the dictionary entries. Practise saying the words aloud.

headache /'hedək/ *noun* [C] 1 a pain in your head: *I've got a splitting (= very bad) headache.*
➔ note at **ache** 2 a person or thing that causes worry or difficulty: *Paying the bills is a constant headache.*

headlight /'hedlaɪt/ (also **headlamp**) *noun* [C] one of the two large bright lights at the front of a vehicle ➔ picture on page P9

headline /'hedlɑːn/ *noun* 1 [C] the title of a newspaper article printed in large letters above the story 2 **the headlines** [pl] the main items of news read on TV or radio

headphones /'hedfəʊnz/ *noun* [pl] a piece of equipment worn over or in the ears that makes it possible to listen to music, the radio, etc. without other people hearing it ➔ note at **listen**

headquarters /,hed'kwɔːtəz/ *noun* [pl, with sing or pl verb] (*abbr HQ*) the place from where an organization is controlled; the people who work there: *Where is/are the firm's headquarters?*

headstone /'hedstəʊn/ *noun* [C] a large stone with writing on, used to mark where a dead person is buried ➔ look at **gravestone**, **tombstone**

headway /'hedweɪ/ *noun*
IDM **make headway** to go forward or make progress in a difficult situation

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- 4 Look at the dictionary entries again. Ask and answer the questions in pairs.

- Why do people take aspirin?
- Where do you find the words 'Here lies James Barlow – RIP'?
- How can you listen to music on a bus?
- What are the different lights on a car?
- What's the first thing you read in a newspaper?
- Where are the headquarters of the United Nations?
- Are you making headway in English?

- 5 In each list, one compound noun doesn't exist. Which one is it?

sun	sunglasses	sun costume	suncream	sunset
card	credit card	birthday card	driving card	business card
tea	teabag	teacup	teatime	tea table
case	money case	briefcase	suitcase	bookcase

- 6 Put one word in each box to form three compound nouns.

1	dining waiting changing		5		brush dresser cut
2		lights warden jam	6	news travel estate	
3		ache brush paste	7		way bike racing
4	door answer car		8	wrapping toilet wall	

- 7 Work in pairs. Think of lines that will make your partner say the correct noun from 6.

Where can I try this jumper on? Changing room!

- 8 Work with a partner. Use your dictionary to find some compound nouns made with one of these words.

hand foot finger fire air water

Describe them for the other students to guess.

They are used by the police. They put them round the wrist of prisoners.

Handcuffs?

Yes!

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