

Vocabulary and pronunciation

Compound words

Compound nouns and adjectives

Words can combine to make new words.

1 Look at the examples. Which are nouns and which are adjectives?



Your dictionary can tell you when to use hyphens and spaces.

2 Read the compounds aloud. Which part of each word is **stressed**?



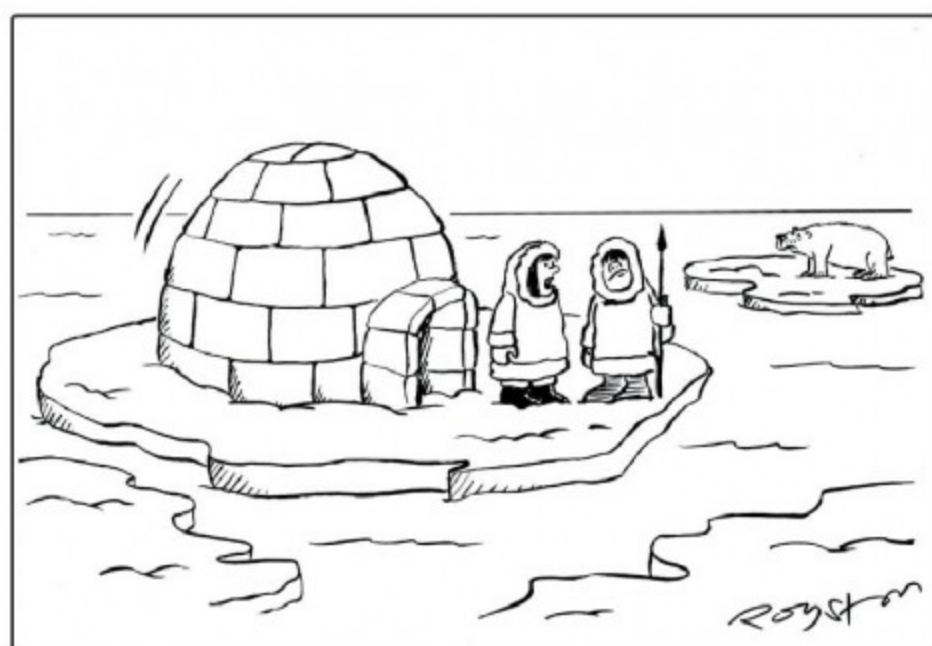
1 How many compounds can you make by combining the words in the middle with the words around them?



Which are nouns and which are adjectives?
Use a dictionary to help with meaning and spelling.

2 1.10 Listen to five conversations. They contain examples of some of the compounds in 1. After each conversation, discuss these questions.

- Who is talking to who?
- Which compounds are used?
- What exactly are they talking about?



"In the circumstances, I think we should skip the house-warming party."

3 Complete these lines from the conversations.

- 1 I'm going away for a few days. Do you think you could possibly water my _____ for me?
- 2 Don't worry, I know how _____ you are. I'll make sure your flat stays clean and tidy.
- 3 Let's give her a spectacular _____ party when she gets back from New York.
- 4 Me? I'm just a _____. Four kids, _____ cakes and _____ vegetables!
- 5 Come to our _____ party on the 12th! I'll give you our new address.
- 6 The drag is, with it being much bigger, there's much more _____ to do!
- 7 I never thought you'd be so _____.
- 8 Her grandma's sick and _____ so they have to go and help.

4 Practise saying the lines in 3 with correct stress and intonation. Then use them to help you remember more of the conversations. Act some of them out with a partner.

5 Work in small groups. How many compounds can you make by combining words from **A** and **B**? There is sometimes more than one option for the words in **A**. Use a dictionary to help.

A	B
sea book junk	pill air escape alarm line house
head text open	man shelf mail bag studies message
business fire	sick office conditioning card
sleeping air	phones food mark way book

6 Which group made the most compounds? Check the meanings.

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