

Compound Words

Compound words occur when two or more words combine to form a new single word or phrase that acts like a single word.



hand

+



shake

=



handshake

Compound Words

Closed compound words are easy to see. There are no spaces between the words.

tea

+

bag

=

teabag



Compound Words

Open compound words are separated by spaces but always act as a single word.

ice

+

cream

=

ice cream



Compound Words

Hyphenated compound words are separated by hyphens. Two, three or more words can act together as one.

empty-handed



up-to-date

hard-boiled

