

Compound Words

FOCUS A **compound word** is one word that has two smaller words in it.

bird + house = birdhouse “a house for a bird”

A compound word can take its meaning from the words that combine to form it, as in *birdhouse*, or it can have a new meaning.

cow + boy = cowboy “a male who herds cattle”
(not “a boy who is a cow”)

PRACTICE Circle the compound word in each sentence. Then look at the two words that make up each compound word. Write *combined* or *new* on the line to describe the compound word's meaning.

1. Ariana grabbed a strawberry from the bowl. _____

2. I enjoy taking afternoon walks in the woods nearby.

3. My older brother just became a homeowner. _____

4. The cheerleader tried to get the crowd to be more spirited.

5. Judge Anders studied the information filed in the lawsuit.

6. The library brings in a storyteller every Wednesday.

7. My friend's grandmother is a famous musician. _____

APPLY Create a compound word from the two words provided. Fill in the blanks to define each new compound word.

8. birth + day = _____

“a _____ that marks one's _____”

9. head + band = _____

“a _____ worn on the _____”

10. sun + shine = _____

“the _____ of the bright _____”

11. gold + fish = _____

“a _____ -colored _____”

Look at the compound words in the box. Then write the correct word from the box on the line next to its definition.

skyscraper

headache

notebook

sweetheart

12. “a pain felt in the head” _____

13. “a kind or nice person” _____

14. “a book used to write or record notes or ideas” _____

15. “a very tall building” _____