

Compound Words Worksheet

Part 1

The sentences below include 30 of the fixed compound words that you would find in most major dictionaries. In each sentence, highlight all of the fixed compound words you can find.

Hint: Some common [noun phrases](#) can look like open compound words. If you remove part of a compound word, it doesn't have the same meaning (e.g., "ice" and "cream" in "ice cream"). If you remove part of a noun phrase, it still has the same meaning.

1. The kindergarten class planted sunflowers next to the playground.
2. The secret ingredients in my homemade chocolate cake are instant coffee and buttermilk.
3. The town in the video game includes a post office and an old-fashioned ice cream parlor.
4. Gabriella's best friend wore a purple evening gown and 4-inch heels to homecoming.
5. You're going to need a toothpick if you drink ice water with salted caramels, cotton candy, or saltwater taffy.
6. Felix set his backpack on the kitchen table and made himself a peanut butter milkshake.
7. I don't know what I would do without my vacuum cleaner or washing machine.
8. The next-door neighbors get back on Sunday, which is also my birthday.
9. If you camp out in the redwood forest, bring extra flashlights and sweatshirts.
10. Mom ran out of eggs, so she reheated the leftover salmon for breakfast.

Part 2

The following sentences include phrasal verbs or compound nouns/adjectives that are made of phrasal verbs. Highlight the correct compound word to fill in the blank of each sentence.

Hint: Phrasal verbs are open compound words (no hyphen or space). Compound nouns and adjectives are either closed or hyphenated.

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4. After we finish eating this **take out/takeout**, please **take out/takeout** the trash.
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