

Compound Nouns



House

+



Wife

=



Housewife



Butter

+



Fly

=



Butterfly



Water

+



Melon

=



Watermelon





Flood lights



Football pitch



Main road



Mountain range



Safety net



See shore



Tower block

LEARN THIS! Compound nouns



- a** Compound nouns are nouns formed from two words.
- 1** noun + noun (*bathroom, safety barrier*)
 - 2** *-ing* form + noun (*dining room, recording studio*)
 - 3** adjective + noun (*wet room, whiteboard*)
- b** We usually write compound nouns as two words, but sometimes as one word (*whiteboard*) or with a hyphen (*make-up*). Check in a dictionary.
- c** The stress is usually on the first word.

athletics

basketball

bowling

boxing

climbing

dance

golf

ice

weights

alley

course

court

ring

rink

room

studio

track

wall

Number

+

(singular!) Noun

five-minute, three-hour, ten-storey, one-way, twenty-page

Adjective

+

Noun

last-minute, full-length, short-term, long-distance, high-quality

Adjective

+

Present Participle

good-looking, long-lasting, easy-going, tight-fitting, quick-thinking

Noun

+

Present Participle

mouth-watering, record-breaking, time-saving, English-speaking

Noun

+

Adjective

world-famous, smoke-free, ice-cold, gluten-free, family-friendly

Noun

+

Past Participle

wind-powered, sun-dried, middle-aged, water-cooled

Adverb

+

Past Participle

brightly-lit, well-known, densely-populated, highly-respected


Adjective

+

Past Participle

old-fashioned, long-forgotten, ready-made, short-lived

Compound adjectives 25-metre 400-metre
air-conditioned brightly lit eight-lane eighteen-hole
full-sized open-air solar-heated soundproof
well-equipped

7  **1.23** Listen to four students arguing in favour of a new facility for their school. Match the facilities below (a–e) with the speakers (1–4). There is one extra facility.

a a state-of-the-art recording studio 4

b a well-equipped art and design studio 3

c a high-speed Wi-Fi network 1

d a 300-seat theatre

e an all-weather football pitch 2