

Word Detective Time!



Today we are going to think about compound words. A compound word is made up of two smaller words. When a compound word is divided, each remaining smaller word must be able to stand on its own. Can you think of any compound words? Here are two to get you started: classroom and goldfish. When separated they become class and room, gold and fish.

Compound Word	Separated Compound Word
goldfish	gold and fish

Can you spot the compound words?



Read the words in each grouping. Circle the words that are compound. Put and X over the words that are not compound.

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| 1. Afternoon | Always | Airmail |
| 2. Backbone | Baby | Bedroom |
| 3. Color | Cookbook | Crossword |
| 4. Downstairs | Daughter | Doorstep |
| 5. Everywhere | Everything | Even |
| 6. Father | Football | Footprint |
| 7. Handshake | Headphone | Hello |
| 8. Mailbox | Monday | Mousetrap |
| 9. Newspaper | Neighbor | Notebook |
| 10. Robot | Raincoat | Rowboat |