

# Compound Word Lesson Plan

by



**Objective:** For many students, a lesson on compound words marks the first time they become aware of the component parts of words. This kicks off the process of learning about word roots, suffixes and prefixes. Specific goals:

- The student will be able to understand what a compound word is.
- The student will be able to identify, divide and make compound words.

**Online Lesson:** Start out by showing the students the 75 second *animated lesson within the compound word matching activity*. Click “Learn” to go straight into the animated lesson. (See storyboard below)

[www.vocabulary.co.il/compound-words/primary/general-compound-word-match/](http://www.vocabulary.co.il/compound-words/primary/general-compound-word-match/)

compound words

Learn Play

Playground  
Doghouse  
Football  
Butterfly  
Sunflower

A compound word has its own special meaning, separate from the words used to make it.

dog  
house

dog house

As I walked down the driveway, a dragonfly landed on my fingernail.

## Discussion:

Follow the animated lesson with a discussion about compound words. Talk about the words in the lesson and ask the students if they know any other compound words. When asking, use some compound words so you

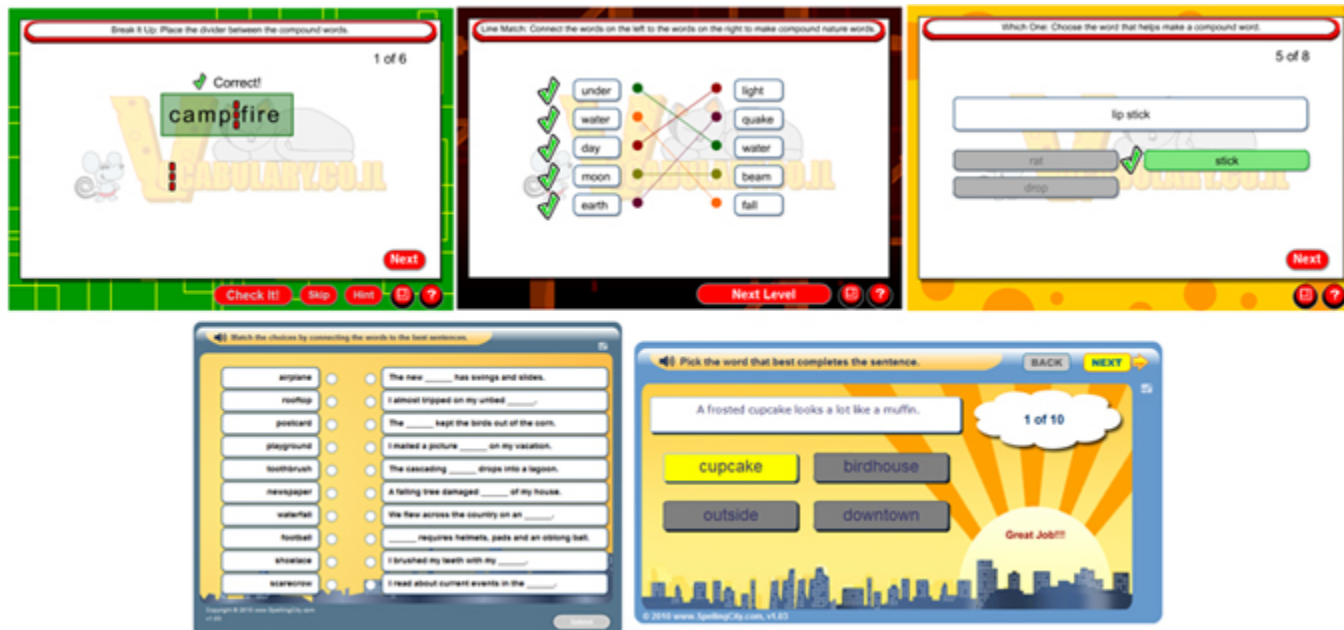
can show that they are **everywhere** (ie **Brainstorm** to find words to write on the **whiteboard** in the front of the **classroom**. Put your hand on **textbooks** on the **desktop** or **bookshelf**. Hey! more compound words!)

Some questions to ask the students to get them thinking....

Did anyone brush their teeth this morning? What did you use? **Toothbrush** and **toothpaste** are both compound words!

Did **anyone** (another compound word!) have **breakfast** this morning? You all ate a compound word today! Break fast.

Did anyone eat lunch this **afternoon**? Another compound word! After noon.



**Online Activities as a Class:** Now move to the activity portion of the *compound word matching activity*. Ask students to suggest matches for the small words on each side, to make them compound words.  
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When all matches are complete, move to the *dividing compound words activity*, again with all of the students. This activity requires students to divide the compound words into their original small words. Call students up one at a time to have them divide a compound word. Each time you play, you'll get a different set of compound words, so everyone can have a turn.  
[www.vocabulary.co.il/compound-words/primary/divide-the-compound-words/](http://www.vocabulary.co.il/compound-words/primary/divide-the-compound-words/)

**Individual Online Activities:** Now that students have combined and divided compound words as a class, they can do the following online activities on their own. (Can't get all the students on computers at once? Have some of the students do the Printables step first.)

1. Divide Compound Words [www.vocabulary.co.il/compound-words/intermediate/break-it-up-compound-words/](http://www.vocabulary.co.il/compound-words/intermediate/break-it-up-compound-words/)
2. Create Compound Nature Words and/or Create Compound Sports Words

[www.vocabulary.co.il/compound-words/intermediate/compound-word-match-nature/](http://www.vocabulary.co.il/compound-words/intermediate/compound-word-match-nature/)  
[www.vocabulary.co.il/compound-words/intermediate/compound-words-match-sports/](http://www.vocabulary.co.il/compound-words/intermediate/compound-words-match-sports/)

3. Which One Creates a Compound?

[www.vocabulary.co.il/compound-words/intermediate/make-a-compound-word/](http://www.vocabulary.co.il/compound-words/intermediate/make-a-compound-word/)

4. Match Compound Words and their Definitions

[www.spellingcity.com/word-match-vocabulary-game.html?listId=1880040](http://www.spellingcity.com/word-match-vocabulary-game.html?listId=1880040)

5. Decide Which Compound Word matches the Definition

[www.spellingcity.com/which-word-best-completes-the-sentence.html?listId=1880113](http://www.spellingcity.com/which-word-best-completes-the-sentence.html?listId=1880113)

**Printable Worksheets for Desk Work:** When the students have gotten enough of the online activities, they can do offline printables for additional practice creating and dividing compound words.



1. Divide Animal Compound Words and/or Divide Transportation Compound Words

[www.vocabulary.co.il/pdf\\_files/worksheets/compound\\_animal\\_ws.pdf](http://www.vocabulary.co.il/pdf_files/worksheets/compound_animal_ws.pdf) and/or  
[www.vocabulary.co.il/pdf\\_files/worksheets/compound\\_transportation\\_ws.pdf](http://www.vocabulary.co.il/pdf_files/worksheets/compound_transportation_ws.pdf)

2. Create Occupation Compound Words

[www.vocabulary.co.il/pdf\\_files/worksheets/occupation\\_compound\\_linematch.pdf](http://www.vocabulary.co.il/pdf_files/worksheets/occupation_compound_linematch.pdf)

3. Compound Word Math - Add the words to get the Compound Sum

[www.vocabulary.co.il/pdf\\_files/worksheets/compound\\_pics.pdf](http://www.vocabulary.co.il/pdf_files/worksheets/compound_pics.pdf)

**Homework:** Challenge the students to collect and bring in twenty compound words for the next day. See how one class did it when they had Compound Word Day. This will really get the kids excited about compound words.

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