GRAMMAR

Compound words

Name _____ Date _____

I can join two small words to make a compound word.

1 The rule

A compound word is two small words joined together to make a new word.

sun + flower = **sunflower**

2 Look and say



sunflower
sun + flower



rainbow
rain + bow



cupcake
cup + cake



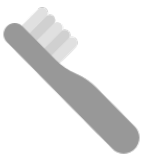
popcorn
pop + corn



butterfly
butter + fly



ladybug
lady + bug



toothbrush
tooth + brush



mailbox
mail + box

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Sort the words

Name _____ Date _____

Read each compound word. Which small word does it start with? Write it in the right box.

1 Word bank

rainfall | snowflake | raindrop | snowfall | snowball | sunflower | rainbow | snowstorm | raincoat | sunshine | sunglasses | sunset

sun...	rain...	snow...
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Find it in a sentence

Name _____ Date _____

Read each sentence. Circle the compound word.

1. We saw a rainbow.
2. I ate a cupcake.
3. A butterfly sat on a leaf.
4. Put on your raincoat.
5. The sunflower is tall.
6. I have a new toothbrush.
7. We play football at school.
8. Look at the starfish.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Write it

Name _____ Date _____

Join the two words to make a compound word.

1.  sun + flower = _____

2.  rain + bow = _____

3.  cup + cake = _____

4.  pop + corn = _____

5.  tooth + brush = _____

6.  mail + box = _____

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

Answer key: compound words

1 Sort the words

sun...: sunflower, sunset, sunshine, sunglasses

rain...: rainbow, raincoat, raindrop, rainfall

snow...: snowball, snowflake, snowfall, snowstorm

2 Find it in a sentence

1. rainbow 2. cupcake 3. butterfly 4. raincoat 5. sunflower 6. toothbrush 7. football 8. starfish

3 Write it

1. sunflower 2. rainbow 3. cupcake 4. popcorn 5. toothbrush 6. mailbox

4 Teaching tip

Cut picture cards in half and let children match the parts: sun and flower, cup and cake. Then ask them to guess what a new compound word means from its two parts.

Watch for: Writing a compound word as two words, as in "rain bow". Read it aloud as one word and check that the two parts are joined.

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