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COMPOUND WORDS

A **compound word** is when two **words** are combined to form a new **word** or phrase. There are three types of **compound words**: closed form, hyphenated and open form. The closed form is when two **words** are combined to form a new **word** such as bullfrog, snowball and mailbox.

NOUN+NOUN : motorcycle, railway

VERB+NOUN: driving license, swimming pool

ADJECTIVE+NOUN: blackboard, software

ADVERB+NOUN: overcoat, bypass

ADVERB+VERB: income, outset

VERB+ADVERB: lookout, feedback

GERUND+NOUN: blotting paper, stepping-stone

Expansion of the compound words

1. Air supply – Supply of air
2. Battery car - car which runs on battery
3. Cable Television – a television working with signals transmitted through cables
4. Power transmission problems – problems in the transmission of power
5. Jet engine – an engine used to propel a jet
6. Laser printer – a printer that uses laser technology
7. Pedal power – power derived from a pedal device
8. Nickel Alloy- an alloy containing nickel
9. Temperature drop- drop in temperature
10. Pressure valve – a valve used to release excess pressure

Exercise for compound words

1. Box top
2. Cylinder walls
3. Temperature drop
4. Tongue slip
5. Engine failure
6. Heat transfer
7. Steel bar
8. Hot water

