

Compound Words

6th Grade

Name: _____

Read and Say



bare + foot

Basic

1. barefoot
2. sea gull
3. driftwood
4. carefree
5. somebody
6. nowhere
7. haircut
8. runner-up
9. teammate
10. toothbrush
11. headache
12. iceberg
13. fireproof
14. uproar
15. whereas
16. dead end
17. forehead
18. grandchildren
19. old-fashioned
20. nevertheless

READ the sentences.**SAY** each bold word.

We walked **barefoot** in the park.
 A **sea gull** flew over the boat.
 We found **driftwood** in the sand.
 In the summer I feel happy and **carefree**.
 Is **somebody** at the door?
 My book is **nowhere** to be found.
 Dad got a **haircut** today.
 I was the **runner-up** in the essay contest.
 My **teammate** is a good soccer player.
 Don't forget your **toothbrush** and soap.
 Dan had a **headache** and a fever.
 The ship passed a huge **iceberg**.
 Our new roof is **fireproof**.
 The crowd was in an **uproar** during the game.
 I like plums, **whereas** my sister likes apples.
 My street is a **dead end**.
 She wears her hat low on her **forehead**.
 They have six **grandchildren**.
 She likes **old-fashioned** clothes.
 He is loud, but I like him **nevertheless**.

Think and Write

Each word is a compound word. A **compound word** is made up of two or more smaller words.

drift + **wood** = driftwood **runner** + **up** = runner-up

sea + **gull** = sea gull

- What three ways can a compound word be written?

Now write each Basic Word under the heading that tells how it is written.

One Word

With a Hyphen

Two Words

- Review**
21. wildlife 24. homemade
 22. weekend 25. baby-sit

- Challenge**
26. water-repellent 28. painstaking
 27. ebb tide 29. self-confident
 30. crestfallen

Independent Practice



Spelling Strategy A **compound word** is made up of two or more smaller words. Remember that a compound word may be written as one word, as a hyphenated word, or as separate words.

Word Analysis/Phonics Complete the exercises with Basic Words.

1. Write the compound word made up of three smaller words.
- 2–4. Write the three words with the [k] sound.

Vocabulary: Definitions Write the Basic Word that fits each definition.

5. top part of the face
6. a street with no exit
7. second-place winner
8. an ocean bird
9. not anywhere
10. of an earlier time
11. noisy confusion
12. without shoes or socks
13. made of materials that do not burn



Challenge Words Write the Challenge Word that fits each clue. Use your Spelling Dictionary.

14. having assurance
15. like a good raincoat
16. extremely careful
17. synonym for *depressed*
18. ocean water between its high and low levels

Spelling-Meaning Connection

How can you remember that some compound words, such as *teammate* and *roommate*, have double consonants? Think of the two smaller words that are put together to form each compound word.

- 19–20. Write *teammate* and *roommate*. Underline the double consonants in each word.

teammate
roommate

Dictionary

Stressed Syllables A dictionary entry shows each entry word separated into syllables. In a word with two or more syllables, one syllable is pronounced with more **stress**, or emphasis. The dictionary pronunciation shows the stressed syllable in dark type and followed by an **accent mark** (').

drift·wood |drift' wōod'|

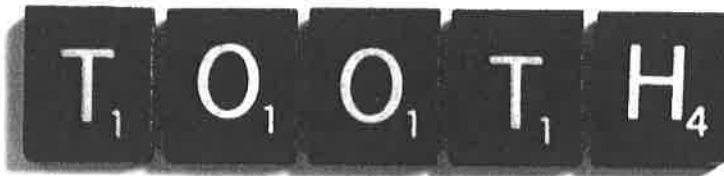
Practice Look up each word below in your Spelling Dictionary. Write the word, and underline the stressed syllable.

- | | | |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1. rehearse | 5. tragic | 9. deny |
| 2. naughty | 6. lately | 10. earnest |
| 3. measure | 7. meadow | |
| 4. decline | 8. ravine | |

Review: Spelling Spree

Exchanging Word Parts Write the Basic or Review Word that has one of the parts in each compound word below.

- | | | |
|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| 11. woodchuck | 16. nevermore | 21. dead letter |
| 12. icebox | 17. waterproof | 22. stepchildren |
| 13. no one | 18. first base | 23. paintbrush |
| 14. homeland | 19. shortcut | 24. inasmuch as |
| 15. classmate | 20. lifeboat | 25. caretaker |



How Are
You Doing?

Write your spelling words
in ABC order. Practice
any misspelled words
with a family member.

Proofreading and Writing

Proofread for Spelling Find ten misspelled Basic or Review Words in this diary entry. Write each word correctly.

July 18

I didn't have to babby-sit this weekend, so I went to the beach with my family. We walked bearfoot along the shore and passed an old-fashioned cottage. Then sombody said that one oddly shaped piece of driftwood looked like a see gull. In the afternoon we played volleyball on the sand. There was an up-roar when I fell down and hit my forehead. Dad gave me first aid by putting ice on the bump. Soon my headace passed, and later on I was first runner up in the paddleball contest.



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Write to Compare and Contrast

Think of a beach and a city street on a hot summer day. What are the sights, sounds, and smells of each? Write two paragraphs comparing and contrasting the two places. Try to use five spelling words.

Proofreading Tip

Circle any word that you think you misspelled. Then look it up in a dictionary.

Proofreading Marks

- ¶ Indent
- ^ Add
- ⊙ Add a period
- ✂ Delete
- ≡ Capital letter
- / Small letter
- ~ Reverse order

Expanding Vocabulary

Spelling Word Link
fireproof

Building Compound Words With a partner use the words listed here to build a compound word for each coil on the fire hose and each level of the fire escape. Each word you build must begin with the last half of the compound word above it. Two examples are shown on each chart. **Hint:** Some compound words have three parts.

break station dye neck
house tie

right me and back earth
down forth hand to

wildfire

fire station

1. ?

2. ?

3. ?

4. ?

5. ?

upset

setback

6. ?

7. ?

8. ?

9. ?

10. ?

Show You Know! On your own write sentences for five of the compound words that you built.

Real-World Connection

Recreation: Beaches All the words in the box relate to beaches. Look up these words in your Spelling Dictionary. Then write the words to complete this trail guide.

Spelling Word Link

sea gull

sandbar
tern
kelp
pelican
conch
jetty
mussel
dune

Self-Guided Seaside Walk

Your walk starts on top of the windblown (1) overlooking the ocean. From here you can see how the waves have shifted pebbles and dirt offshore to form a (2). Walk out on the stone (3), built to protect the harbor from rough waves. You may see a (4) dive into the water and slip a fish into its pouch. A (5) may fly by, flashing its forked tail. In the water you may see the seaweed called (6), which feeds many marine animals. Look carefully for the spiral-shelled pink (7) and the blue-shelled (8).

Try This Challenge

Yes or No? Write *yes* or *no* to answer each question.

9. Could you fly in a jetty?
10. Does a tern grow on the ocean floor?
11. Could you eat a mussel?
12. Would a conch make a comfortable seat?

★ Fact File

Cape Cod, a peninsula on the coast of Massachusetts, is shaped like a curved arm. It was named Cape Cod for all the codfish caught in the ocean around it. Cape Cod is a popular vacation area.

