

Compound Nouns

What are compound nouns?

Compound nouns are words for people, animals, places, things, or ideas, made up of two or more words.

Most compound nouns are made with nouns that have been modified by adjectives or other nouns.

- In many compound nouns, the first word describes or modifies the second word, giving us insight into what kind of thing an item is, or providing us with clues about the item's purpose.
- The second word usually identifies the item.

These are often referred to as closed or solid compound nouns.

Nouns can be compounded with different parts of speech and thus called as compound noun.

1. **Noun + noun** : bedroom, motor cycle, water tank

Ex. I have a red motor cycle.

2. **Noun + verb** : rain +fall, hair +cut.

Ex. There's heavy rainfall today.

3. **Verb + noun**: washing machine , swimming pool

Ex. I wash my clothes in washing machine.

4. **Noun + adverb**: hanger-on, passer-by.

Ex. Passers-by are not allowed to enter in this gate.

5. **Adverb + noun**: onlooker, bystander

Ex. He looks like an innocent bystander.