


**COMPARATIVE
CONSTRUCTIONS**

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**COMPOUND
ADJECTIVES & NOUNS**

COMPOUND ADJECTIVES

- **Compound adjectives are adjectives that are made up of two or more words**
 - **All the words in the compound adjective modify (i.e., describe) the same noun**
 - **Hyphens are used between the different elements of the compound adjective**
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Some combinations that make up compound adjectives:

1. Adjective + present participle → good-looking

2. Adverb + past participle →

Well-known / well-mannered / brightly-lit / well-balanced

3. Noun + past participle → tongue-tied / sun-dried

4. Adjective + past participle →

**Short-lived / short-sighted / long-haired /
old-fashioned**

5. Noun + adjective → world-famous


6. Adjective + noun → deep-sea / last-minute

7. Noun + noun → part-time


8. Number + noun →

two-door / forty-mile / three-page


EXAMPLES


- This is a *six-page* document.
 - She works as a *part-time* teacher at the school.
 - This is an *all-too-common* mistake.
 - The *fifteen-minute* presentation was boring.
 - It is a *thirty-minute* walk from here to school.
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COMPOUND NOUNS

- **A noun that is made up of two or more words**
 - **A compound noun acts as a single unit**
 - **A compound noun can be modified**
 - **They are written with a space between them, a hyphen, or as one word (*check dictionary if in doubt*)**
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Some combinations that make up compound nouns are:

- 1. Noun + noun → toothbrush / classroom**
 - 2. Adjective + noun → blackboard / software / greenhouse**
 - 3. Present participle + noun → washing machine / swimming pool / ironing board / training wheels**
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- 4. Verb + noun → breakfast**
 - 5. Noun + verb → sunrise / haircut**
 - 6. Noun + present participle → bird watching**
 - 7. Verb + preposition → check-out / turnabout**
 - 8. Noun + prepositional phrase → mother-in-law**
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**9. Preposition + noun → down stairs /
underground / overcoat**

10. Noun + adjective → mouthful / spoonful



Create the following compounds:

- 1. A room for stores →**
 - 2. A tape for measuring up to 300 cm →**
 - 3. The assistant manager of the restaurant →**
 - 4. A station for express trains →**
 - 5. Reduction in cost →**
 - 6. Two periods of three months →**
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7. Plugs with three pins →

8. Two steel boxes for tools →

9. Cables for telephones →

10. A country that speaks English →



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