3. Compound Nouns

Discuss

A compound noun is two nouns used to name one thing.

- Some compound nouns are written as one word; headache is an example.
- Some compound nouns are written as two words; tape recorder is an example.

Usually, the first word of a compound noun is stressed when you say the noun. That is, emphasis is placed on the first noun. Read aloud the compound nouns in the box below.

Writing Practice

Write the compound noun found in each sentence. Then underline the part of the noun to stress when you say the noun aloud.

Example: This is a tape recorder. tape recorder

1. Where’s the restroom? ______________
2. Can you read my handwriting? ______________
3. What’s your phone number? ______________
4. She’s my science teacher. ______________
5. I’ll buy a notebook. ______________
Writing on Your Own

1. First, choose and circle five of the compound nouns from the following list.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>chalkboard</th>
<th>guesswork</th>
<th>traffic light</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>firefighter</td>
<td>candlelight</td>
<td>Thanksgiving Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>handshake</td>
<td>flying saucer</td>
<td>United States</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>library book</td>
<td>Pacific Ocean</td>
<td>driveway</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ceiling fan</td>
<td>underwater</td>
<td>Main Street</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>grammar lesson</td>
<td>cottage cheese</td>
<td>mailbox</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

2. Now, use the five compound nouns you’ve circled in a paragraph of your own. Check your spelling.

Partner Work

1. With your partner, identify the compound nouns you wrote for Writing Practice. Read aloud the compound nouns to make sure you stress the correct part of the noun.

2. With your partner, write sentences using the following compound nouns.
   a. textbook

   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

   b. tennis player

   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

   c. water ski

   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

   d. math test

   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

   e. classroom

   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
Writing Practice
1. restroom
2. handwriting
3. phone number
4. science teacher
5. notebook

Partner Work
2. Answers will vary.

Writing on Your Own
Answers will vary.