2E Word Skills

Compound nouns and adjectives

I can use compounds correctly.

1 Complete the sports venues with the words below. Then use six of them to label the photos.

basketball bowling boxing court football golf ice room studio swimming track wall

1 _____ alley
2 _____ course
3 athletics _____
4 _____ rink
5 tennis _____
6 _____ ring
7 _____ court
8 dance _____
9 climbing _____
10 _____ pitch
11 weights _____
12 _____ pool



a _____



b _____



c _____



d _____



e _____



f _____

2 Match the words to make more compound nouns. Use each word only once.

1 mountain ☐
2 flood ☐
3 main ☐
4 sea ☐
5 tennis ☐
6 safety ☐
7 tower ☐

a road
b block
c net
d range
e player
f shore
g lights

3 Complete the table with compound nouns from exercises 1 and 2. Write two in column A, three in column B and four in column C.

A adjective + noun	B *-ing* form + noun
_____	_____
_____	_____
	_____
C noun + noun	
_____	
_____	
_____	
_____	

4 Complete the compound adjectives in the sentences with the words below.

25 air full open sound well

1 It's an amazing house. There's a _____-sized bowling alley in the basement!
2 There's also a new _____-air swimming pool in the garden.
3 Is it healthy to spend all day in _____-conditioned offices?
4 The gym has a _____-equipped weights room.
5 She reached the top of the _____-metre climbing wall in less than a minute.
6 They record the podcasts in a _____proof room.

VOCAB BOOST!

Many compound adjectives are not in the dictionary because they are formed from other words. When you come across a new compound adjective, you need to work out the meaning by looking at the words which form it.

a three-wheeled motorbike = a motorbike with three wheels

a well-drawn picture = a picture which has been drawn well

5 Read the *Vocab boost!* box. Then complete the second part of each sentence with an explanation.

1 A three-headed monster is a monster with three heads.
2 A man-eating lion is a lion _____.
3 A million-dollar apartment is an apartment _____.
4 A five-storey house is a house _____.
5 A well-prepared student is a student _____.

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