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# 2E Word Skills

## Compounds

*I can use a variety of compounds.*

**1 Complete the compounds with the words below.**

break crack hand last lift strong tax tip twenty warm

1 [ ]-hearted
2 [ ]-free
3 [ ]-off
4 [ ]-made
5 [ ]-minute
6 [ ]-off
7 [ ]-down
8 [ ]-storey
9 [ ]-willed
10 [ ]-down

**2 Complete the compounds in the mini-dialogues.**

**Mandy** Greg's a very [ ]-going person. He never gets angry at anyone.
**Josh** Yes, and he's very broad-[2] [ ] too. He doesn't have any prejudices.

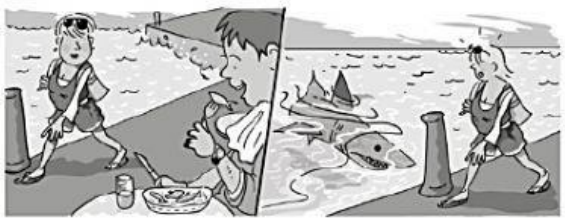
**Ricky** Is that book good?
**Seth** Well, it's a [3] [ ] selling novel by an award-[4] [ ] writer, but I don't like it much. It's full of never-[5] [ ] descriptions that go on and on. I prefer a book with more action.

**Man** This machine is very [6] [ ]-friendly.
**Woman** Yes – you don't need to read the 300-[7] [ ] guide that came with it to work it out.

**3 Complete the sentences. Use the verbs below and a suitable preposition to make compound nouns.**

break check make rip take warm

1 Megan's left her boyfriend. He's very upset about the [ ].
2 We were standing at the [ ] desk when the flight was cancelled.
3 Do a [ ] before you go for a run, or you'll hurt yourself.
4 The electrician was only here for five minutes, but he tried to charge me £200. What a [ ]!
5 There's nothing in the fridge, so let's get some [ ] food on the way home.
6 The actress is still in the dressing room, putting on her [ ].



**4 Complete the compounds in the text with the words below.**

award educated made respected three-minute well world worldwide

### FAMOUS HOAXES

In 1912, an archaeologist called Charles Dawson presented some human-like bones at a meeting of the [1] [ ]-famous Royal Geological Society, in London. He claimed they were a fossil from Piltdown, England. Highly [2] [ ] scientists examined the bones, and decided that they belonged to a new species – an ancient ancestor of humans. But in fact, the fossil was a hoax. Dawson had made it out of modern human and orang-utan bones.

In April 1957 many people watched a [3] [ ] report on British TV about how spaghetti was 'grown' on a farm in Switzerland. It was broadcast on the [4] [ ]-winning BBC *Panorama* programme, and was very believable. Spaghetti wasn't a [5] [ ]-known food in Britain at the time, so many people believed the report. But it was broadcast on 1 April – April Fool's Day!

The tree octopus, which lives in the north-west United States has a [6] [ ] internet following, and there are campaigns to save this 'endangered creature'. You can watch well-[7] [ ] videos about the tree octopus, and read all about it. The information is good enough to fool well-[8] [ ] people, but it's just a joke. All octopus species live in the sea.

**VOCAB BOOST!**
A hyphen can indicate that two words form a compound adjective and are not unrelated words. The hyphen can change the meaning of the sentence.

**5 Read the *Vocab Boost!* box What is the difference between sentences A and B? Complete the sentence which follows with the sentences below.**

But we don't know who many undercover agents are.
Do I have to pay for it? He's very famous.
His meal looked delicious. I think it was a shark.
I don't want to buy beauty products with aluminium in them.

1 **A** I saw a man eating fish. [ ]
**B** I saw a man-eating fish. [ ]
2 **A** Is this aluminium free? [ ]
**B** Is this aluminium-free? [ ]
3 **A** Donnie Brasco is one of the best-known undercover agents. [ ]
**B** Donnie Brasco is one of the best known undercover agents. [ ]



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