

COMPOUND NOUNS

Compound nouns can be written as one word, hyphenated or as separate words. There are no clear rules for this. Three common ways to form compound nouns are:

Adjective + noun	green belt	software
Noun + noun	bus stop	footprint
V-ing + noun	washing machine	swimming pool

• Choose the correct word to make compound nouns.

1. Rain	a. rise	b. fall
2. Heat	a. fall	b. wave
3. Global	a. heating	b. warming
4. Speed	a. limit	b. road
5. Traffic	a. jelly	b. jam
6. Public	a. transport	b. carrying
7. Greenhouse	a. effect	b. affect



• Complete the sentences with compounds from the previous exercise.

1. The _____ is the rise in temperature caused by gases in the atmosphere.
2. The snow caused _____ all over the city. A lot of people were late for work.
3. Are recent extreme weather events due to _____?
4. According to the weather forecast, we are going to have a _____ next week. The temperature will stay in the upper 30s the whole week.
5. One way to reduce your carbon footprint is to use _____ instead of your own car when travelling long distances.
6. The heavy _____ has caused floods in the south of the country.
7. Accidents are likely to happen when drivers exceed the _____.

