

TIP

A compound word is made up of two or more words.

shoe + laces = shelaces

Some compound words have a hyphen between the words.

forty + six = forty-six

self + control = self-control

A helpful rule: When dividing compound words into syllables, first divide the compound words between the words that form them.

finger • nail blue • green

LIST WORDS

1. shelaces
2. paperback
3. haircut
4. jellyfish
5. underwater
6. shipwreck
7. sunshine
8. fingernail
9. cornbread
10. snowdrift
11. hallway
12. kneecap
13. pancakes
14. rainbows
15. blue-green
16. self-control
17. spellbound
18. countdown
19. grapefruit
20. forty-six

Spelling Practice

Compound Words

Write the **list words** on the lines below. Make sure you remember to use hyphens correctly. Then, circle the words that make each compound word.

1. _____ 13. _____
2. _____ 14. _____
3. _____ 15. _____
4. _____ 16. _____
5. _____ 17. _____
6. _____ 18. _____
7. _____ 19. _____
8. _____ 20. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

Missing Words

Write the **list word** that completes each sentence.

1. The astronauts anxiously awaited the _____ before the launch.
2. The ocean turns a beautiful shade of _____ in the sunshine.
3. It takes _____ to practice an instrument regularly.
4. The divers searched the _____ in hopes of finding lost treasure.
5. A _____ is rich in vitamin C.
6. She needs a _____ to keep her hair out of her eyes.
7. During the blizzard, Mom's car was stuck in a _____.
8. If you don't tie your _____, you could trip and fall.
9. My favorite breakfast is _____ with maple syrup.
10. We celebrated the fact that Dad had turned _____.
11. At the campout, we made _____ with cornmeal.
12. The movie was so interesting that we were _____ by it.



Riddles

Answer each riddle with a **list word**.

1. What kind of a nail should you never pound? a _____
2. What's a whale's favorite kind of sandwich? peanut butter and _____
3. Which way will take you from your classroom to the gym? the _____
4. What kind of cap do you always take with you but can never put on your head?
a _____
5. Name a book that's often read but never found between hard covers. a _____
6. Why are goldfish orange? They get rusty _____.
7. What did the leprechaun wear in her hair? a _____
8. What does a mother star call her son? _____

Spelling and Writing

Proofreading

The following story has eleven mistakes. Fix the mistakes by using the proofreading marks. Then, write the misspelled **list words** correctly on the lines.

Our canoe trip began with a bang We watched the splash of the blugreen water make raynbows in the sunshine. When we saw the huge rock underwater it was too late. What a crash It was an instant shipwreck. Our corn-bred and my paprebak book fell into the water. My kneekap was scraped and one fingernail was torn. What a mess However we still had enough food to make some pancakes.

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____

Proofreading Marks

○ spelling mistake

^ add something

