

# BUILDING VOCABULARY 01

## UNDERSTANDING COMPOUND NOUNS

A compound noun consists of two words that are put together to create a single noun. One of the words is usually a noun; however, the other word can be a noun, an adjective or a preposition. Combined, the meaning may or may not relate directly back to the root noun.

Compound nouns can be closed (one word), open (two words) or hyphenated (two or more words connected by a hyphen). Examples of each type of compound noun are:

- **closed compound nouns** - toothpaste, schoolhouse, bedroom
- **open compound nouns** - ice cream, root beer, coffee table
- **hyphenated compound nouns** - four-door, daughter-in-law, six-pack

Choose the correct type of compound noun for each case. Use a dictionary for help.

Highspeed	High speed	High-speed
Playground	Play ground	Play-ground
Hotdog	Hot dog	Hot-dog
Webpage	Web page	Web-page
Popcorn	Pop corn	Pop-corn
Horseshoe	Horse shoe	Horse-shoe
Fulllength	Full length	Full-length
Deepfried	Deep fried	Deep-fried
Bookmark	Book mark	Book-mark
Keyhole	Key hole	Key-hole