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Word Skills

Compounds

*I can use a variety of compounds.*

1 Complete the compounds with the words below.

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| 1 _____-hearted | 6 _____-off    |
| 2 _____-free    | 7 _____-down   |
| 3 _____-off     | 8 _____-storey |
| 4 _____-made    | 9 _____-willed |
| 5 _____-minute  | 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-\_\_\_\_\_ too. He doesn't have any prejudices.

**Ricky** Is that book good?

**Seth** Well, it's a \_\_\_\_\_-selling novel by an award-\_\_\_\_\_ writer, but I don't like it much. It's full of never-\_\_\_\_\_ descriptions that go on and on. I prefer a book with more action.

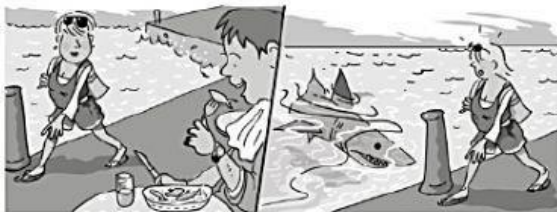
**Man** This machine is very \_\_\_\_\_-friendly.

**Woman** Yes – you don't need to read the 300-\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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- Megan's left her boyfriend. He's very upset about the \_\_\_\_\_.
- We were standing at the \_\_\_\_\_ desk when the flight was cancelled.
- Do a \_\_\_\_\_ before you go for a run, or you'll hurt yourself.
- The electrician was only here for five minutes, but he tried to charge me £200. What a \_\_\_\_\_.
- There's nothing in the fridge, so let's get some \_\_\_\_\_ food on the way home.
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_ famous Royal Geological Society, in London. He claimed they were a fossil from Piltown, England. Highly \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ report on British TV about how spaghetti was 'grown' on a farm in Switzerland. It was broadcast on the \_\_\_\_\_-winning BBC *Panorama* programme, and was very believable. Spaghetti wasn't a \_\_\_\_\_-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 \_\_\_\_\_ internet following, and there are campaigns to save this 'endangered creature'. You can watch well-\_\_\_\_\_ videos about the tree octopus, and read all about it. The information is good enough to fool well-\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

- A I saw a man eating fish. \_\_\_\_\_  
B I saw a man-eating fish. \_\_\_\_\_
- A Is this aluminium free? \_\_\_\_\_  
B Is this aluminium-free? \_\_\_\_\_
- A Donnie Brasco is one of the best-known undercover agents. \_\_\_\_\_  
B Donnie Brasco is one of the best known undercover agents. \_\_\_\_\_