501 Compound Words for Kids

Compound words can be lots of fun for young readers and spellers. And they are easier to tackle if we think of compound words as two smaller words that are combined to form a new word. This BIG list of kid-friendly compound words should help get your child started!

A

afternoon

airplane

airplane
airport
anywhere
applesauce
armchair
armpit
arrowhead

B

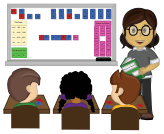
babysitter
backbone
background
backpack
backstroke
backward
bagpipe
ballpark
ballroom
barefoot
barnyard
baseball
basketball
bathtub
bedroom
birthday
blackberry
blackbird
blackboard
blackout
blacksmith
blacktop
blueberry
bluebird
blueprint
boardwalk
bobcat
bodyguard
bookcase
bookmark
bookmobile

bookshelf

bookshelf
bookworm
bowtie
brainwash
briefcase
bulldozer
bullfrog
buttercup
butterfly
buttermilk

C

campfire
cardboard
carport
carsick
cartwheel
catnip
caveman
chalkboard
checkerboard
cheeseburger
cheesecake
chestnut
chopsticks



classroom

classroom
clockwise
cobweb
coffeemaker
cookbook
copycat
cornstalk
courthouse
courtyard
cowboy
crabgrass
crackerjack
crackpot
crosswalk
crowbar
cubbyhole
cupcake

D

daredevil
daybreak
daydream
daytime
deathbed
dogcatcher
doghouse
doorknob
doorway

doughnut

doughnut
downhill
downpour
downstairs
downtown
dragonfly
drawbridge
drawstring
dressmaker

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driveway
dropout
drugstore
drumstick
dugout
dustpan

E

earache
eardrum
earmuff
earring
earthquake
earthworm
eggnog
eggplant
eggshell
evergreen
everyone
everything
eyebrows
eyeglasses
eyelash
eyelids
eyesight

F

farmhouse
farmland
farmyard
fatherhood
fiddlesticks
fingernail
fingerprint
firecracker
firefighter
firefly
firehouse
fireplace
fireproof
fireworks
fishbowl
fisherman
fishhook
fishnet
flagpole
flashlight
flycatcher
football
footprint
footstep
footwear
forehead
forklift
fourscore
freeway
freshwater

G

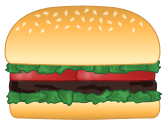
gangplank
gingerbread
goalkeeper
goldfish
goodbye
gooseberry
grandchild
grandfather
grandmother
grapefruit
grapevine

grasshopper

grasshopper
graveyard
groundwork
guardhouse
guesswork
gumball
gumdrop
gunfire
gunpowder
gunshot

H

hairbrush
haircut
hallway



hamburger

hamburger
hammerhead
handbag
handball
handbook
handcuff
handgun
handmade
handout
handrail
handshake
hangman
hardheaded
hardship
hardware
hayloft
haystack
headache
headband
headlight
headquarters
headrest
headway
heartache
heartbeat
heartburn
hedgehog
heirloom
helpmate
herself
highchair
highlands
highway
hillbilly
hillside
hilltop
himself
hindquarter
homemade
homemaker
homesick
homespun
homestead
hometown
honeybee
honeycomb
honeydew
honeymoon
hookworm
horseback

horsefly

horsefly
horseplay
horseradish
horseshoe
hotbed
hotshot
hourglass
houseboat
housecoat
housefly
household
housekeeper
housewife
housework
hovercraft
humankind
humbug
hummingbird

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humpback
hushpuppy

I

iceberg

inchworm

inchworm
indoors
inkblot
inkwell
inmate
inside
inward
itself

J

jackknife
jackpot
jawbone
jawbreaker
jellybean

jellyfish

jellyfish
jetliner
jetport
jigsaw
jumpstart

K

keepsake
keyboard
keyhole
kickball
kickstand
kidnap
kindhearted
kingfisher
knapsack
kneecap
kneepad
knifepoint
knockout

L

ladybug
landlord
landslide
larkspur
laughingstock
leapfrog
leftovers
levelheaded
lifeboat
lifeguard
lifelike
lifelong
lifetime
liftoff
lighthouse
lipstick
litterbug
livestock
locksmith
lopsided
loudmouth
lovesick
lukewarm
lumberjack
lumberyard

M

mailbox

mailbox
mailman
mainland
manmade
matchbox
meatball
milkshake
moonbeam
moonlight
motherhood
motorcycle

N

newborn
newscaster
newsletter
newsprint
newsroom
nightfall
nighttime
noisemaker
northeast
northwest
notebook
nutcracker

O

onboard
overboard
overcoat
overtime

P

pancake
paperclip
peppermint
pickup
pinecone
pinwheel
pipsqueak
pitfall
placemat
playbook
playhouse
playground
ponytail
popcorn
postcard

Q

quicksand

R

railroad

rainbow

rainbow
raincoat
raindrop
rainstorm
rattlesnake
restroom
riverbank

S

sailboat
sandcastle
saucepan
scarecrow
schoolbook
schoolboy
schoolyard
seafood
seashore
sheepskin
shoelace
shortbread
shortstop
showoff
sideshow
sidewalk
skateboard
skylark
skylight
skyscraper
slideshow

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snowball
snowdrift
snowshoe
softball
something
somewhere
soundproof

southeast

southeast
southwest
spacecraft
spacewalk
spearmint
standby
standoff
starfish
steamboat
steamship
stepfather
stepmother
stoplight
stopwatch
storeroom
subway
sunbathe
sunburn
Sunday
sunfish
sunflower
sunlit
sunset
superhero
superman
supernatural
superpower
superstar
superwoman

T

tablecloth
tablespoon
tabletop
tadpole
tailbone
taillight
takeoff
takeout
taxicab
teacup
teammate
teamwork
teaspoon
tiptop
turnaround

U

underage
underarm
underclothes
undercover
underdog
underfoot
underground
upbeat
update
upgrade
uphill
uphold
uplift
upload
uppercase
uproar
uproot
upscale
upset
upstairs
upstream
uptight

V

vineyard
volleyball

W

waistline
walkways
wallpaper
wardrobe
warehouse
washcloth
washhouse
washrag
washtub
wastebasket
wastepaper
watchband
watchdog
watercolor
waterfall
waterfowl
waterfront

watermelon

watermelon
waterproof
wavelength
wayside
weatherman
weatherproof
weekday
weekend
weeknight

wheelbarrow

wheelbarrow
wheelbase
wheelchair
whirlpool
whirlwind
whitecap
whitefish
windmill
windpipe
windstorm
wingspan
wintergreen
wipeout
wishbone
without
woodcarver
woodchuck
woodland
woodpecker
woodshop
workbook
workout
worldwide

Y

yardstick
yearbook

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