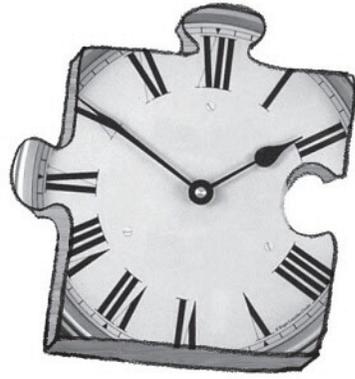


# Vocabulary

## 8 Compound nouns



Write one word to make three compound nouns. Check the use of hyphens, one word, or two words in your dictionary.

1  test  
 pressure  
 donor

2  worm  
 shelf  
 cover

3  fall  
 melon  
 skiing

4  fingers  
 house  
 salad

5  club  
 mare  
 time

6  brief  
 suit   
 book

7  tea  
 make-up   
 plastic

8  bow  
 coat  
 drop

9  shine  
 rise  
 set

10  works  
 sign  
 map

11  line  
 conditioning  
 fare

12  light  
 break  
 dream

13  shake  
 writing  
 bag

14  cube  
 berg  
 rink

15  scape  
 lady  
 slide

16  birthday  
 credit   
 business

17  car  
 man  
 wear

18  note  
 address   
 visitors'

## 9 house and home idioms

1 Tick (✓) the correct definition for each idiom. Use your dictionary.

- 1 They get on like a house on fire.
  - a  They have a very good relationship.
  - b  They are always arguing.
- 2 Come in and make yourself at home.
  - a  Tidy the house.
  - b  Please behave in my house as if it were yours.
- 3 Lloyd Webber's new musical brought the house down.
  - a  The musical was a success.
  - b  The musical wasn't a success.
- 4 The news report really brought home to me the horrors of famine.
  - a  The report talked about the horrors of famine.
  - b  The report made me realize fully the horrors of the famine.
- 5 These drinks are on the house.
  - a  These drinks are very pricey.
  - b  These drinks are free of charge.
- 6 This shaky old bridge is actually (as) safe as houses.
  - a  Don't worry. The bridge is very safe.
  - b  Be careful. The bridge isn't safe at all.

2 Complete the conversations with the idioms from exercise 1 in the correct form.

- 1 **A** I was so sorry to hear that your cat died.  
**B** Thank you. When I saw her empty bowl, it really \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that I'd never see her again.
- 2 **A** How did the meeting with Andy's parents go?  
**B** It was great. We all \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 **A** Hello! Sorry we're so late. The traffic was terrible.  
**B** Don't worry. Just sit down and \_\_\_\_\_! I'll put the kettle on.
- 4 **A** Did you read those excellent reviews in the local paper about the school play?  
**B** Yes, I did. Apparently, it \_\_\_\_\_!
- 5 **A** I'm not going up there. It looks a bit dangerous!  
**B** Oh, come on! It's \_\_\_\_\_, and the view from the top is fantastic!
- 6 **A** How was that new restaurant you went to?  
**B** Well, the food was overpriced, but the manager gave us champagne \_\_\_\_\_ because it was my birthday!

# VOCABULARY AND PRONUNCIATION

## Compound words

### Compound nouns and adjectives

Words can combine to make new words.

1 Look at the examples. Which are nouns and which are adjectives?



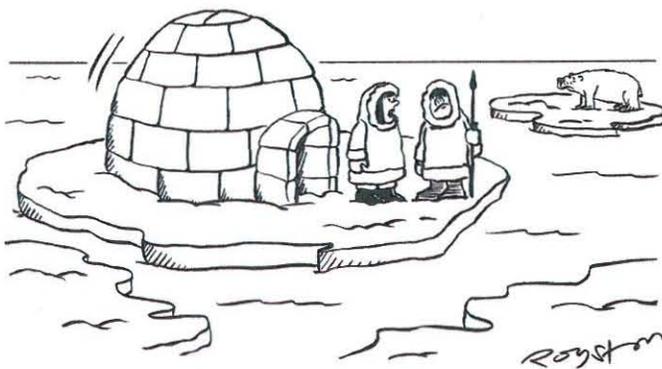
Your dictionary can tell you when to use hyphens and spaces.

2 Read the compounds aloud. Which words are stressed?

1 How many compounds can you make by combining the words in the circle with the words around it?



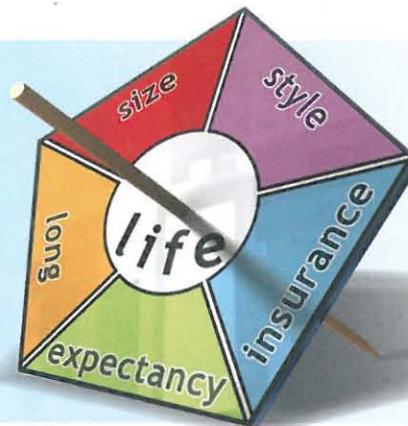
Which are nouns and which are adjectives? Use your dictionary to help with the meaning and the spelling.



*"In the circumstances, I think we should skip the housewarming party."*

2 **T1.9** Listen to five conversations. After each conversation, decide who is talking and what about.

**T1.9** Listen again. Which compounds in exercise 1 are used?



3 Complete these lines with one of the compounds.

- I'm going away for two weeks. Do you think you could possibly water my \_\_\_\_\_?
- Don't worry, I know how \_\_\_\_\_ you are. I'll make sure your flat stays clean and tidy.
- Let's give her a spectacular \_\_\_\_\_ party when she gets back from New York.
- Me? I'm just a \_\_\_\_\_. Four kids, \_\_\_\_\_ cakes, and \_\_\_\_\_ vegetables!
- We're having a \_\_\_\_\_ party on the 12th. Can you come? I'll give you our new address.
- The drag is, with it being much bigger, there's much more \_\_\_\_\_ to do!
- Poor boy. I never thought he'd feel so \_\_\_\_\_.
- Her grandma's sick and \_\_\_\_\_, so they have to go and help.

**T1.10** Listen and check.

- Practise saying the lines in exercise 3 with correct stress and intonation. Use them to help you remember more of the conversations. Act some of them out with a partner.
- How many compounds can you make using a word from **A** and a word from **B**? There is sometimes more than one option for each word in **A**.

A	B
book	pill
tea	line
computer	way
sleeping	case
air	bell
door	light
junk	air
open	house
food	bag
fire	software
head	escape
	office
	poisoning
	pot
	step
	rest
	alarm
	shelf
	port
	program
	food
	conditioning

Compare your words in groups. Check the meanings.