

Compound Words

- Explain that words are sometimes made up of word parts. Words can be made up of whole words that have been joined together. These are called compound words.
- Have students think, pair, share about any compound words they know already (e.g. butterfly, softball, or notebook). Choose some students to share their ideas with the group.
- Have students work in pairs or small groups, spending a few minutes finding compound words and discussing what they might mean.
- Ask: “Why are two words sometimes joined to make a new word? Is the meaning of the compound word related to the words it is made up of?”
- Point out that compound words are related to contractions. With contractions, there are two words joined as well – just with missing letters.

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