



Compound Words

- The words listed have been selected because of their suitability for the 4 to 8 age range.

A compound word is a word created by combining two or more other words.

afterbirth	airbrush	aircraft	airfield	airline
airman	airport	airship	anybody	anyhow
anyway	anywhere	armchair	armpit	

backdrop	backfire	background	backhand	backlash
backlog	backside	backstroke	backtrack	backward
bagpipes	ballroom	bankroll	barnyard	bathroom
bedridden	bedspread	bedtime	billboard	blacklist
blackmail	brainstorm	brainwash	breakfast	briefcase
broadcast	bulldog	bulldozer	bullfrog	buttercup
butterfingers				

chairman	championship	clockwise	clockwork	copycat
corkscrew	countdown	courtyard	cowboy	crackdown
crossbar	crossbones	crossroad	crossword	cutback

daredevil	darkroom	dashboard	daybreak	daydream
daylight	daytime	deadline	dishwasher	doorknob
doorman	doormat	doorway	doughnut	downcast
downfall	downhearted	downhill	downpour	downright
downstairs	downstream	downtown	downwind	drainpipe
drawback	drawbridge	driveway	dropout	drumstick
dustpan				

earache	eardrum	earphone	earring	earthquake
earthworm	elsewhere	endless	evermore	eyeball
eyebrow	eyeglass	eyepiece	eyesight	eyesore
eyestrain	eyewitness			

fairway	fallout	fanfare	farewell	farmhouse
farmyard	farseeing	fatherhood	featherbed	featherweight
feedback	fellowship	figurehead	fingernail	fingerprint

firearm	fireball	firecracker	firefly	fireproof
firework	fishbowl	fisherman	flagpole	flagship
flashback	flashlight	floodgate	floodlight	foghorn
folklore	foolproof	football	footbridge	footfall
foothill	foothold	footpath	footprint	footrest
footstool	footwear	forearm	forecast	foreclose
forefinger	forego	forehand	foreman	foresight
foretell	forewarn	foreword	fortnight	foursome
framework	freehand	freehold	freestanding	freeway
freshwater	frogman	frostbite		

gangway	gaslight	gatecrasher	gatekeeper	gateway
gearbox	gearshift	gemstone	gingerbread	globetrotter
glowworm	goalkeeper	goldfish	grandchild	granddaughter
grandfather	grandmother	grandparent	grandson	grandstand
grasshopper	grassland	gravestone	graveyard	greenhouse
greyhound	groundwork	guardhouse	guardsman	guesswork
guidebook	guideline	gunfire	gunman	gunpowder
gunshot				

hacksaw	hailstone	hairbrush	haircut	hairdo
hairdresser	hairline	hairpin	halfway	handbag
handball	handmade	handout	handpick	handshake
handwriting	handyman	hangman	hangnail	hangover
hardheaded	hardship	hardware	hardwood	harebrained
harelip	haycock	hayfork	hayloft	haystack
headache	headband	headfirst	headlight	headline
headlock	headlong	headmaster	headmistress	headphones
headquarters	headrest	headset	headstrong	headway
hearsay	heartache	heartbeat	heartbreak	heartburn
heavyset	heavyweight	hedgehog	heirloom	henceforth
hereafter	hereby	herein	hereof	hereon
hereto	hereunto	hereupon	herewith	herself
hideaway	highland	highlight	highroad	highway
hillside	hilltop	hindmost	hindquarter	hindsight
holdup	homecoming	homemade	homesick	homework
honeybee	honeycomb	honeydew	hookup	horseback
horsehair	horseman	horseplay	hourglass	houseboat
household	housekeeper	housewarming	housewife	housework
hovercraft	however	humankind	hummingbird	humpback

hunchback	hunter			
iceberg	icebound	icebreaker	income	indoors
infol	inhale	inkblot	inkwell	inland
inmate	inpatient	inroad	inset	inside
insole	install	instep	invoice	ironclad
itself				
jackpot	jailbird	jawbone	jellyfish	jigsaw
keepsake	keyboard	keyhole	keynote	keystone
kickback	kickoff	kidnap	killjoy	kindhearted
kingfisher	kneecap	knockout		
landfall	landlocked	landlord	landmark	landslide
laughingstock	layman	layoff	layout	leapfrog
leasehold	leftovers	letterhead	levelheaded	lifeblood
lifeboat	lifeguard	lifelong	lifetime	liftoff
lightheaded	lighthearted	lighthouse	lightweight	likewise
limelight	limestone	linesman	lipstick	litterbug
livestock	lockout	longhand	lookout	loophole
lopsided	lordship	loudmouth	lovesick	lowdown
lowland	lukewarm	lumberjack		
madhouse	mainland	mainstay	mainstream	makeshift
manhandle	manhole	manhood	manhunt	mankind
manpower	marketplace	marksman	markup	mastermind
masterpiece	matchbook	matchmaker	maybe	mealtime
meantime	meanwhile	merrymaking	middleman	milestone
milkmaid	milkman	millstone	millstream	mockup
molehill	moonlight	moonshine	moreover	motherland
motorboat	motorcar	motorcycle	mouthpiece	mudguard
namesake	necktie	needlework	neighbourhood	network
nevermore	newborn	newcomer	newsboy	newscast
newsletter	newspaper	newsprint	newsreel	newsstand
nightcap	nightclothes	nightclub	nightdress	nightfall
nightgown	nightshade	nightshirt	nighttime	nobody
noontime	notebook	noteworthy	nothing	nowadays
nowhere	nutshell			

oarsman	oatmeal	offbeat	offhand	offset
offshoot	offshore	offspring	oncoming	oneself
ongoing	onlooker	onrush	onset	openhanded
otherwise	otherworldly	ourselves	outbid	outboard
outbound	outbreak	outbuilding	outburst	outcast
outclass	outcome	outcrop	outcry	outdated
outdo	outdoor	outdoors	outermost	outfield
outfox	outgo	outgoing	outgrow	outhouse
outlast	outlaw	outlay	outline	outlive
outlook	outlying	outnumber	outpatient	outplay
outpost	output	outrage	outreach	outright
outrun	outsell	outset	outshine	outside
outskirts	outsmart	outspoken	outstanding	outstay
outwear	overact	overactive	overarm	overboard
overcast	overcoat	overcome	overcook	overdo
overdose	overdrive	overdue	overflow	overfull
overgrown	overhang	overhaul	overhead	overhear
overheat	overlap	overlay	overlook	overpower
oversee	oversight	oversleep	overthrow	overturn
overview				

pacemaker	painkiller	pancake	paperback	paperweight
paperwork	passport	password	patchwork	pathway
payload	payoff	payroll	peacemaker	peacetime
penknife	pickpocket	piggyback	pigheaded	pigpen
pigsty	pigtail	pillowcase	pincushion	pineapple
pinhole	pinpoint	pinprick	pinup	pipeline
pitchfork	pitfall	playground	playmate	playpen
plaything	pocketbook	pocketknife	pointblank	policeman
policewoman	popcorn	popeyed	porthole	potbelly
pothole	potluck	powerboat	powerhouse	pullover
pushover				

quicksand	quickstep			
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racecourse	racehorse	racetrack	ragtime	railroad
railway	rainbow	raincoat	rainfall	rainstorm
rainwater	rattlesnake	rearmost	redhead	redskin
redwood	ringleader	ringside	ringworm	riverbed
riverside	roadside	roadway	roommate	roughneck

roundabout	roundup	rowboat	runaway	runway
safeguard	safekeeping	sailboat	saltshaker	saltwater
sandstone	sandstorm	saucepan	sawdust	sawmill
scarecrow	scatterbrain	schoolboy	schoolchild	schoolgirl
schoolhouse	schoolmaster	schoolmate	schoolmistress	schoolroom
schoolteacher	scrapbook	screenplay	screwdriver	seaboard
seacoast	seafarer	seafood	seagoing	seaman
seaplane	seaport	searchlight	seashell	seashore
seasickness	seaside	seaweed	seaworthy	secondhand
sendoff	setback	shakedown	shakeup	shamefaced
shareholder	sharpshooter	shellfish	shipbuilding	shipmate
shipshape	shipwreck	shipyard	shoehorn	shoelace
shoemaker	shopkeeper	shoplifter	shoreline	shortcake
shortchange	shortcoming	shorthand	shortsighted	shotgun
showcase	showdown	showman	showoff	shutdown
shuteye	sickbay	sickbed	sideboard	sideburns
sidecar	sidekick	sideline	sidelong	sidesaddle
sidestep	sidestroke	sidetrack	sidewalk	sideways
sightseeing	signpost	silkworm	singsong	skullcap
skylight	skyline	skyrocket	skyscraper	skywriting
slaughterhouse	sledgehammer	sleepwalking	sleepyhead	slingshot
snowball	snowplow	snowshoe	snowstorm	softball
somebody	someday	somehow	someone	someplace
something	sometime	sometimes	someway	somewhat
somewhere	songbird	soundproof	soundtrack	southeast
southwest	spacecraft	spaceman	spaceship	speakeasy
speedway	spellbind	spellbound	sportsman	sportswear
spotlight	springboard	springtime	spyglass	stagecoach
staircase	stairway	stalemate	standby	standstill
starfish	starlight	stateroom	stateside	statesman
steadfast	steamboat	steamroller	steamship	steeplechase
steeplejack	stepbrother	stepchild	stepdaughter	stepfather
stepladder	stepmother	stepparent	steppingstone	stepsister
stepson	stillbirth	stockbroker	stockholder	stockpile
stockyard	stopgap	stopwatch	storehouse	storekeeper
storeroom	stouthearted	stowaway	straightedge	straightforward
strawberry	streamlined	streetcar	strikeout	stronghold
suitcase	summertime	sunburn	Sunday	sundial

sundown	sunflower	sunglasses	sunlight	sunlit
sunrise	sunset	sunshine	sunspot	sunstroke
sunup	superhighway	superhuman	supermarket	surfboard
sweepstakes	sweetbread	sweetheart	switchboard	swordfish
swordplay	swordsman			

tablecloth	tablespoon	tableware	taillight	takeoff
teammate	teardrop	teaspoon	telltale	textbook
thanksgiving	themselves	thereabouts	thereafter	thereat
thereby	therefore	therein	thereunto	thereupon
thickset	thighbone	thoroughfare	threadbare	threesome
throughout	throwback	thumbnail	thunderbolt	thundercloud
thunderhead	thunderstorm	thunderstruck	thundershower	tidewater
tightfisted	tightlipped	tightrope	timekeeper	timepiece
timetable	tinfoil	toenail	tollgate	tombstone
toothpaste	toothpick	topcoat	topflight	topmost
topsoil	touchdown	townspeople	trademark	tradesman
treadmill	tribesman	troublemaker	truckload	trustworthy
tryout	turnabout	turnout	turnover	turnstile
turntable	twosome	typeface	typewriter	

underachieve	underact	underarm	underbelly	underbid
undercarriage	undercharge	underclothes	undercoat	undercook
undercover	undercurrent	undercut	underdeveloped	underdog
underdone	undereducated	underestimate	underfed	underfoot
undergarment	undergo	undergraduate	underground	undergrowth
underhand	underhanded	underlayer	underlie	underline
underlying	undermine	undernourished	underpants	underpass
underpay	underpowered	underrate	undersea	undersell
undershirt	undershorts	underside	undersigned	undersized
underskirt	underspend	understaffed	understand	understate
understood	understudy	undersupply	undersurface	undertake
undertaker	undertrained	undervalue	underwater	underwear
underweight	underworld	underwrite	upbeat	upbringing
upcoming	upcountry	update	updraft	upend
upgrade	uphill	uphold	upkeep	uplift
upon	uppercut	uppermost	upraise	upright
uprising	uproar	uproot	upset	upshot
upstage	upstairs	upstanding	upstart	upstate

upstream	upsurge	upswing	uptake	uptown
upturn				

viewpoint	vineyard	volleyball		
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waistcoat	waistline	walkout	wallflower	wallpaper
warehouse	warfare	warhead	warlord	warpath
warship	wartime	washboard	washcloth	washout
washroom	washtub	wasteland	watchdog	watchman
watchword	waterfall	waterfowl	waterfront	watermark
watermelon	waterproof	watershed	waterspout	watertight
waterway	waterworks	waveform	wavelength	waxworks
wayside	weatherman	weatherproof	weekday	weekend
weightlifting	whalebone	whatever	wheelbarrow	wheelchair
whereabouts	whereas	whereat	whereby	wherefore
wherefrom	wherein	whereof	whereto	whereupon
wherewith	whichever	whirlpool	whirlwind	whitewash
wholehearted	wholesale	wholesome	whomever	widespread
wildcat	wildfire	windfall	windmill	windowpane
windowsill	windshield	windsock	windstorm	windswept
wingspan	wintertime	wisecrack	wishbone	witchcraft
withdraw	withhold	within	without	withstand
wonderland	woodcraft	woodcutter	woodland	woodpecker
woodwork	workbench	workbook	workday	workhorse
workhouse	workman	workmanlike	workout	workroom
workshop	worktable	worldwide	worthwhile	wrongdoer

yachtsman	yardstick	yearbook	yourself	
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