

Compounds

1. Noun Compounds

a. noun + noun compounds

toothbrush

window seat

airplane

laundry basket

b. adj.+noun **compounds** vs. adj.+noun **sequences**

blackboard

black board

darkroom

dark room

cheapskates

cheap skates

White House

white house

English teacher

English teacher

head doctor

head doctor

• Simple compounds

vs. Complex compounds

airplane

airplane wing

cowboy

cowboy hat

hot dog

hot dog bun

tap dance

tap dance school

Compare: *Matthew found a blackbird nest.*

Matthew found a black bird nest.

2. Verb Compounds

- **Noun+V compounds** vs. **Prefix+V combinations**

housesit

overflow

handcuff

insult

ghostwrite

conduct

tiptoe

protest

videotape

record

Fact 1: **Compound nouns** and **verbs** are **always** stressed on the **first** word.

Fact 2: **Prefixes** are **not** stressed in **verbs** (and adjectives) but **are** stressed in **nouns**.

3. Adjective Compounds

Pattern 1

well-trained dog

secondhand bookstore

good-looking haircut

Pattern 2

My dog's well-trained.

It's secondhand.

He's good-looking.

- The *-teen* numbers, as well as all hyphenated numbers, are compounds and also take two stress patterns.

seventeen years old *Isaiah was seventeen.*

twenty-seven years old *Isaiah's twenty-seven.*

- The *-ty* numbers, e.g. *thirty* and *seventy*, are always stressed on the first syllable.

Reflexives

mySELF

yourSELF

herSELF

himSELF

ourSELVES

themSELVES

Phrasal Verbs

Compare:

She was looking at me.

She looked away from me.

Verb + **Preposition**

She called on the phone.

You have many things to think about.

She turned on a red light.

Verb + **Particle**

She called off the meeting.

That's a change we'd like to bring about.

She turned on a red light.

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