



Look at the table below.

Can you match the compound adjectives to their descriptions?

Colour the matching ones the same colour.

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| Man-eating crocodile | A girl who loves having fun |
| Cricket-crazy teenager | A Grandfather who has wrinkly skin |
| A fun-loving girl | A man who has brown eyes |
| Wrinkly-skinned grandfather | A crocodile which can eat a man |
| Cold-hearted dictator | A teenager who loves cricket |
| A brown-eyed man | A dictator who is very mean |

Can you think of 3 more examples of your own compound adjectives?

Answers may vary

Can you work out the 2 meanings of these ambiguous sentences.

Place the hyphen where you think it should go. *An example has been done for you.*

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| <i>Example:</i> Two foot soldiers | Two-foot soldiers (Soldiers who are only 2ft tall) |
| | Two foot soldiers (2 x soldiers who fight on foot) |
| Man eating lion. | A man eating lion (Man who is eating a lion) |
| | A man-eating lion (A lion that eats men) |
| I counted fifty pound notes. | I counted 50 x £1 notes |
| | I counted fifty-pound notes |
| Twenty four hour shifts. | Twenty four-hour shifts (20 x 4hr shifts) |
| | Twenty-four hour shifts (24 x 1hr shifts) |
| Two week holidays to be won | Two week long holidays to be won. |
| | Two week long holidays to be won. |





Read the following sentences.

Can you identify where the hyphens are?

Circle them in the following colours, recognising which type of hyphen has been used.

Numbers

Compound adjective

Compound noun

1. I have **seventy-three** stamps in my collection.
2. The **brown-haired** girl started crying.
3. She read **twenty-one** pages of her book.
4. My **brother-in-law** is married to my sister.
5. There were two hundred and **thirty-six** children in the whole school.
6. The old lady's **great-granddaughter** was celebrating her birthday.
7. The **aggressive-looking** dog charged towards the thief.
8. **Soft-boiled** eggs are my favourite for breakfast.
9. The **passer-by** witnessed the terrible accident.
10. The **800-page** book was very dusty.

Can you write 5 examples of your own. They can be of any hyphen use.

Answers may vary





The following compound words have got mixed up.

Can you sort them so they make sense and then write a sentence for each one.

Twenty-coloured **Twenty-six**
 Mother-in-final **Mother-in-law**
 Right-pilot **Right-handed**
 Bird-six **Bird-eating spider**
 Multi-law **Multi-coloured**
 Semi-handed **Semi-final**
 auto-eating spider **Auto-pilot**

Sentence answers will vary

Decide which type of compound word the examples are above and group them under the correct headings.

| Numbers | Compound adjective | Compound noun |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Twenty-six | Right-handed Multi-coloured Bird-eating spider | Mother-in-law Semi-final Auto-pilot |

Can you think of 5 examples of compound words of your own?

Answers may vary

