



Compound Words

English

What Are Compound Words?

- A compound word is formed when two words are combined to make a new word. It is one of the ways in which the English language is flexible and always changing, as compound words allow people to create new words as the need arises.

Нийлмэл үг

- Англи хэлэнд **Нийлмэл үг** нь хоёр ба түүнээс дээш үгнээс бүтсэн үгийг нийлмэл үг гэдэг. Нийлмэл үг нь нэр үг болон тэмдэг нэрээс бүтэж нэг үг болдог бөгөөд заримдаа хоёр тусдаа үг байдаг.

Example

- The words **tooth** and **paste** are each nouns in their own right, but if you join them together they form a new word:

toothpaste

- Tooth (*шүд*), paste (*нухаш, оо*) гэдэг 2 тусдаа үг
ниилээд *toothpaste* (**шүдний оо**) гэдэг үгийг бүтээж байна.

Example

- Black (хар)+board (самбар)=**Blackboard** (Самбар)
- Peace and war - (Дайн ба энх)
- Full moon - (Тэргэл сар)
- Bed+room=**Bedroom** (Унтлагны өрөө)
- Class+room=**Classroom** (Анги)
- Hang up (Утасны харилцуур тавих)

Compound words

- When it comes to compound words, there are **three** different types that are important:

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graph TD; A[When it comes to compound words, there are three different types that are important:] --> B[Closed-form]; A --> C[Open-form]; A --> D[Hyphenated];
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Closed-form

Open-form

Hyphenated

Нийлмэл үгс

- *Нийлмэл үгсийн тухайд дараах гурван өөр төрөл байдаг.*

Хаалттай

Нээлттэй

*Дундуур-
зураас*

Closed-Form Compound Word

- Closed compound words are formed when two fully independent, unique words are combined to create a new word.
- For example, you would combine “grand” and “mother” to create the closed-form word “grandmother”. In a sentence, this would look like, “My grandmother is coming over.” These are the most common types of compound words.

Example:

- snowball
- mailbox
- grandmother
- railroad
- sometimes

- outside
- cannot
- skateboard
- everything
- schoolhouse

- inside
- upstream
- basketball
- anybody
- sunflower

Open-Form Compound Word

- Open compound words are formed when two words remain separate on the page but are used together to create a new idea with a specific meaning.
- For example, “attorney” and “general” are used to form the open compound word “attorney general”.

Example:

- hot dog
- no one
- ice cream
- real estate
- high school

- living room
- sweet tooth
- grand jury
- post office
- full moon

- half sister
- cave in
- peanut butter
- Boy Scouts

Hyphenated Compound Word

- Hyphenated compound words are formed when two separate words are joined together by a hyphen.

Example:

- two-fold
- check-in
- merry-go-round
- father-in-law
- seventy-two

- long-term
- up-to-date
- mother-in-law
- one-half
- over-the-counter