

Old and New Compound Nouns

Teacher notes:

This activity in critical literacy works in history or in literacy.

The words will need to be cut out and printed on card. We have put the cards into ordered sets so that you could also play a bingo game with pictures of the objects. The blank set is for your own words.

The first task can be to sort the words into words they know and words they don't. At this point groups can compare notes, and the words remaining could be looked up in the dictionary.

Then the words can be sorted on the Venn provided.

Lastly students can invent some new compounds and their definitions. We have a lot more compound noun activities almost ready to post and would welcome comments and additions.

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treadmill	lychgate	rushlight	cannonball
fireback	hourglass	chamberpot	firedog
knighterrant	collarstud	clotheshorse	fourposter

Noun plus noun = compound noun.

A short vowel sound is followed by double consonants.



churchyard	bedbug	footpath	railway
molehill	frogspawn	moonlight	steppingstones
sideboard	dungbeetle	postbox	tramline

These cards need to be cut up. We've put them in sets in case you want to use them for bingo.

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These cards need to be cut up.

TVdinner	bunkbed	carpark	spacesuit
lifeguard	gameboy	hotdog	compactdisc
twintub	fastfood	lightswitch	sciencepark



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These compound nouns are no longer used a lot. They refer to things that we no longer use. We may find them in history books.

These compound nouns have existed for a long time. They are likely to continue in use in the future.

These compound nouns are fairly new. Some are very new.