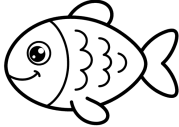




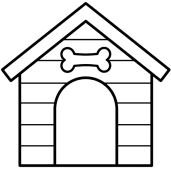
Picture + picture

For kindergarten and 1st grade

Say the two pictures together. What new word do they make? Cut it out and paste it in the box.

 star	+	 fish	=	
 cup	+	 cake	=	
 rain	+	 coat	=	
 dog	+	 house	=	

✂ Cut on the dashed lines

 cupcake	 doghouse	 starfish	 raincoat
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Break it in two

Say the name of each big picture. Which two words is it made of? Draw a line from the dot to the two pictures that make it.



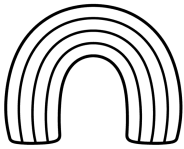
sunflower



ear



ring



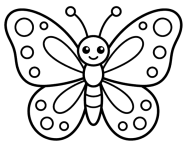
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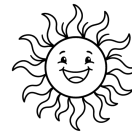
sail



boat



butterfly



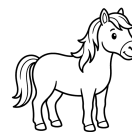
sun



flower



earring



horse



shoe



horseshoe



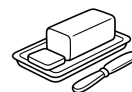
rain



bow



sailboat



butter



fly



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Color the compound words

Say the name of each picture. **Color the pictures whose name is made of two words.** Leave the others white.



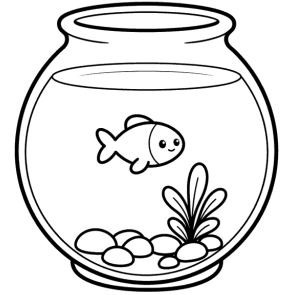
cupcake



star



dog



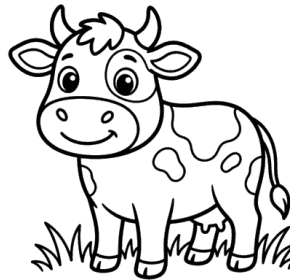
fishbowl



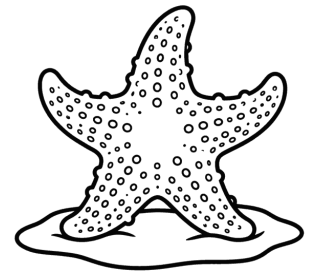
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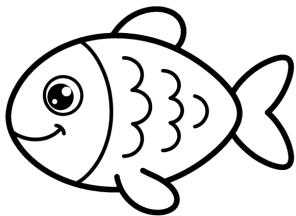
raincoat



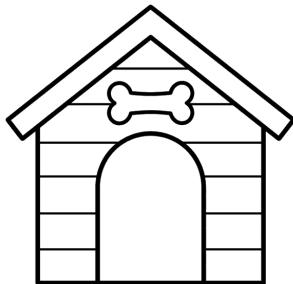
cow



starfish



fish



doghouse



rain



cowboy

There are 6 to color. The word **cup** | **cake** has two words in it. The word **cake** has one.



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Finish the word

Say the name of the picture. Find the missing word in the box and write it on the line. Then read the whole word.

Word box



ball



ring



boy



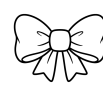
flower



pot



fly



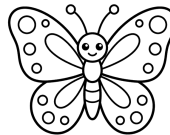
bow



shoe



sun _____



butter _____



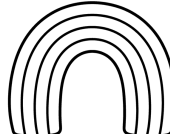
ear _____



horse _____



tea _____



rain _____



snow _____



cow _____



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Read it, split it, write it

Draw a line between the two words, like **cup** | **cake**. Read each part, then read the whole word. Then write it on the line.

Split it and read it

Write it

sunset

catfish



bathtub

sandbox

hilltop

backpack



laptop

bedbug



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Compound words list by stage

Start with the words your child can already sound out, and add new ones as they learn new sounds.

Stage 1: two short

words **kindergarten or 1st grade**

Both halves are short words like sun and cat.

sunset laptop hilltop uphill bedbug
pigpen hatbox sunup cannot catnap
suntan

Stage 2: short words with sh, ch, th, ck and blends **1st grade**

Still short vowels, now with two-letter sounds and blends.

backpack catfish bathtub sandbox
eggshell nutshell handstand
handprint drumstick chopstick
sandbag windmill gumdrop dishpan
sunfish desktop lunchbox dogsled
quicksand pickup handbag snapshot

Stage 3: one half ends in a quiet e **1st grade**

One half ends in an e you don't hear, so its vowel says its name.

cupcake pancake bedtime sunshine
sunrise lunchtime

Stage 5: longer compound words **2nd grade**

Three or four syllables, read in two big chunks.

watermelon grasshopper basketball
afternoon sunflower strawberry
butterfly ladybug pineapple

Stage 4: two letters for one vowel sound, or an r after the vowel **1st grade**

One half has two letters for its vowel sound, or an r that changes the vowel, or the all in ball.

rainbow raincoat raindrop snowman
snowball snowflake mailbox sailboat
rowboat teapot seashell beehive
keyhole football kickball pinball
toothbrush bookshelf notebook
starfish popcorn armchair farmhouse
birdhouse cowboy doghouse earring
haircut backyard playground

Everyday compound words your child already says

Some, any, one, to, where and your are heart words, so words with them are read by sight at first.

into onto inside outside something
someone somewhere sometimes
anything anyone everyone everything
everywhere nobody nowhere myself
yourself himself itself maybe without
today tonight birthday upstairs
downstairs weekend grandma
grandpa playtime

These are not compound words

A word only counts if it was made from two real words, and both keep their sound.

Two words hiding inside, but the word wasn't made from them: carpet (no car, no pet), hamburger (from the city Hamburg), mushroom, pumpkin, island, cartoon, together.

A word plus an ending or a start, not two words: helpful, jumping, unhappy, redo.

Usually written as two words: ice cream, hot dog, fire truck, tree house, bow tie, pine cone.



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Answer key

Check together, then read each whole word out loud one more time.

Picture + picture (page 1)

star + fish = **starfish**

cup + cake = **cupcake**

rain + coat = **raincoat**

dog + house = **doghouse**

Break it in two (page 2)

sunflower = sun + flower

rainbow = rain + bow

butterfly = butter + fly

earring = ear + ring

horseshoe = horse + shoe

sailboat = sail + boat

Color the compound words (page 3)

Color these 6:



cupcake



fishbowl



raincoat



starfish



doghouse



cowboy

Leave these white: star, dog, cake, cow, fish, rain.

Finish the word (page 4)

sun + flower = **sunflower**

butter + fly = **butterfly**

ear + ring = **earring**

horse + shoe = **horseshoe**

tea + pot = **teapot**

rain + bow = **rainbow**

snow + ball = **snowball**

cow + boy = **cowboy**

Read it, split it, write it (page 5)

sun | set = **sunset**

cat | fish = **catfish**

bath | tub = **bathtub**

sand | box = **sandbox**

hill | top = **hilltop**

back | pack = **backpack**

lap | top = **laptop**

bed | bug = **bedbug**

Try the cover test. Cover one half of a word with your finger. Is what is left a real word? Now cover the other half. If both halves are words and the word was made from them, it is a compound word. Carpet is not. It was never car + pet.



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