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Suitable for students aged 7+

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Context:

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If you add different sets of cards please send them to the address below for expanding our library.

Preparation:

Print out the A4 sheets.

If possible laminate the Venn Diagram (after joining the two sides together), the Sorting Board and the Bingo Boards.

Cover the two Noun Card pages with 'clear pvc self adhesive book cover film'. Then cut out the squares to make the cards. We have left some cards blank for students to add their own words.

HOW TO PLAY:

This sorting activity can be done in groups of three or four or as a whole class.

Students sort the Compound Noun Cards according to whether they know the word or not onto the Sorting Board.

The groups can compare their words before they look up all the remaining unknown words in an appropriate dictionary.

Next, students look at the Noun Cards and decide where to place them on the Venn Diagram.

Encourage them to discuss how they came to their conclusions.

We have also provided six Bingo Boards so that you can use the Noun Cards to play bingo in groups. This will reinforce the learning of any new compound nouns.

Learning Outcomes:

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(You can purchase a professionally printed, sound-enabled version of this activity with pre-cut cards from www.mantralingua.com. Students can use PENpal to record and re-record aurally onto the pages and cards. Recordings can be saved and used for assessment, or shared with other classes and schools via "ShareLINK".)



fire**dog**



fire**back**



foot**path**



four**poster**



knight**errant**



hour**glass**



hot**dog**



frog**spawn**



jelly**fish**



life**guard**



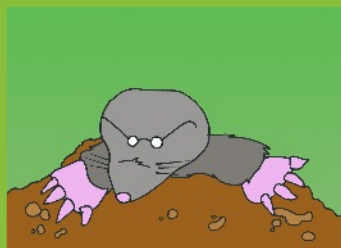
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lynch**gate**



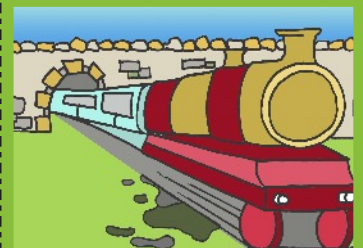
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mole**hill**



post**box**



rail**way**



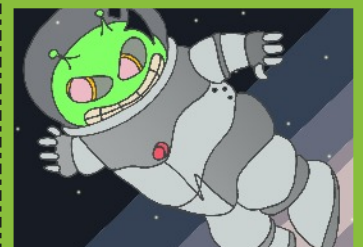
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side**board**



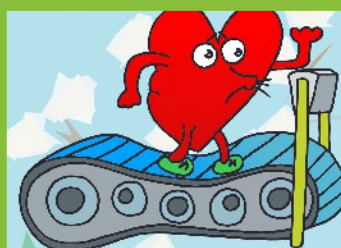
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space**suit**



tooth**paste**



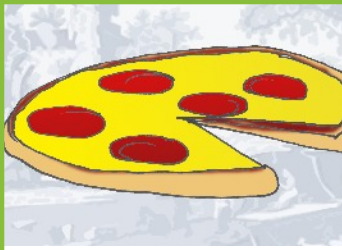
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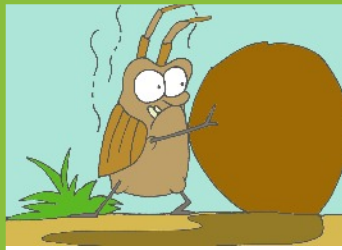
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step**pingstones**



fastfood



dungbeetle



clotheshorse



collarstud



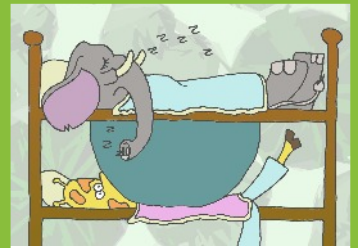
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chamberpot



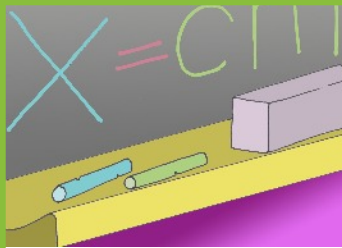
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bunkbed



bridegroom



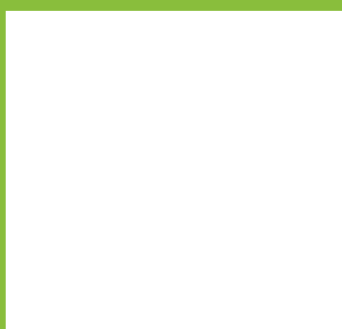
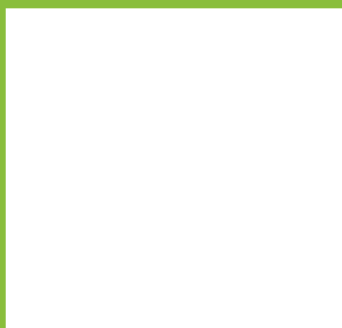
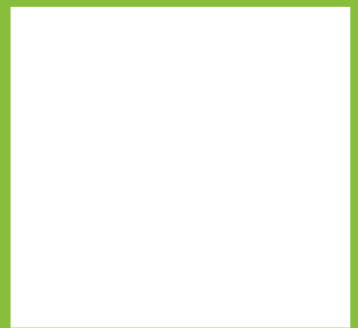
blackboard



bedbug



witchcraft



bunkbed

footpath

hotdog

lightswitch

clotheshorse

firedog

fireback

lynchgate

dungbeetle

jellyfish

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snowman

jellyfish

railway

collarstud

firedog

footpath

churchyard

knighterrant

fourposter

frogspawn

bedbug

treadmill

molehill

postbox

witchcraft

lynchgate

rushlight

cannonball

fireback

hourglass

chamberpot

clotheshorse

moonlight

steppingstones

sideboard

dungbeetle

toothpaste

TVdinner

bunkbed

blackboard

spacesuit

lifeguard

bridegroom

hotdog

lightswitch

fastfood

snowman

compound nouns
you know

compound nouns
you don't know


Large empty light blue rectangular area for writing known compound nouns.

Large empty light red rectangular area for writing unknown compound nouns.

Venn Diagram

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 be in use in the future.



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