Compound Words

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **compound word** is made of **two smaller words** joined together: snow + man = **snowman**. The parts often give clues to the meaning.

Meaning clue: a **toothbrush** is a brush for your teeth; a **bookshelf** is a shelf for books.



1. Make a compound word

Circle the word that makes a compound word.

1. snow + _____ = a person made of snow — man | ball | fall
2. _____ + brush = a brush for your teeth — hair | tooth | paint
3. rain + _____ = a coat for wet days — drop | bow | coat
4. _____ + fly = an insect with colourful wings — butter | fire | dragon
5. book + _____ = a shelf for books — mark | shelf | worm
6. _____ + ground = where kids play at recess — under | play | back

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2. Complete the sentence

Circle the compound word that completes each sentence.

1. We saw the _____ rise over the ocean.
   sunset | sunrise | sunflower

2. Dad read the _____ at breakfast.
   newspaper | notebook | nightlight

3. I put my lunch in my _____.
   backyard | backpack | background

4. A _____ glowed in the dark garden.
   firefly | fireplace | firework

Answer Key

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1. Make a compound word

1. snow + **man** = a person made of snow — man, ball, fall
2. **tooth** + brush = a brush for your teeth — hair, tooth, paint
3. rain + **coat** = a coat for wet days — drop, bow, coat
4. **butter** + fly = an insect with colourful wings — butter, fire, dragon
5. book + **shelf** = a shelf for books — mark, shelf, worm
6. **play** + ground = where kids play at recess — under, play, back

2. Complete the sentence

1. We saw the **sunrise** rise over the ocean. — sunset, sunrise, sunflower
2. Dad read the **newspaper** at breakfast. — newspaper, notebook, nightlight
3. I put my lunch in my **backpack**. — backyard, backpack, background
4. A **firefly** glowed in the dark garden. — firefly, fireplace, firework