

## COMPOUND WORDS

A **compound word** is when two **words** are combined to form a new **word** or phrase. There are three types of **compound words**: closed form, hyphenated and open form. The closed form is when two **words** are combined to form a new **word** such as bullfrog, snowball and mailbox.

- NOUN+NOUN : motorcycle, railway
- VERB+NOUN: driving license, swimming pool
- ADJECTIVE+NOUN: blackboard, software
- ADVERB+NOUN: overcoat, bypass
- ADVERB+VERB: income, outset
- VERB+ADVERB: lookout, feedback
- GERUND+NOUN: blotting paper, stepping-stone

### Expansion of the compound words

1. Air supply – Supply of air
2. Battery car - car which runs on battery
3. Cable Television – a television working with signals transmitted through cables

4. Power transmission problems – problems in the transmission of power
5. Jet engine – an engine used to propel a jet
6. Laser printer – a printer that uses laser technology
7. Pedal power – power derived from a pedal device
8. Nickel Alloy- an alloy containing nickel
9. Temperature drop- drop in temperature
10. Pressure valve – a valve used to release excess pressure

### **Exercise for compound words**

1. Box top
2. Cylinder walls
3. Temperature drop
4. Tongue slip
5. Engine failure
6. Heat transfer
7. Steel bar

## 8. Hot water

9. Computer memory

10. Balanced diet