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**COMPOUND NOUNS**

Compound nouns are words used to join two main words. It can be joined by using a,

Noun + Noun = honey bee

Adjective + Noun = darkroom

Verb + Noun = flashlight

Gerund + Noun = swimming pool

Nominal compound are used to expand and understand the words very easily. Like,

- Water source – a source of water
- Satellite Communication – Communication done through satellite
- Machine Language – The language which is used for operating the machine
- Space travel – Travel to space
- Calculation speed – a speed with which calculations are done
- Calculator memory – memory of a calculator
- Cable television – television signals which is transmitted through cables
- Noise pollution – pollution caused by noise
- Water heater – a heater used to heat water
- Water tube – a tube containing water
- Silver extraction – extraction of silver
- Soil laboratory – a laboratory for testing soil

**Exercise 1: Expand the following compound words**

1. Emergency brake
2. Criminal Lawyer
3. Pocket calculator
4. Power cable
5. Power supply
6. Workshop Machinery
7. Information centre
8. Communication system
9. Recruitment process
10. Mild steel
11. Telephone operator
12. Steam jacket
13. Computer diagnosis

14. Lock nut
15. Internet culture
16. Radio waves
17. Research laboratory
18. Rice husk
19. Road engine
20. Personal computer

**Answer:**

1. Brake used during emergency
2. Lawyer dealing with criminal case
3. A calculator that can be carried in pockets
4. Cable for carrying power
5. Supply of power
6. Machinery in the workshop
7. Centre for information
8. System of/for communication
9. Procedure for recruitment
10. Steel that is mild
11. Operator of telephone
12. Jacket containing steam
13. Diagnosis by computer
14. Nut of the kind that locks
15. Culture spread through internet
16. waves with electro-magnetic frequency
17. a laboratory for research
18. husk from rice
19. an engine that runs on the road
20. a computer used for personal purposes

**Exercise 2 : Make compound nouns for the following**

1. The process of communicating to different places in the world using satellite
2. A narrow tube made of metal
3. Problems in transmission of power
4. Track on which bogies are test driven
5. The reactor that produces nuclear energy
6. The power derived from pedalling
7. The screen on which cinema is projected
8. A program telecast on television

9. A machine used for answering call
10. An officer who enforces the law
11. Electricity which comes from the mains
12. Production in mass
13. Support by media
14. A printer that uses laser technology
15. The code number of an item
16. Friction losses
17. Gas Jar
18. Gear mechanism
19. Diesel Engine
20. Cassette tape

**Answer:**

1. Satellite communication
2. A narrow metal tube
3. Power transmission problem
4. Bogie testing track
5. Nuclear energy reactor
6. Pedal power
7. Cinema screen
8. A television program
9. Answering machine
10. Law enforcement officer
11. Mains electricity
12. Mass production
13. Media support
14. Laser printer
15. Code item
16. Losses caused by friction
17. A jar containing gas
18. Mechanism for operating the gear
19. An engine that runs on diesel
20. A tape of a cassette