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Grammar Reference

Compound Noun

A compound noun is a noun that is made up of two or more nouns. In English, compound nouns are usually formed by a noun being modified by other nouns or adjectives.

Example:

tooth + paste => toothpaste
black + board => blackboard

The first word modifies or describes the second word, telling us what kind of object or person it is, or what its purpose is. And the second word identifies the object or person in question.

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Noun	+	Noun	toothpaste
Adjective	+	Noun	monthly
			ticket
Verb	+	Noun	swimming
			pool
Preposition	+	Noun	underground
Noun	+	Verb	haircut
Noun	+	Preposition	hangers on
Adjective	+	Verb	dry-cleaning
Preposition	+	Verb	output

The two parts could be written in a number of ways:

- 1. Sometimes the two words are joined together
- Example: bed + room => bedroom 2. Sometimes they are joined using a hyphen

Example: check-in

3. Sometimes they appear as two separate words Example: full moon

Enough

"Enough" is used after adjectives and adverbs.

Example:

He can't run very far. He's not fit enough.

She can let you know tomorrow. Is that soon enough?

"Enough" is also used before **nouns**.

Example:

He can't run very far. He doesn't have enough energy. (not energy enough)

We've got **enough money**. We don't need any more.

We can also use "enough" alone (without a noun):

Example:

We don't need to stop for petrol. We've got **enough**.