



Forms of Compound Nouns

A compound word is a word that is made up of two smaller words. A compound noun can take one of three forms:

- In the open or spaced form, there is a space between words (washing machine)
- In the hyphenated form, there is a hyphen between words (six-pack)
- In the closed or solid form, there is no space or hyphen between words (inside)

DIRECTIONS: Circle the correct form for each compound word.

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| 1. | check out | check-out | checkout |
| 2. | mother in law | mother-in-law | motherinlaw |
| 3. | break fast | break-fast | breakfast |
| 4. | sun rise | sun-rise | sunrise |
| 5. | foot ball | foot-ball | football |
| 6. | bill of fare | bill-of-fare | billoffare |
| 7. | full moon | full-moon | fullmoon |
| 8. | hot dog | hot-dog | hotdog |