



Understanding Compound Words

Today's Standard

2.L.4d - Use knowledge of the meaning of individual words to predict the meaning of compound words (e.g., birdhouse, lighthouse, housefly; bookshelf, notebook, bookmark).

Cues	Notes
What are compound words?	Compound words are made up of two smaller words that combine to form a new word with a specific meaning.
How do you predict the meaning of compound words?	To predict the meaning of compound words, think about the meanings of the individual words and how they might relate to each other.
Examples of compound words.	Examples: birdhouse, lighthouse, housefly, bookshelf, notebook, bookmark.
Common misconceptions about compound words.	Misconception 1: The meaning of a compound word is always a combination of the two words' meanings. Misconception 2: All long words are compound words.

Summary

Understanding compound words involves recognizing that they are formed from two smaller words, and predicting their meanings requires considering the individual words and their relationship. Common misconceptions include thinking that compound words' meanings are always a combination of the two words and that all long words are compound words.