

Compound words

A compound word is when two words are put together to make one word.



Read the text and look at the picture from the book *Journey* by Aaron Becker. Underline the **compound words** in the text and then match them to the meanings below. One has been done for you.

Every weeknight in the summer my friend Jim races over the railway bridge to meet me at the crossroads near my house. Sometimes we cycle to the seaside together on his tandem bike to swim in the sea, collect seashells and have an ice-cream in the last of the afternoon sunshine. Other times we ride to the countryside nearby and sit amongst the buttercups and daisies watching dragonflies dancing over the cool stream till sunset. Our imaginary bluebird watches over us as we cycle homeward at the end of each day exhausted but happy.



Example:
weeknight = evening during the week

_____ = close

_____ = fields/woodland

_____ = beach

_____ = yellow flowers

_____ = junction

_____ = occasionally

_____ = insects

Think about the meaning of the compound words in the story and answer the questions below. Then ask and answer your own clarification question about one of the compound words in the text.

1. Match the words in boxes **a.** and **b.** to make new compound words. Write the new words in box **c.**

<p>a. eye in any candle note up</p>	<p>b. light lid side book hill body</p>	=	<p>c. eye_____ in_____</p> <p>note_____ up_____</p> <p>candle_____ any_____</p>
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2. Choose two compound words from the text or from the list above. For each one, write a simple sentence that explains its meaning.

1. _____
2. _____

3. In the story the boy and girl 'cycle homeward at the end of the day'. What does the author mean by the word 'homeward'?

4. Do the boy and girl go down to the seashore every so often? Explain how you know that.

Your clarification question: _____

Your answer: _____

