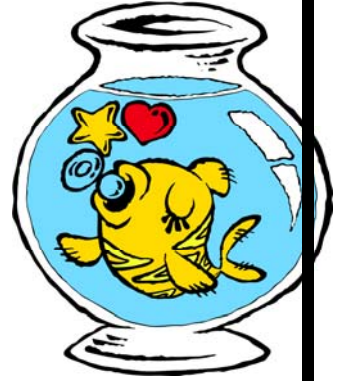


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Defining Compound Words



Compound words are formed by joining two smaller words together. The meaning of the compound word is then a mixture of the meanings of the two smaller words. Break down each compound word below into two smaller words. Then fill out the meanings of all three words, using the chart below.

1. birthday Word #1: _____ Word #2: _____

| Meaning of Word #1 | Meaning of Compound Word | Meaning of Word #2 |
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| | | |

2. suntan Word #1: _____ Word #2: _____

| Meaning of Word #1 | Meaning of Compound Word | Meaning of Word #2 |
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3. footprint Word #1: _____ Word #2: _____

| Meaning of Word #1 | Meaning of Compound Word | Meaning of Word #2 |
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Compound Words

4. goldfish Word #1: _____ Word #2: _____

Meaning of Word #1

Meaning of Compound Word

Meaning of Word #2

5. mailbox Word #1: _____ Word #2: _____

Meaning of Word #1

Meaning of Compound Word

Meaning of Word #2

6. sunshine Word #1: _____ Word #2: _____

Meaning of Word #1

Meaning of Compound Word

Meaning of Word #2

7. barnyard Word #1: _____ Word #2: _____

Meaning of Word #1

Meaning of Compound Word

Meaning of Word #2

ANSWERS

| | Compound Word | Word #1 | Word #2 |
|----|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1. | birthday | birth | day |
| 2. | suntan | sun | tan |
| 3. | footprint | foot | print |
| 4. | goldfish | gold | fish |
| 5. | mailbox | mail | box |
| 6. | sunshine | sun | shine |
| 7. | barnyard | barn | yard |

| | Meaning of Word #1 | Meaning of Compound Word | Meaning of Word #2 |
|----|--|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. | being born | the particular period of the past on which one was born | a particular period of the past |
| 2. | the star around which the earth orbits | the dark color skin turns when in the sun | a dark color |
| 3. | the part of your body that you walk on | an impression left while walking | an impression |
| 4. | a bright, shiny yellowish color | a gold creature that lives in water | a creature that lives in water |
| 5. | letters and packages | a container for letters and packages | a container |
| 6. | the star around which the earth orbits | brightness from the sun | brightness |
| 7. | a building for keeping animals | an enclosed piece of land for keeping animals | an enclosed piece of land |

