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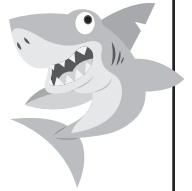
Rule

1 You use hyphens to join two or more words together to make a compound word.

Compound nouns	Compound adjectives	Compound verbs
<i>my father-in-law, a break-in, a passer-by, my dry-cleaning</i>	<i>action-packed, free-range, well-known, high-tech, deep-fried</i>	<i>to ice-skate, to check-in, to binge-watch, to spot-check, to rubber-stamp</i>

The hyphen in a compound word helps make your meaning clear. Think about difference in meaning between these two sentences:

- *There is a **man eating** shark.*
- *There is a **man-eating** shark.*



2 You use hyphens to add the prefixes *re-* and *co-* to words starting with the same vowel, and to attach the prefix *ex-* when it means *former*.

<i>re-</i>	<i>co-</i>	<i>ex-</i>
<i>re-enter, re-educate, re-use</i>	<i>co-operate, co-ordinate</i>	<i>ex-husband, ex-soldier, ex-president</i>

Some words with prefixes also need a hyphen to make sense.

- *I had to **de-ice** the freezer. (de-ice not deice)*

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hyphen: a punctuation mark (-) used to link parts of a word together

compound word: a word made up of two or more words joined together

prefix: a letter or group of letters added to the beginning of word to change its meaning



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What is another way to write ...

- 1 a man who is dressed well? Circle your answer.
a well dressed man a well-dressed man a well dressed-man
- 2 a guide who speaks French? Circle your answer.
*a French-speaking-guide a French speaking-guide
a French-speaking guide*
- 3 an activity with a high risk? Circle your answer.
a high-risk activity a high risk-activity a-high risk activity
- 4 a gadget that saves you time? Circle your answer.
a time-saving-gadget a time-saving gadget a time saving gadget
- 5 a girl who is five years old? Circle your answer.
a five-year old girl a five year-old girl a five-year-old girl

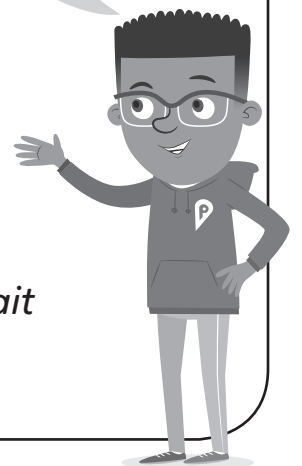
You need hyphens between all the words in each compound adjective.



Add a hyphen or hyphens

- 1 There is a man eating tiger in this jungle.
- 2 Tyler's sister in law is coming to visit next week.
- 3 The gang of thieves refused to cooperate with the policeman.
- 4 Suddenly, the pitch black room was filled with an ear piercing scream.
- 5 Once we have checked in, it is about a two hour wait before take off.

One of these sentences needs three hyphens.





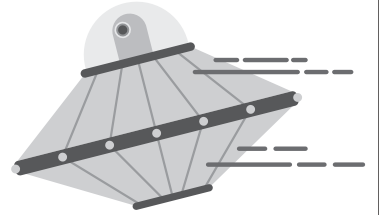
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Use a hyphen or hyphens to rewrite ...

1 *a song that lasts five minutes.*

2 *a UFO that is moving fast.*



3 *to enter somewhere again.*

4 *a woman who is fifty-three years old.*

Rewrite the sentences using the correct punctuation

1 *it was certainly a well made film but it was a slow moving story*

2 *the army and the navy co ordinated their attack on the giant green alien*

3 *tonight I am going to binge watch that well known drama series*



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Add the hyphens

Here is the script of a radio news report. It explains lots of details, but the writer has forgotten to use any hyphens.

Add the hyphens in the correct places to make the meaning clearer.

BREAKING NEWS

There has been a break in at the home of Orville Finlay, the ex President of Liban. In the early hours of Tuesday morning, a man managed to evade the high tech security of the ex President's seaside villa.

Fortunately, only Orville Finlay was at home at the time: the rest of his family had gone ice skating. There was a loud argument and scuffle between the two men before the security forces stormed the ten bedroom home.

The intruder is described as having green eyes and light brown hair. He has been named as Devin Hawkins, the ex President's own brother in law. Hawkins was arrested at the scene. Police say he is co operating, but he is likely to be given a two year sentence in jail.

Ex President Finlay is hoping to be re elected in the vote this summer. Meanwhile, he is remaining at the villa to recover from the ordeal.

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There are 17 missing hyphens in this text! How many can you find?



Write a diary entry

Now imagine you are ex-President Orville Finlay. Write a diary entry about the events of that night. Use at least three hyphenated words in your writing.

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Activity 1

- 1 a well-dressed man 2 a French-speaking guide 3 a high-risk activity
4 a time-saving gadget 5 a five-year-old girl ←

You need hyphens between all of these words because they form one adjective.

Activity 2

- 1 There's a man-eating tiger in this jungle.
2 Tyler's sister-in-law is coming to visit next week.
3 The gang of thieves refused to co-operate with the policeman.
4 Suddenly, the pitch-black room was filled with an ear-piercing scream.
5 Once we have checked-in, it is about a two-hour wait before take-off. ←

The sentence includes a hyphenated verb (*checked-in*), adjective (*two-hour*) and noun (*take-off*).

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Activity 1

- 1 a five-minute song
2 a fast-moving UFO
3 to re-enter
4 a fifty-three-year-old woman

Activity 2

- 1 It was certainly a well-made film, but it was a slow-moving story.
2 The army and the navy co-ordinated their attack on the giant green alien.
3 Tonight I'm going to binge-watch that well-known drama series.

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Recover doesn't need a hyphen here because it means *to get better*, not *to cover again*.

Activity 2

Use this checklist to mark your answer.
My diary entry ...

- ... explains what happened
- ... correctly uses at least three hyphenated words.
- ... is written in the first person

All of these words need hyphens because they all describe the news.



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