

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Layers of Language:
Anglo-Saxon Morpheme Patterns

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~ Module 13, Session 6 ~ Handout 3 – Anglo-Saxon Compound Words

Compound words are formed by combining two Anglo-Saxon base words.

Numerous activities can be designed around compound words.

Teachers can:

- Ask students to generate compound words,
- Have students give the 1st or 2nd base word,
- Categorize the compound words into categories such as people, animals, objects, games, vehicles, buildings, abstract concepts and weather.
- Ask students to add compound words to the following list of common compound words:

**lunchbox
bluebird
blackbird
washcloth
football
motorboat
spacecraft
sunrise
rainstorm
railroad
schoolgirl
stagehand
bodyguard
horseback
hairbrush
slipcover
sunshine**

**bookbag
starfish
shoelace
housecoat
basketball
steamship
showtime
sunset
earthquake
lamppost
schoolboy
bookworm
shellfish
smokestack
eyeball
spotlight
witchcraft**

**checkbook
stepson
snowball
floorboard
tetherball
shipwreck
seasick
starlight
snowboard
chalkboard
grandfather
housework
sleepwalk
hilltop
filmstrip
wristwatch
blueberry**

**backpack
stepdaughter
tablecloth
baseball
sailboat
airplane
homesick
moonlight
flashlight
blackboard
grandmother
dogcatcher
sleighride
butterfly
turtleneck
payoff
paperwork**