

Vocabulary • Word Structure

- Sometimes you may come across a word you don't know. The word may be a long **compound word** made up of two small words.
- If you know the meaning of the small words, it will help you figure out the meaning of the long compound word.

Directions Read the riddle. Then circle the compound word that solves the riddle.

1. I take care of goats. I watch them during the day. I watch them at night. Who am I?
goatkeeper goaltender
2. I sit and weave all day. I make wonderful patterns of many colors. I make things you put on your floor and walk on. Who am I?
coverup carpetmaker
3. I raise goats. When they are big, I sell them to people. Who am I?
cowboy goatseller
4. I help people get married. I help a man meet a woman that he will like. I help a woman meet a man she will like. Who am I?
matchmaker firefighter
5. I am a place where people go to buy things. There are many people selling things here. There are many people buying things here. What am I?
doorknob marketplace
6. I am a place for children. I have swings and monkey bars. I have many things that children can play on. What am I?
playground outline
7. Birds live inside me. I have a perch for them to sit on. I have cups for food and water. What am I?
cardboard birdcage
8. I own a store. I help my customers. I stand behind the counter. People who buy things in my shop pay me. Who am I?
shopkeeper airport



Home Activity Your child used word structure to figure out the meaning of unfamiliar compound words. Read a newspaper article or store advertisement with your child. Encourage your child to identify unfamiliar compound words by defining the small words that make up each compound word.