

Vocabulary • Word Structure

- When you are reading, you may see a word that looks like two words put together.
- A **compound word** is made up of two small words. If you know the meaning of the two small words, it will help you figure out the meaning of the **compound word**.

Directions Read each sentence. Each sentence has a compound word that is underlined. On the line below the sentence, write the two small words that make up the compound word.

1. I walked upstairs to the third floor.

up stairs

2. There are many waterfalls that flow over mountains into lakes.

water falls

3. The wettest places on Earth get a lot of rainfall.

rain fall

4. The squirrel ran up into the treetop to its nest.

tree top

5. In summer, I love to swim in the freshwater lake near my town.

fresh water

Directions Read each sentence. One compound word is underlined in each sentence. Circle the two small words that make up the compound word.

6. From the mountain top we could see for miles around.

7. The movie was seen worldwide in every country.

8. The patrol man was watching the neighborhood streets.

9. The ocean waves crashed against the shoreline.

10. Many different kinds of birds live in a rain forest.



Home Activity Your child identified compound words. Read a story or article with your child. Encourage your child to identify compound words in the text.