

# Vocabulary • Word Structure

- Sometimes you may come across a long word you don't know. Some long words are **compound words** that are made up of two small words.
- Use the meaning of the two small words to help you figure out the meaning of the long, **compound word**.

**Directions** Read each pair of words. Then write the compound word and draw a line from the compound word to its definition.

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| 1. birth + place  | <u>          <b>birthplace</b>          </u>  | paper with news               |
| 2. home + sick    | <u>          <b>homesick</b>          </u>    | place for a fire              |
| 3. rain + drops   | <u>          <b>raindrops</b>          </u>   | place where a person is born  |
| 4. bed + room     | <u>          <b>bedroom</b>          </u>     | all people                    |
| 5. under + ground | <u>          <b>underground</b>          </u> | longing for home              |
| 6. fire + place   | <u>          <b>fireplace</b>          </u>   | room with a bed               |
| 7. news + paper   | <u>          <b>newspaper</b>          </u>   | drops of rain                 |
| 8. every + body   | <u>          <b>everybody</b>          </u>   | under the ground              |
| 9. back + pack    | <u>          <b>backpack</b>          </u>    | toward the sky                |
| 10. pot + holder  | <u>          <b>potholder</b>          </u>   | able to see far               |
| 11. class + room  | <u>          <b>classroom</b>          </u>   | to lift up                    |
| 12. sky + ward    | <u>          <b>skyward</b>          </u>     | pack that is worn on the back |
| 13. far + sighted | <u>          <b>farsighted</b>          </u>  | room where class is held      |
| 14. up + lift     | <u>          <b>uplift</b>          </u>      | used to hold hot pots         |



**Home Activity** Your child used word structure to find the meaning of unfamiliar compound words. Read a story about a family moving to a new place. Encourage your child to look for compound words and to use the smaller words to figure out the meaning of the compound words.