

Modifiers : Nouns as Adjectives

FORM:

Noun + Noun

USE:

We often put two nouns together without a preposition. The first noun, which acts as an adjective, is usually written in the singular. These short expressions can be written as one word, two words or with a hyphen between them. The rules are arbitrary and practice is the key to learning which to use. They are called compound nouns.

EXAMPLES:

a garden flower is a type of flower
a flower garden is a type of garden

Describe what each of the following are:

1.	pineapple juice	
2.	headband	
3.	sheep dog	
4.	boyfriend	
5.	tomato soup	
6.	horse race	
7.	bus stop	
8.	racehorse	
9.	pocket money	
10.	shipyard	
11.	teacup	
12.	park bench	
13.	mailbox	
14.	spider web	

Complete the blanks with the following “NOUN + NOUN” words.

APPLESAUCE	HEADLIGHTS	MOONLIGHT
BELLY BUTTON	ICE CUBE	PALM READER
DOOR KNOB	JUNK FOOD	ROSEBUD
FIREPLACE	LADYBUG	WATERMELON
GAS TANK	LAMPSHADE	BOOKSHELF

- Dancing in the _____ is so romantic
- When you wear a bikini you can't hide your _____.
- He is never hungry at lunch because he snacks on _____ all morning.
- The light was too bright so he bought a thicker _____.
- They visited a _____ because they were worried about the future.
- The manuscript was on the _____ next to the desk.
- He thought it was locked, but he turned the _____ anyway hoping he was wrong.
- A _____ found on a leaf in your garden usually brings you luck.
- His drink was not very refreshing because Frances forgot to put an _____ in it.
- You should fill your _____ up to the top on a very cold day.
- The stone _____ was the central point of their living room.
- Don't forget to put your _____ on low-beam when a car is coming your way.
- In the summer, _____ is very popular for dessert and after the autumn harvest, _____ is my favorite treat.
- The florist loves his baby girl. He gave her the nickname _____.