

HYPHENS IN COMPOUND NOUNS

- Nouns are the names of people, places or things
- Some nouns are made of two or three words joined by hyphens
- A hyphen look like this - and is slightly shorter than a dash —

**Highlight the compound noun in each sentence
and put in the missing hyphen(s)**

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