

COMPOUND STRESS RULES IN ENGLISH

Compound Nouns vs. Compound Verbs:

A compound noun is a noun that is made up of two or more words. In most compound nouns, the stress occurs on the first word. Compound verbs generally have the stress on the second word.

AIRline	ASHtray	BUS stop
BANK teller	act UP	BASEball
BATHroom	BEDroom	double-DIP
CHALKboard	DOWNtime	FLASHlight
ease OFF	FOOTball	GREENhouse
HAIRcut	HANDshake	KEYchain
KEYboard	overACHIEVE	LIGHTbulb
MOTORcycle	NEWSpaper	move UP
NOTEbook	PAPERweight	POLICE car
SAVINGS account	SCIENCE test	SUNset
SWIMMING pool	WASHING machine	
WATER bottle	WHITE board	

Sentences

They don't have ASHtrays in AIRlines anymore
 All the BANK tellers joined the BASEball team
 I told the kids not to act UP at the service
 The BATHrooms and BEDrooms were all remodelled
 Don't double-DIP those chips!
 I watch FOOTball during my DOWNtime
 I prefer using a digital WHITEboard over a CHALKboard or a NOTEbook
 I'll be in the SWIMMING pool until SUNset
 I'm going to really move UP in my career with that promotion



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