

15. COMPOUND IT

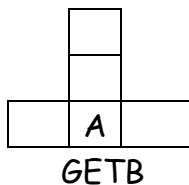
Intro: Get students thinking at a higher level about compound words. Make the activity a mystery by giving clues.

Brain Link	Brain Processing Preference	Content Skill	Thinking Skill
Challenge Novelty Practice Activate prior knowledge Pattern seeking	Verbal/Linguistic Visual Tactile Individual	Word study Compounds Vocabulary Spelling Contextual clues	Problem solving Analysis

Materials: paper and pencil

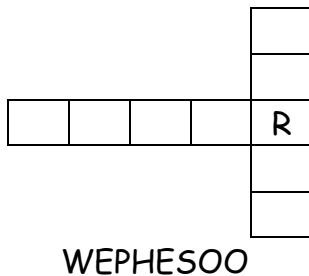
Activity: Students form compound words using given letters. The words may begin in either direction. Use compound words from a novel and write clues that offer story details.

Example: The following are from Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.



Clue: Hagrid carried one of these in his coat pocket.

Answer: Teabag



Clue: The Nimbus 2000 has more of this than the Comet Two Sixty.

Answer: Horsepower

Variation: Mystery Compound Words

Try to solve the mystery compound word based on the clue that is given in two parts. Have students write mystery clues for classmates to solve.

Part 1: not tall, but ____ Part 2: to slice or break ____ (shortcut)

Part 1: opposite of hard ____ Part 2: round object ____ (softball)

Part 1: wide ____ Part 2: actors in a play ____ (broadcast)