

## 11-Plus Verbal Reasoning Quiz - Compound Words 1 (Questions)

Compound words are those made of two or more words.

In this series of 11-plus verbal reasoning quizzes you have to find one word from each group of words in brackets that together makes one correctly spelled word. The letters must not be rearranged. The word from the first group will always be used first.

Choose one answer from the four choices available. We have given you an example below so take a look at this first before moving onto the questions.

See if you can get full marks in this first quiz on compound words.

Example: Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(hand finger toe) (sun some son)

- hand son
- hand sun
- finger some
- hand some

The correct answer is *hand some* because *hand* and *some* together make the compound word *handsome*.

1. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(home hand life) (time tick tock)

- home time
- hand tock
- life tick
- life time

2. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(kick moon butter) (where light pass)

- kick pass
- butter light
- moon light
- moon pass

3. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(lance dagger spear) (moss flies mint)

- lance mint
- dagger flies
- spear moss
- spear mint

4. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(they them their) (self day selves)

- they day
- them self
- them selves
- their self

5. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(by my lay) (wall wind pass)

- by wall
- by pass
- lay pass
- my wind

6. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(dish spoon cup) (bottle board can)

- dish can
- spoon board
- cup bottle
- cup board

7. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(heap wide long) (right wine spread)

- wide spread
- wide right
- long spread
- heap wine

8. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(ham pork chicken) (slice chop burger)

- ham burger
- pork slice
- chicken chop
- chicken burger

9. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(air under stand) (port court back)

- under back
- air port
- under port
- stand court

10. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(feel hand touch) (round under down)

- feel round
- hand down
- touch under
- touch down

## 11-Plus Verbal Reasoning Quiz - Compound Words 1 (Answers)

1. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(home hand life) (time tick tock)

- home time
- hand tock
- life tick
- life time

The correct answer is *life time* because *life* and *time* together make the compound word *lifetime*

2. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(kick moon butter) (where light pass)

- kick pass
- butter light
- moon light
- moon pass

The correct answer is *moon light* because *moon* and *light* together make the compound word *moonlight*. In the past, people believed that moonlight made people crazy, so we got the idea of 'moon madness'. The word lunar, which means 'to do with the moon' is where we get the word 'lunatic'!

3. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(lance dagger spear) (moss flies mint)

- lance mint
- dagger flies
- spear moss
- spear mint

The correct answer is *spear mint* because *spear* and *mint* together make the compound word *spearmint*. My favourite chewing gum flavour!

4. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(they them their) (self day selves)

- they day
- them self
- them selves
- their self

The correct answer is *them selves* because *them* and *selves* together make the compound word *themselves*. Don't get mixed up with your pronouns! There is no such thing as theirselves, even though we hear people use this

5. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(by my lay) (wall wind pass)

- by wall
- by pass
- lay pass
- my wind

The correct answer is *by pass* because *by* and *pass* together make the compound word *bypass*. To bypass something means to avoid it, or go around it. Thank goodness the fourth choice was not correct!

6. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(dish spoon cup) (bottle board can)

- dish can
- spoon board
- cup bottle
- cup board

The correct answer is *cup board* because *cup* and *board* together make the compound word *cupboard*. This should give you an idea of where the word comes from. In the past it was literally a board to hang your cups on. Later doors were added and we had the cupboard!

7. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(heap wide long) (right wine spread)

- wide spread
- wide right
- long spread
- heap wine

The correct answer is *wide spread* because *wide* and *spread* together make the compound word *widespread*. Widespread means 'covering a wide area'

8. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(ham pork chicken) (slice chop burger)

- ham burger
- pork slice
- chicken chop
- chicken burger

The correct answer is *ham burger* because *ham* and *burger* together make the compound word *hamburger*. It was tempting to choose chicken burger, but that would not be a compound word. Tasty, but not compound!

9. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(air under stand) (port court back)

- under back
- air port
- under port
- stand court

The correct answer is *air port* because *air* and *port* together make the compound word *airport*. Do you know the busiest airport in the world? Pay attention to the answer in question 10 to find out

10. Which two words together can make a new, compound word? Choose one word from each group below and select the correct answer from the four choices available.

(feel hand touch) (round under down)

- feel round
- hand down
- touch under
- touch down

The correct answer is *touch down* because *touch* and *down* together make the compound word *touchdown*. In answer to the puzzle in question 9, Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport is the world's busiest airport, transporting nearly 100,000,000 (that's one hundred million) passengers each year