

Hyphenated Compound Adjectives

Name: _____

When a number and a noun work together to describe another noun, they are joined with a hyphen, forming a compound adjective. Example: a three-course meal

Match the compound adjectives to the nouns they describe:

three-day	bag	five-minute	shift
five-kilogram	child	eight-hour	speech
ten-page	trip	eighteen-hole	service
five-year-old	bicycle	fifty-year	golf course
second-hand	report	twenty-four-hour	anniversary
third-place	highway	thirty-second	subscription
four-piece	hike	twelve-month	building
three-bedroom	winner	twenty-storey	binder
eight-lane	apartment	three-ring	tent
six-kilometre	band	two-person	advertisement

Compound adjectives are hyphenated when placed before the noun they describe. They are NOT hyphenated when placed after the noun.

Rewrite the sentences using a compound adjective:

1. The walk was five kilometres long. It was a five-kilometre walk.
2. The journey took three weeks. _____
3. The building has four storeys. _____
4. The child is two years old. _____
5. The camp lasted three days. _____

Underline the noun, circle the mistakes and state why it is an error:

We stayed in a three bedroom apartment near the beach. Use hyphens before the noun.

The movie lasted three-hours. _____

They booked a two week holiday in Fiji. _____

Dad drove a four wheel drive vehicle through the mud. _____

The race covered twenty-kilometres. _____

The chef prepared a six course dinner. _____

The hikers completed a seven kilometre walk. _____

My cousin is a twelve year old student. _____

The baby is eighteen-months old. _____

When a fraction and a noun work together to describe another noun, they are joined with a hyphen, forming a compound adjective. Example: a half-hour delay

Write the compound adjectives:

a lesson that last for half an hour... is a ____-____ lesson.

an excursion that lasts for half a day ... is a _____

a flight that lasts one hour and a half ... is a _____

an answer that takes up a quarter of the page... is a _____

