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# Compounds

Two base words that make a new word



Many sports words are compounds. Compounds are words like “basketball” that are made up of two shorter words called base words. In the word “basketball,” the base words are basket + ball.

In the list of sports words below, circle the two base words.

sideline

breakaway

overtime

playoff

timeout

shutout

tiebreaker

turnover

underdog

Put a check next to one of the compound words that you know. Copy that word below. Then write a quick definition. Be prepared to share your definition with the class!

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With a partner, make as many compound words as you can. You can put together any of the two base words below. Use a dictionary if you are not sure about a word.

Base words:	Our compounds:
back      cross      book	
under      run      home	
show      hand      ball	
in      down      side	
over      off      stop	
out      field      fall	
work      room	

We made \_\_\_\_\_ compound words!

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