



Compound Words Sentences to Practice

Read each set of sentences out loud with the correct stress pattern.

1. **blackbird** / **black bird**

- The **blackbird** sang beautifully this morning.
- She adopted a **black bird** from the pet store.

2. **greenhouse** / **green house**

- They grow tomatoes in the **greenhouse**.
- They painted their **green house** last summer.

3. **hotdog** / **hot dog**

- I bought a **hotdog** at the festival.
- She's been lying in the sun for ages, that is a **hot dog**!

4. **bluebird** / **blue bird**

- The **bluebird** perched on the tree.
- She drew a picture of a **blue bird**.

5. **blueberry** / **blue berry**

- We picked fresh **blueberries** in the garden.
- Look at that strange **blue berry** on the table.

6. whiteboard / white board

- The teacher wrote the instructions on the **whiteboard**.
- She bought a **white board** to put on her wall.

7. playground / play ground

- The children ran to the **playground** during recess.
- That hill is a perfect **play ground** for dogs.

8. dishwasher / dish washer

- We bought a new **dishwasher** for the kitchen.
- He is a professional **dish washer** at the restaurant.

9. lighthouse / light house

- The **lighthouse** guided ships safely at night.
- They installed a **light house** in the garden for decoration.

10. blackmail / black mail

- The politician was accused of **blackmail**.
- Someone sent a **black mail** envelope.