

Compound Words Error Correction Answers

Correct the following sentences.

1. After the meeting, they had a team spirit session.

After the meeting, they had a team-spirit session.

- → Compound adjectives before a noun (team-spirit) should be hyphenated
- 2. He needs to wear a rain coat today.

He needs to wear a raincoat today.

- → This is a closed compound noun.
- 3. My friend collects vintage booksshelves for his library.

My friend collects vintage bookshelves for his library.

- → Only one part of a compound word can be pluralised (shelves, not books)
- 4. We watched the fireworks show on new Year's Eve.

We watched the firework show on New Year's Eve.

- \rightarrow All content words of a compound word should be capitalised (New, Year's and Eve)
- 5. This is a long term project that will take months.

This is a long-term project that will take months.

- → Compound adjectives before a noun (long-term) should be hyphenated
- 6. I bought two highlighters pens for my study session.

I bought two highlighter pens for my study session.

- → Only one part of a compound word can be pluralised (pens, not highlighters)
- 7. He gave a press conference at the City hall.

He gave a press conference at the City Hall.

 \rightarrow All content words of a compound word should be capitalised (City and Hall)

8. I wear my favourite shoes everyday to work.

I wear my favourite shoes every day to work.

→ Every day (two words) means each weekday

9. My daughter is a 5 years old girl who loves cookies.

My daughter is a 5-year-old girl who loves cookies.

→ Compound adjectives before a noun (5-year-old) should be hyphenated. Adjectives are not pluralised in English.

10. He is very well-known in the area.

He is very well known in the area.

→ Compound adjectives aren't usually hyphenated after the noun.