

Outcomes

Upper Intermediate – Pronunciation 2

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Compound nouns are formed by joining two nouns together. Many are written as two separate words, some become one word, and others are joined by a hyphen. The main stress is usually on the first word.

A Underline the syllable which has the main stress in the compound nouns below.

case study	_____
tourist trap	_____
craft fair	_____
planning permission	_____
firework display	_____
stock exchange	_____
data analysis	_____
standpoint	_____
cash point	_____
cash flow	_____
control group	_____
life expectancy	_____
charity event	_____
get-together	_____
mix-up	_____
run-up	_____
windscreen	_____
healthcare	_____
workforce	_____

B Listen and practise saying the compound nouns in Exercise A.

C Work in pairs. Take turns to explain each of the compound nouns.

D Use the Vocabulary Builder (<http://www.eloutcomes.com/vocabulary-builder>) to check your ideas. Write examples or collocations for any words you didn't know.