



Dear Parents,

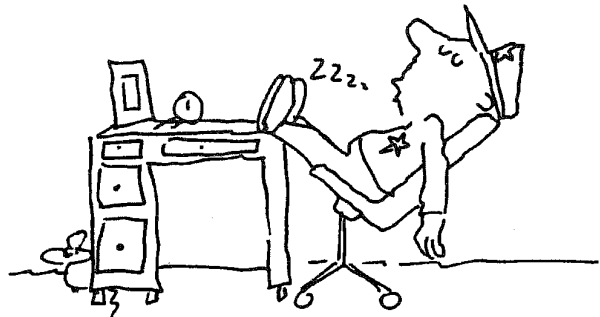
Your child is learning that long words are easier to spell if the word parts are spelled separately. This skill is easy to practice with compound words. Have your child read and explain the directions. Then read the story with your child.

Read the story and solve the riddle. Then underline the compound words.

Mrs. Greenleaf was the chairman of a firm that made cardboard boxes. She was doing some business homework in her downtown highrise apartment one weekend when she discovered she could make a big sale in a seaport town in the Northwest. She packed her suitcase on Sunday and planned to leave from work by early afternoon the next day.

As she was saying good-bye to her staff, Jeb Letterman rushed up to her. He was the night security guard for the warehouse.

"Be forewarned!" he cried. "Don't travel today. I foresee trouble. For the past three nights I've dreamed of thunderstorms and bad weather. When I awake, I have flashbacks of heavy downpours of rain and whirlwinds."



But, carefree Mrs. Greenleaf thought nothing of the outburst. She drove herself down the highway with a positive outlook about her upcoming meeting that she hoped would generate a big payoff for her company. Yet, she was determined to bid Jeb farewell from his position upon her return. Why?

If your child hasn't found at least thirty compound words, look again!

Now, why did Mrs. Greenleaf plan to dismiss Mr. Letterman? If you are struggling with the answer, reread the part of the story that tells about how and when the night guard had his premonitions.

There's more! Help your child identify the words that make up these compound words.