

Teaching Chunks of Language

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version **a**

Compounds Worksheet

Make the compounds by writing the correct words in the gaps below. Work in pairs. Student 1 takes Version A and Student 2 takes Version B, then compare. Or do both sheets by yourself, with a time interval between them.

Fill in the blanks.

1. You can add a kind of liquid soap into the tub in order to take a _____ **bath**.
2. As children, my brother and I used to sleep in the same room, in a _____ **bed**.
3. The big stomach of a man is sometimes called a **beer** _____.
4. If you are heading towards a disagreement or a fight with someone, you can be said to be on a _____ **course** with them.
5. High birth rates are also referred to as a **baby** _____.
6. When men pledge undying loyalty to each other, they can be called _____ **brothers**. (Sometimes a knife is involved!)
7. Smoking is known to be a **health** _____.
8. The section in some big supermarkets where you can find goods on discount, i.e. at low prices, is sometimes called a _____ **basement**.
9. When a lot of people compete wildly to get a part of something – and are acting like sharks fighting for the same food – that is sometimes called a **feeding** _____.
10. Drinking large amounts of alcohol in a short span of time is called _____ **drinking**.
11. People who have had to flee their own country and ask for permission to live in another country are **as** _____ **seekers**.
12. Work that involves a lot of calculations and which most people would consider boring is sometimes called **number c** _____.
13. When a lot of intellectuals leave the country because they get better pay or working conditions elsewhere, this is often referred to as **brain** _____.
14. Many astronomers adhere to the **big** _____ theory, but some others believe the **steady** _____ theory makes more sense.
15. Something that is 'completely developed' can be said to be **fully**-_____.
16. When you adapt your behaviour in order to be better accepted by the other members of your group, then you are giving in to **peer** _____.
17. When an explanation seems very implausible it is said to be _____-**fetched**.
18. Many people object to eating *fois gras*, because _____-**feeding** geese is cruel.

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Fill in the blanks.

1. You can add a kind of liquid soap into the tub in order to take a **bubble** _____.
2. As children, my brother and I used to sleep in the same room, in a **bunk** _____.
3. The big stomach of a man is sometimes called a _____ **belly**.
4. If you are heading towards a disagreement or a fight with someone, you can be said to be on a **collision** _____ with them.
5. High birth rates are also referred to as a _____ **boom**.
6. When men pledge undying loyalty to each other, they can be called **blood** _____. (Sometimes a knife is involved!)
7. Smoking is known to be a _____ **hazard**.
8. The section in some big supermarkets where you can find goods on discount, i.e. at low prices, is sometimes called a **bargain** _____.
9. When a lot of people compete wildly to get a part of something – and are acting like sharks fighting for the same food – that is sometimes called a _____ **frenzy**.
10. Consuming large amounts of alcohol in a short span of time is called **binge** _____.
11. People who have had to flee their own country and ask for permission to live in another country are **asylum** _____.
12. Work that involves a lot of calculations and which most people would consider boring is sometimes called _____ **crunching**.
13. When a lot of intellectuals leave the country because they get better pay or working conditions elsewhere, this is often referred to as _____ **drain**.
14. Many astronomers adhere to the _____ **bang** theory, but some others believe the _____ **state** theory makes more sense.
15. Something that is 'completely developed' can be said to be _____-**fledged**.
16. When you adapt your behaviour in order to be better accepted by the other members of your group, then you are giving in to _____ **pressure**.
17. When an explanation seems very implausible it is said to be **far**-_____.
18. Many people object to eating *fois gras*, because **force**-_____ geese is cruel.