

Wb 4.5.2026 - Spellings: hyphenated words

A **hyphen** is a punctuation mark that can join two words to make one **compound adjective**.

Here are some more examples of **compound adjectives** describing a noun.

- a **time-consuming** task
- a **well-behaved** student
- a **cold-hearted** criminal
- a **heart-rending** scream
- a **high-pitched** shriek
- a **silver-haired** wizard

We know these are **compound adjectives** because we couldn't put a comma between the two words – we need the **hyphen** to **join** them:

- a silver, haired wizard = a wizard that is silver with hair
- a **silver-haired** wizard = a wizard with silver hair

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This week there is no spelling list for you to practise. Your task is to find and list as many hyphenated words as you can and put them into interesting sentences. We will choose a selection of common hyphenated words for your next spelling test on Thursday 7th May. The website 'wordwall' has some good games for hyphenated words - try them out!