COMPOUNDING
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1. **COMPOUND**

- words formed by combining roots and the much smaller category of phrasal words, that is items that have the internal structure of phrases but function syntactically as words.
2. **COMPOUND** vs. **PHRASE**

a. stress: first and second element

b. semantic/meaning:

   *a compound tends to have a meaning that is more or less idiosyncratic or unpredictable*
3. KINDS

- Compound Verbs
- Compound Adjectives
- Compound Nouns
a. Compound Verbs

- (1) verb–verb (VV): stir–fry, freeze–dry
- (2) noun–verb (NV): hand–wash, air–condition, steam–clean
- (3) adjective–verb (AV): dry–clean, whitewash
- (4) preposition–verb (PV): underestimate, outrun, overcook
b. Compound Adjectives

Some right headed compound adjectives

- (1) noun–adjective (NA): *sky–high, coal–black, oil–rich*
- (2) adjective–adjective (AA): *grey–green, squeaky–clean, red–hot*
- (3) preposition–adjective (PA): *underfull, overactive*
c. Compound Nouns

- (1) verb–noun (VN): swearword, drophammer, playtime
- (2) noun–noun (NN): hairnet, mosquito net, butterfly net, hair restorer
- (3) adjective–noun (AN): blackboard, greenstone, faintheart
- (4) preposition–noun (PN): in–group, outpost, overcoat
4. HEADED And HEADLESS COMPOUNDS

- blackboard (a kind of board), greenstone (a kind of stone)

- pickpockets (not a kind of pocket), tickleback (a kind of fish with spines on its back) and sabretooth.
5. COMBINING ITEMS

- compounds that are made up of bound roots

- Examples:
  * anthropology, sociology, cardiogram, electrocardiogram, retrograde, retrospect,
6. PHRASAL WORDS

- complex items that function as words, whose internal structure is that of a clause or phrase rather than of a compound.

- Example: *jack-in-the-box, dyed-in-the-wool*
7. BLENDS And ACRONYMS

a. BLENDS – a kind of compound where at least one component is reproduced only partially.

b. ACRONYMS –
   (1) a component of a blend can undergo is reduction to just one sound (or letter), usually the first
   (2) blends made up of initial letters
Examples of Blends and Acronyms

- **Blends**
  - *smog, chortle, cheeseburger*

- **Acronyms**
  - *NATO, RAM, AIDS*