



Compound words and contractions

Teaching

proof + read = proofread	blue + eyed = blue-eyed
fire + proof = fireproof	one + half = one-half
time + table = timetable	ninety + four = ninety-four
life + time = lifetime	self + addressed = self-addressed
night + time = nighttime	great + aunt = great-aunt
some + one = someone	does + not = doesn't
any + time = anytime	it + is = it's
mean + while = meanwhile	there + is = there's
every + where = everywhere	here + is = here's
when + ever = whenever	would + have = would've

Lesson Generalization: When two words are connected without a change in spelling to either word, the result is called a **compound word**. A **contraction** is formed when two words are connected and an apostrophe replaces one or more omitted letters. Hyphenated words are two words joined by a hyphen.

A. What words from the list were made by forming a contraction? A compound word? A hyphen? Write the words in the correct rows below.

1. **contractions:** _____

2. **compound words:** _____

3. **hyphenated words:** _____

B. On a separate sheet of paper write each word from the list as two separate words. Then trade papers with a partner and correctly write the words as compound words, contractions, or hyphenated words.

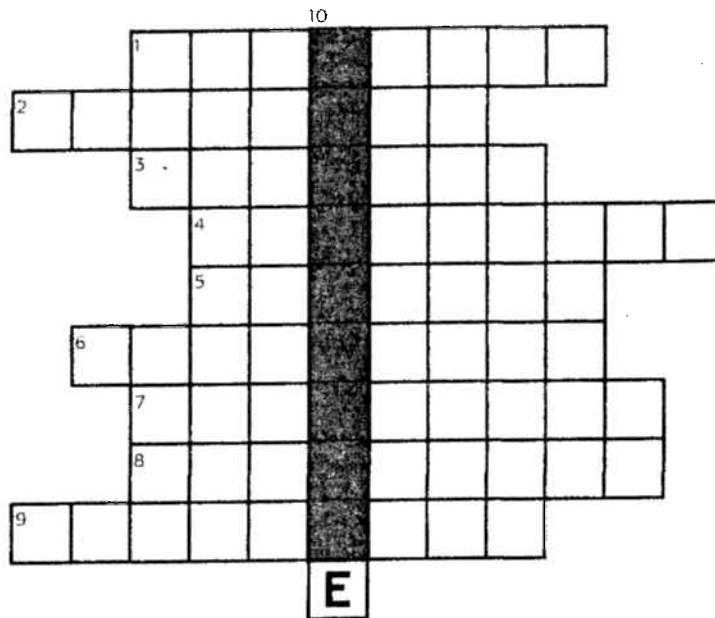
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More Practice

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| 1. proofread | 6. someone | 11. blue-eyed | 16. doesn't |
| 2. fireproof | 7. anytime | 12. one-half | 17. it's |
| 3. timetable | 8. meanwhile | 13. ninety-four | 18. there's |
| 4. lifetime | 9. everywhere | 14. self-addressed | 19. here's |
| 5. nighttime | 10. whenever | 15. great-aunt | 20. would've |

A. Write the spelling word that matches each clue and fits in the boxes.

- as long as someone lives
- at whatever time
- not just anyone
- non-flammable
- at any moment
- at the same time
- after sunset
- bus or train schedule
- look for writing errors
- What other spelling word do you see in the shaded boxes?



B. On your own paper, write a sentence using each set of spelling words. You may use the words in any order.

- there's, timetable, ninety-four
- would've, lifetime, great-aunt
- it's, whenever, self-addressed
- doesn't, everywhere, blue-eyed
- here's, proofread, one-half