

Word Formation
List of English Clipped Words

advertisement – ad
alchemist – chemist
alligator – gator
automobile – auto
bicycle – bike
cabriolet – cab
chrysanthemum – mum
cleric – clerk
coeducational student – coed
delicatessen – deli
dormitory – dorm
examination – exam
fanatic – fan
gasoline – gas
gymnasium – gym
hamburger – burger
influenza – flu
laboratory – lab
limousine – limo
luncheon – lunch
mathematics – math
memorandum – memo
moving picture – movie
pantaloon – pants
photograph – photo
piano forte – piano
promenade – prom
public house – pub
raccoon – coon
referee – ref
refrigerator – fridge
reputation – rep
situation comedy – sitcom
submarine – sub
telephone – phone
typographical error – typo
university – varsity
zoological garden – zoo

Clipped Words

Some spellers choose to write the clipped form of some words. A clipped word is a word shortened by common use. Clipped words are favored because they are easier to spell. The challenge occurs when students are asked to write the longer form of a clipped word. Some common clipped words are listed below.

ad - advertisement	memo - memorandum
auto - automobile	mike - microphone
bike - bicycle	mum - chrysanthemum
burger - hamburger	pen - penitentiary
bus - omnibus	phone - telephone
champ - champion	photo - photograph
con - convict	pike - turnpike
co-op - cooperative	plane - airplane
copter - helicopter	ref - referee
cuke - cucumber	rev - revolution
dorm - dormitory	rhino - rhinoceros
exam - examination	specs - spectacles; specifications
flu - influenza	stats - statistics
fridge - refrigerator	stereo - stereophonics
gas - gasoline	sub - submarine
grad - graduate	taxi - taxicab
gym - gymnasium	teen - teenager
hippo - hippopotamus	tie - necktie
lab - laboratory	tux - tuxedo
limo - limousine	typo - typographical error
lunch - luncheon	van - caravan
math - mathematics	vet - veteran; veterinarian

D. BLENDING

- Process of **blending** involves joining two words together by taking parts of both words and combining the parts into a new whole. The result of this process, known as "**blend**".

- Examples:

□ <i>Breakfast + lunch</i>	→	<i>brunch</i>	} Blends
□ <i>Motor + hotel</i>	→	<i>motel</i>	
□ <i>Smoke + fog</i>	→	<i>smog</i>	
□ <i>Urine + analysis</i>	→	<i>urinalysis</i>	
□ <i>Gasoline + alcohol</i>	→	<i>gasohol</i>	

Examples of **Compound** Words in English (two complete words put together to form a single word)

cardboard	graveyard	overboard	tombstone
carpet	greenhouse	overdose	toolbox
chopstick	groundnut	overdue	toothbrush
classmate	hailstorm	pancake	understand
clockwise	hallway	partnership	wallpaper
courtyard	handcuff	penknife	wardrobe
cowboy	headache	photocopy	warship
cupboard	headlight	playground	watermelon
cutlet	headmaster	playroom	waterproof
daredevil	headmistress	popcorn	weekend
daydream	heartbeat	postman	wheelbarrow
dishwasher	heartbroken	railway	wheelchair
dishwater	highway	rainbow	woodcutter
doorbell	homework	raindrops	woodland
doormat	honeycomb	rattlesnake	woodpile
doorstep	hookworm	ringworm	woodshed
doorstop	horsefly	sandbags	woodwork
doorway	houseboat	sandcastle	woodworm
dragonfly	inside	sandpaper	yourself
droplet	jawbone	seafood	
earache	ladybug	seashore	