



Hunt the Hyphen

Help the Hyphen Hound by finding and underlining the hyphenated words in each sentence. You could write these sentences out and then underline – if so just choose six to write.

Then you need to sort the phrases into these categories below. Perhaps you could colour code or number them!

e.g. *The ex-champion became a coach when he retired.* (AP)

This is an example of a hyphen after a prefix.

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Compound adjective (CA)

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After a prefix (AP)

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Compound noun (CN)

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Number (N)

(1) My sister-in-law is the person married to my brother.

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(2) There are nearly four hundred and twenty-seven children in our school!

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(3) The vicious-looking dog was kept on a very short lead.

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(4) The film 'Jaws' is all about a man-eating shark.

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(5) Strawberry ripple ice-cream is my absolute favourite!

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(6) My dog's fur is red-brown and curly.

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(7) Nearby, we have two large supermarkets: the Co-operation and Tesbury's.

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(8) The blond-haired boy won the singing competition.

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(9) "...ninety-eight, ninety-nine, one hundred. Coming, ready or not!"

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Remember you don't need to print this page out, if you don't want to.

(10) Usually, my dad has a hard-boiled egg in his packed lunch.

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(11) I've got a four-year-old brother and a six-year-old sister.

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(12) For a heart-stopping moment, we thought the climber would fall.

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(13) We have fiction and non-fiction books in our library.

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(14) The ex-president makes a lot of money giving speeches now.

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(15) If my little brother is naughty, my mum puts him on a time-out.

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(16) The London-Paris flight was cancelled, so we went by train.

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(17) My dictionary got a bit torn, so I decided to re-cover it.

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(18) The England-Wales rugby match was really close!

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Challenge

What hyphenated words can you think of? What type are they?

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