

To hyphenate, or not to hyphenate?

- The school caretaker brought the games out of their usual cupboard, then she re-stored them after the summer fair was over.
- The old wooden chest was really battered, so we restored it.

Look at the two sentences above and consider how the use of the hyphen can really change the meaning of the word compared to the spelling of the other word.

The prefix 're' often means 'do again'.

For each pair of sentences below, choose the best pair of 're' words from the table to fill the gaps. Use a dictionary to help you decide which sentence needs the hyphenated word.

refine / re-fine

recover / re-cover

recount / re-count

remove / re-move

reflex / re-flex

return / re-turn

research / re-search

remark / re-mark

recycle / re-cycle

- (1) Kimto has done lots of on our new topic about 'The Stone Age'.
The police are going to the area in the hopes of finding some clues.
- (2) The test scores seemed very low so the teacher decided to them.
It is extremely rude to make personal about other people.
- (3) The basketball hoops have gone from the playground; they were by the builders.
Ian was just learning the rules of chess so Shania said he could the Knight because he'd made a mistake.
- (4) This new jumper doesn't suit me so I'm going to it to the shop.
Can you please turn the plant pots round in the morning, then them every afternoon?

- (5) If you your use of hyphens, your writing will be more exact.
Dad got a parking ticket last week and he was in the same place today!
- (6) When you write about what happened, this is called a
The election for School Councillors was so close, the teacher had to all the votes from each class.
- (7) Our class won a prize for more used batteries than all the others.
Today, we are the road we covered on our bikes yesterday.
- (8) "As Jade straightens and her arm, you can see the muscle relax and contract," informed the doctor.
Samir is the best goalkeeper because he has really quick

Challenge

What other examples can you think of?