

# Smart Start Companion Creating with Compound Words

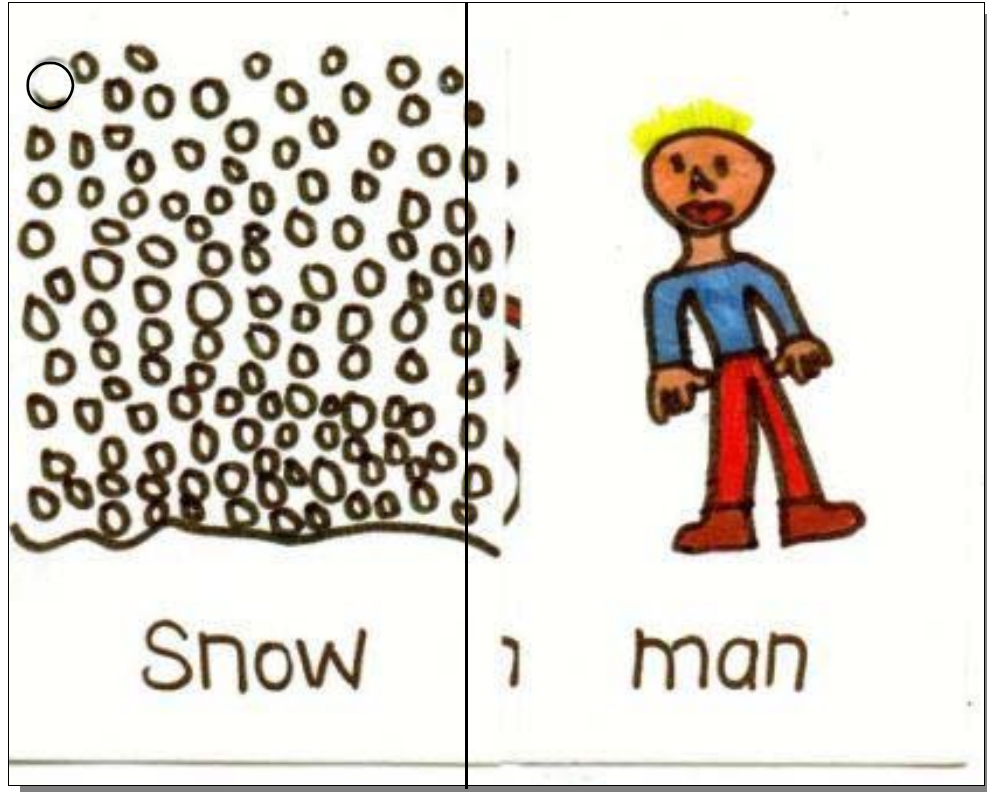


The book Smart Start in Language Arts introduces compound words in the reading lessons. Lesson plans for this concept and a word list are found in the book Smart Start Companion. These pages elaborate on this activity which is fun for students and builds their decoding confidence with longer words as well as emphasizing comprehension.

After making each card, hole punch it in the top right hand corner so that you can link all the cards together with a metal ring or a twist tie. This creates a booklet which can be added to and used for review.

It is best to do one a day, rather than a whole bunch at one time. One a day gives students time to absorb new words and to solidify the concept of compound words.

Take paper and fold two parts inward so that they meet each other. Draw the meaning of each word on the two flaps.



Open the flaps and write the compound word inside and illustrate it.



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