Compound words are made from two or more separate words. Some are spelled as one word, such as ‘football’, some can be two words, such as ‘ice cream’, or hyphenated, such as ‘half-brother’. Compounds made from an adjective and a noun together will be hyphenated when they are used to describe something, e.g. ‘long-range missile’.

**GETTING STARTED**

Use your Oxford dictionary to make as many words you can from the following.

1. airgun  
2. headteacher

**MOVING ON**

1. Which word beginning with the letter ‘h’ needs to be placed at the end of these word stems to create three new words?
   
   pent ____________________  green ____________________  light _________________

2. Make five compound words using these words. Use the clues and your dictionary to help you work out the words.

   motor  
   sea  
   arm  
   shed  
   meat

   water  
   fire  
   cycle  
   mince  
   port

   m_______________  a sweet mixture of currants, raisins, apple, etc. used in pies
   f_______________  a small gun: a rifle, pistol, or revolver
   m_______________  a two-wheeled road vehicle with an engine
   s_______________  a port on the coast
   w_______________  a turning point in the course of events