

Lesson4 : Agent Noun English Teachers On Call

An agent noun is a being or a thing that acts for, or in place of another, one that acts on authority, or one that does.

The suffixes used are:

- _er as in adviser, player, transformer, receiver
- _or as in donor, collector, operator, inventor, orator
- _ist as in pianist, guitarist, specialist, scientist

Recipient Noun

A recipient noun indicates on that receives something. One to whom an act is done, or upon, whom a privilege is conferred or given. The suffix used is ee as in payee, grantee, and vendee.

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A compound noun is made up of two or more parts of which may be used as a separate word but felt to be a single term.

The elements composing compound noun maybe almost any part of speech.

Noun + noun _____ schoolground, classroom, roommate

Adjective + noun _____ quicksilver, greenhouse

Adjective + verb _____ whitewash, housefly

Verb + noun _____ pickpocket, jumpsuit

Adverb + verb _____ overload, understand

Gerund + noun _____ looking-glass, hearing-aide

Exercise 7

Combine the word under Column A with a word under Column B to form a compound noun.

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>	<u>Compound Noun</u>
House	shore	housewife
Back	brow	eyebrow
Head	bone	backbone
Eye	wife	seashore
Sea	ache	headache

The written of compound nouns is somewhat arbitrary. Sometimes they are written as one word as, blackboard, housewife, blackbird. Sometimes they are written as two words joined by a hyphen; as fire-engine, ice-cream, Atty. At-law, son-in-law.

Or even occasionally as two words; as, post office, police station, railway station.

The gerund + noun pattern is always written with a hyphen; as, walking-stick, cycling-shorts, weighing-scale, swimming-pool.