

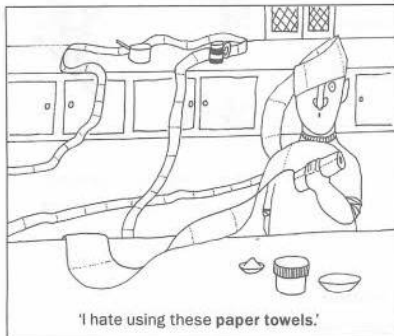
1 In English, you often put a noun in front of another noun to tell you more about it:

- A What sort of dress was she wearing?
 B It was a beautiful silk dress.

- A Did you leave it in the dining room?
 B No. It's on the kitchen table.

2 You do this:

- a to show what something is made of:



'I hate using these paper towels.'



She wore an expensive silk dress.

They were kept in a glass case. He put it in a cardboard box.

Note: For something made of wood you usually say wooden:

He put it in a wooden box. There was an old wooden table in the corner.

- b to say where something is:

Put these flowers on the dining-room table. It's in the kitchen cupboard.

London hotels are very expensive.

- c to say when it happens:

Are you going to the six o'clock class? Let's have a Christmas party.

- d to say what size or how heavy it is:

She bought some milk in a one litre carton. There was a ten foot wall round the house.

- e to say how expensive it is:

He wore a fifteen hundred dollar suit. She bought a five dollar ticket.

- f to say what it is about:

Where's my history book? I'm listening to the sports news.

3 You often use a noun with the ...er form of the verb:

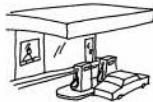
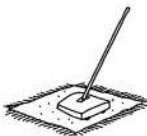
He got a job as a window cleaner. She's a good language learner.

WARNING: The first noun is almost never found in the plural. A man who cleans windows is a window cleaner. A cheque for a hundred pounds is a hundred pound cheque. An exception is sports. We talk about a sports field for example.

A Write down what these things are. Put in brackets the point they relate to on the previous page:

- 1 a belt made of leather a leather belt (2a)
- 2 a handkerchief made out of paper _____
- 3 a table made of wood _____
- 4 a bag made out of plastic _____
- 5 a chair in the kitchen _____
- 6 furniture used in the garden _____
- 7 seats found in an aeroplane _____
- 8 a meeting on Thursday _____
- 9 a party on someone's birthday _____
- 10 an appointment at two o'clock _____
- 11 a traveller's cheque for fifty pounds _____
- 12 a note worth ten pounds _____
- 13 a bag weighing one hundred kilos _____
- 14 a baby weighing three kilos _____
- 15 a book about cookery _____
- 16 a magazine about fashion _____
- 17 the page about sports _____
- 18 someone who sells newspapers _____
- 19 someone who teaches languages _____
- 20 someone who plays cards _____

Note: This is so common in English that it is impossible to list all the ways we use nouns to describe other nouns. Sometimes the two nouns are used together so often that they have become one word. (You dry your hair with a hairdryer.)



Can you find the following?

- 1 a story teller 2 a dishwasher 3 a tin opener 4 an ice cube 5 a cigarette lighter
6 an egg-timer 7 a petrol station 8 a dog kennel 9 a carpet sweeper 10 a hairdryer