Hyphenated Compounds

Compound words are made up of two or more smaller words.

Some compound words are hyphenated.

Hyphenated compounds are used as adjectives.

The hand-picked tomatoes tasted better than the ones from the store.

The reporter presented an in-depth look into the health of our nation’s students.

I was shocked by the life-size poster of my mother on the side of the road.

Hyphenated compounds are used as nouns.

The supermodel was ready for her close-up.

The marching band got a rousing send-off on its way to the state competition.

The referee called a time-out during today’s football championship game.

Sometimes words that are hyphenated compounds may not be hyphenated in other situations.

We just got a high-speed Internet connection.

The rocket traveled at a high speed.