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 at 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**.