



Topic 14:

Compound Nouns and adjectives. Field games



Parachute Popcorn

Have eight to 10 kids hold the edges of the parachute and toss light plastic or foam balls on top. Tell the children to start popping the balls up by making waves with the parachute. Add more balls throughout the game to see how many can stay in before any fall out. (grades K-2)

At home: While the majority of families don't have eight to 10 kids, younger kids do love this game and it's doable as long as at least two people can hold the "parachute." Use any tarp (or even a sheet folded up) and light plastic balls.



Pool Noodle “Baseball”

Use cones or other markers to set up a goal. Cut pool noodles in half and have kids swing their noodle “bats” at a beach ball or other large, light ball with the object of getting the ball through the goal. (grades K-2)

At home: If you don’t have pool noodles, you can substitute a large plastic bottle for the “bat.” If you don’t have the yard space, use jump rope or sidewalk chalk to mark the goal line and have kids get the ball past the line. Indoors you could have try to get the ball into an empty laundry basket.



Tug of War

It doesn't get more old-school than this. Round up teams of students (and if you like, an adult or two on each team) and have them pull the opposite ends of the rope to see which team is the strongest. (grades K-5)

At home: If you happen to have an appropriate rope in your garage, have a parent vs. parent or parent vs. kids tug of war, or split up a family into one- to two-person teams.



Hula-Hoop Ring Toss

Set up 15 to 20 cones, a mix of small, medium, and large, on a field or pavement. Have kids try to toss Hula-Hoops over the cones. (grades 3-5)

At home: Have kids try to get the Hula-Hoop over an empty box. If you don't have cones or empty cardboard boxes, stuffed animals can work.

COMPOUND ADJECTIVES

Number

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(singular!) **Noun**

five-minute, three-hour, ten-storey, one-way, twenty-page

Adjective

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Noun

last-minute, full-length, short-term, long-distance, high-quality

Adjective

+

Present Participle

good-looking, long-lasting, easy-going, tight-fitting, quick-thinking

Noun

+

Present Participle

mouth-watering, record-breaking, time-saving, English-speaking

Noun

+

Adjective

world-famous, smoke-free, ice-cold, gluten-free, family-friendly

Noun

+

Past Participle

wind-powered, sun-dried, middle-aged, water-cooled

Adverb

+

Past Participle

brightly-lit, well-known, densely-populated, highly-respected

Adjective

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Past Participle

old-fashioned, long-forgotten, ready-made, short-lived

COMMON COMPOUND NOUNS

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