

Compound Verbs

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Non-hyphenated	backflip
Phrasal	give up
Auxiliary (helping)	is running

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1. The teacher broke up a fight between two girls on the first day of school.

Type of compound verb: _____

2. It had taken about one hour until the girls apologized for their actions.

Type of compound verb: _____

3. The girls underestimated the punishments they would receive.

Type of compound verb: _____

4. The counselors and parents checked-in on the girls after a week.

Type of compound verb: _____

5. the girls' parents took away their phone privileges for three days.

Type of compound verb: _____

Directions: Write 5 examples of compound verbs in each category.

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Phrasal	
Auxiliary (helping)	

Directions: Write V if the word is a compound verb. Write A if the word is a compound adjective.

1. Well-known _____

7. High-pitched _____

2. Open-minded _____

8. Give in _____

3. Take away _____

9. Heartbroken _____

4. Might agree _____

10. Speed-date _____

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Type of compound verb: phrasal compound verb

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Type of compound verb: auxiliary compound verb

3. The girls underestimated the punishments they would receive.

Type of compound verb: non-hyphenated compound verb

4. The counselors and parents checked-in on the girls after a week.

Type of compound verb: hyphenated compound verb

5. the girls' parents took away their phone privileges for three days.

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1. Well-known A

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