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Compound Words

Compound words are made up of two or more parts which are also words. For example, *extraordinary* is made from two words – *extra* and *ordinary*.

Below is a list of other compound words. Write next to them the two words they are made from. The first one has been done for you –

housekeeper

house

keeper

nobody

cobwebs

maybe

everyone

Now look through the book *The Extraordinary House* and your dictionary to see if you can find any other compound words. Write them on the back of this sheet and write the two words they are made from.

Write your compound words into sentences.

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Personification

Personification means describing something as if it were a person. The author and illustrator have done this in the book *The Extraordinary House*. Look at the list of words you noted down to describe the house.

This house *sang, hummed, and sighed contentedly*. We do not usually think about houses in this way. Authors sometimes use personification to make their writing more interesting. For example –

The tree waved its arms.

The moon looked down from the sky.

On a separate sheet of paper, write a sentence about the words listed below to give them human features. Then draw a picture of them.

Cat

Pencil

Flower

Clock

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Imagine if you lived in a house that cleaned itself like the one in *The Extraordinary House*. You would never have to clean or tidy your room again!

We already have machines to help us with cleaning, such as washing machines and dishwashers. Design a new machine to help clean your house. Talk to some people who clean your house – perhaps your father, your mother, or a housekeeper. They will have some ideas about what needs to be done to keep a house clean and tidy.

Draw your design in the box below. If you cannot think of anything, try designing this –

A giant claw, which is attached to the wall. You operate it with a remote control and use it to pick up all the toys lying around your room. The claw puts the toys in the toy box then folds back against the wall.

