

Compound noun and noun phrase exercises

Circle the stress on each syllable and mark the tonic stress in each item with an asterisk (*).

Amy

1. same-sex marriage
2. tissue paper
3. browser history
4. research paper
5. five-thousand word paper
6. lab report
7. well-educated English speaker
8. Spanish-English dictionary
9. all-around development
10. whole-grain food

Chander

1. vertical leg crunches
2. wall sit
3. ab crunches
4. side plank
5. chair steps
6. push-up motion
7. new car smell
8. concert tour
9. blank space
10. wonderland

Vivian

1. washing machine
2. train station
3. picnic basket
4. dining table
5. school report
6. Halloween candy
7. fish tank
8. airplane ticket
9. soccer game
10. football uniform

Alina

1. body image
2. couch potato
3. mortality rate
4. health writer
5. show business
6. Christmas party
7. side effect
8. fighter pilot
9. blood circulation
10. bus stop
11. research paper
12. afternoon tea
13. body language

Tammy

1. a serious form of gum disease
2. waving flag
3. the waning moon
4. the engagement of the flag
pole sitter
5. a crude comedy
6. a last trace of Cold War
hostility
7. a spy swamp
8. campaign donations
9. centuries of canon law
10. Rudolph, the Red-Nosed
Reindeer

Yvonne

1. equivocal phrases
2. disputed territory
3. cobalt blue
4. resolutely fixed gaze
5. pistol barrel
6. hypnotic voice
7. an overripe pear
8. fountain pens
9. intellectual property
10. science fiction film

Helen

1. input processing
2. starting point
3. string of words
4. instrumental motivation
5. target language
6. grammar rule
7. language disorders
8. social interaction
9. developmental sequence
10. communicative ability

Diana Tai

1. brightest business brains
2. broadband access
3. East of England
4. cultural melting pot
5. Birmingham's Queen
Elizabeth Hospital
6. life-saving surgery
7. contemporary art venue
8. New York pro-police
demonstrators
9. controversial T-shirt
10. Lord Sugar's right-hand man

Joanne

1. gummy bear
2. teddy bear
3. firefly
4. train station
5. washing machine
6. toy store
7. tennis shoe
8. bus stop
9. container ship
10. intelligent monkey

Emily

1. Arsenal Football Club
2. Arsenal injury news
3. one-game suspension
4. Christmas gifts
5. Boxing Day
6. toothpaste
7. monthly ticket
8. bizarre love triangle
9. basketball highlights
10. six-year contract extension

Julie

1. bus stop
2. roller coaster
3. tennis shoes
4. chair leg
5. trouble maker
6. beauty salon
7. water tank
8. sister-in-law
9. heart attack
10. one-night stand

Wayne

1. car key
2. a meeting point
3. goodbye kiss
4. morning coffee
5. horseback riding
6. walking stick
7. public speaking
8. monthly ticket
9. New Year's Day

Gina

1. successful language learners
2. quiet observant learner
3. learner anxiety
4. an oral presentation
5. a given moment
6. communicative confidence
7. integrative motivation
8. developmental changes
9. classroom instruction
10. Critical Period Hypothesis

Brian

1. facial expression
2. flora exposition
3. an annual teleconference
4. consulting firms
5. a year-end clearance
6. correspondence course
7. a delicate flower
8. passion fruit
9. her heyday
10. then-fashionable flowery style

Diana Huang

1. happy ending
2. brilliant light
3. ornithology study
4. object-oriented ontology
5. alien species
6. ancient Egyptian civilization
7. talk show host
8. unidentified flying object
9. government funding
10. damned lives

Ruben

1. fundamentally flawed assumptions
2. reliable witness testimony
3. open-source software packages
4. historically accurate battle re-enactment
5. significant sociolinguistic experiment
6. student-oriented pedagogical approaches
7. proven cancer therapy
8. assassinated presidential candidate
9. strawberry-flavored buttermilk biscuits
10. New York City police commissioner

Los

1. project manager
2. baseball game
3. cheese cake
4. techno party
5. drug addict
6. floor stripper
7. drain cleaner
8. newspaper stand
9. speaker volume
10. rainbow candy

Ariel

1. fire-fly
2. bus stop
3. toothpaste
4. black board
5. monthly ticket
6. software
7. swimming pool
8. breakfast
9. sunset
10. check-in
11. underline

Jasmine

1. cost accounting
2. the left inferior frontal gyrus
3. job opening
4. labor insurance
5. optimism bias
6. above average
7. human resources
8. impromptu speech
9. art therapy
10. cultural differences

Leo

1. principle of superposition
2. quasi-equilibrium state
3. non-steady heat conduction
4. Navier-Stokes Equation
5. linear time-invariant system
6. electronic dance music
7. Long Island Iced Tea
8. kinesthetic mind
9. pickup artist
10. neuro-linguistic programming