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Quiz topic: Compound nouns

1. Three of the words below go together with 'HEAD' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?
 - a) ache
 - b) line
 - c) master
 - d) man

2. Three of the words below go together with 'NEWS' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?
 - a) reader
 - b) magazine
 - c) paper
 - d) flash

3. Three of the words below go together with 'BIRTH' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?
 - a) day
 - b) mark
 - c) control
 - d) baby

4. Three of the words below go together with 'AIR' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?
 - a) conditioning
 - b) mail
 - c) port
 - d) pilot

5. Three of the words below go together with 'BOOK' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?
 - a) shop
 - b) worm
 - c) maker
 - d) library

6. Three of the words below go together with 'POLICE' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?
 - a) person
 - b) woman
 - c) dog
 - d) force

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Answers

1. Three of the words below go together with 'HEAD' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?

- a) ache
- b) line
- c) master
- d) man**

a) This is not correct - a pain in the head is called a headache.

b) This is not correct - you can find headlines in newspapers at the beginning of a story. They are usually in big letters.

c) This is not correct - a headmaster is the 'manager' of a school; he or she usually doesn't do any teaching.

d) This is correct – 'headman' is not a real word.

2. Three of the words below go together with 'NEWS' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?

- a) reader
- b) magazine**
- c) paper
- d) flash

a) This is not correct - a newsreader reads the news on TV or the radio.

b) This is correct – 'newsmagazine' is not a real word.

c) This is not correct - lots of people read a newspaper everyday.

d) This is not correct - if something very important happens in the news, the TV or radio broadcaster may stop a programme and read a newsflash.

3. Three of the words below go together with 'BIRTH' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?

- a) day
- b) mark
- c) control
- d) baby**

a) This is not correct - what day is your birthday?

b) This is not correct - a birthmark is a red / brown mark which some people are born with and generally have for life.

c) This is not correct - if a couple do not want to have a baby, they may use birth control to stop the woman getting pregnant.

d) This is correct – 'birthbaby' is not a real word.

4. Three of the words below go together with 'AIR' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?

- a) conditioning
- b) mail
- c) port
- d) pilot**

a) This is not correct - air conditioning keeps a room cool when it's hot outside.
b) This is not correct - airmail is letters and parcels transported by a plane.
c) This is not correct - what's the nearest airport to your house?
d) This is correct – 'airpilot' is not a real word.

5. Three of the words below go together with 'BOOK' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?

- a) shop
- b) worm
- c) maker
- d) library**

a) This is not correct - a bookshop sells books.
b) This is not correct - a bookworm is someone who is always reading.
c) This is not correct - if you want to gamble on something, e.g. a horse, you should go to a bookmaker.
d) This is correct – 'booklibrary' is not a real word.

6. Three of the words below go together with 'POLICE' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?

- a) person**
- b) woman
- c) dog
- d) force

a) This is correct – 'policeperson' is not a real word.
b) This is not correct - a female police officer is a policeman.
c) This is not correct - sometimes the police use police dogs to find drugs or chase after criminals.
d) This is not correct - the police are usually organised into local police forces.