

Make the collocations counting syllables practice

Join the words in one group below to make common English compound nouns etc with 2 syllables, 3 syllables, 4 syllables, 5 syllables and 6 syllables (one of each).

automatic	building
convenience	desk
front	store
office	noodles
pot	pencil

hole	apartment
salad	app
security	dressing
smartphone	guard
studio	punch

co	buffet
department	operation
eat-all-you-like	scarf
white	store
winter	tea

apartment	block
assistant	manager
ballpoint	media
lap	pen
social	top

airport shuttle	bus
roller	celebrity
ski	coaster
steering	slopes
TV	wheel

mixed	bag
petrol	commercial
plastic carrier	gel
shower	race
TV	station

free	control
hot	oven
microwave	sales
remote	springs
summer	time activities

Label the collocations with their number of syllables to check that you've made the right collocations. Then go through the answers as a class, from the shortest in each section, making sure that you pronounce the right number of syllables each time.

Answer key

2- front desk
3- pot noodles
4- office building
5- convenience store
6- automatic pencil

2- hole punch
3- smartphone app
4- salad dressing
5- security guard
6- studio apartment

2- white tea
3- winter scarf
4- department store
5- cooperation
6- eat-all-you-like buffet

2- laptop
3- ballpoint pen
4- apartment block
5- social media
6- assistant manager

2- ski slopes
3- steering wheel
4- roller coaster
5- airport shuttle bus
6- TV celebrity

2- mixed race
3- shower gel
4- petrol station
5- TV commercial
6- plastic carrier bag

2- hot springs
3- summer sales
4- remote control
5- microwave oven
6- free time activities

Test each other on counting syllables:

- Say words and expressions and see if your partner can count the syllables
- Say a number of syllables and see if your partner can say a word/ expression that matches