NOMINAL COMPOUNDS

Definition:

Compound words are formed by joining two main words. It can be formed by joining a noun and another noun, a noun and an adjective, a noun and a verb, a gerund and a noun, an adverb and a noun.

- Steam Engine - Noun + Noun
- Black Board - Adjective + Noun
- Earth quake - Noun + Verb
- Washing machine - Gerund + Noun
- Over confidence - Adverb + Noun

Nominal compounds are very common in technical writing. They promote easy readability and help to avoid wasting time and effort.

A Compound noun such as ‘Air supply’ can be expanded as ‘Supply of air’

Examples:

1. Steam consumption = consumption of steam
2. Metal Tube = Tubes made of metal
3. Steam Jackets = Jackets containing steam
4. Turret Lathe = Lathe having a turret

Expand the following Nominal compounds:

1. Cooling towers
2. Arithmetic Unit
3. Mains Electricity
4. Grease Gun
5. Gear Mechanism
6. Nickel alloy
7. Heat Transfer
8. Butt weld
9. Concrete Structure
10. Control centre