

COMPOUND NOUNS - NOUN + NOUN

- We often use two nouns (or more) together to mean one thing/person/idea, etc.
Look at the sentences from the text *“What makes a good university in the 21st century?”*
Until recently students needed to weigh up four key criteria when looking for a good university: **course quality**, **university reputation**, location and **accommodation costs**
However, **fee rises** and changing attitudes towards university have transformed students
How will my **university experience** help me to compete in the graduate **job market**
Work experience and volunteering will be crucial.
Universities are now placing an increasing emphasis on **work experience opportunities**
Ask at any **university fairs** you attend
They also help students develop an awareness of different cultural businesses
practices and sharpen those all-important **language skills**.
Germany is the least expensive study abroad destination and has the advantage of
being an important business hub with a range of **employment and training opportunities**
for young people.
More and more universities and **higher education organisations** are now working with
employers
- When two nouns occur together, the **first noun is used as an adjective** and describes
the second noun. The first noun answers the question ‘what kind of?’.
- Noun + noun compound can often be transformed into **structures where the second
noun becomes the subject**.
A biology teacher = someone who teaches biology
A computer science student = someone who studies computer science
- Noun + noun compounds may also be reformulated using a **preposition**:
Course quality = the quality **of** a course
Fee rises = rises **in** fees
University experience = experience **at** university
Job market = jobs (available) **on** the market
Training opportunities = opportunities **in** training
Higher education organisation = organisation **in/within** higher education
- The **first noun is usually singular**
However some words retain the plural form.
- Sometimes **three or more nouns can occur together**.
Hyphens can be used to avoid ambiguity in such compounds.
Class-time