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with definitions and example sentences

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booby-trap , cold-shoulder, cross-
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double-check , double-click , double-
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Hyphenated Compound Verbs

Hyphenated compound verbs are usually made up of a noun + a verb, an adjective + a noun, and less frequently of an adjective + an adverb, an adjective + a verb, and a verb + a verb:

noun + verb	adjective + noun
mass-produce sugar-coat	bad-mouth sweet-talk
adjective + adverb	adjective + verb
fast-forward	soft-pedal
	verb + verb
	cross-refer

Adverb + Verb

Compound verbs formed by an adverb and a verb are usually presented as one word (i.e. not hyphenated): to overreact, to highlight, to outdo.

- I think the committee may overreact once the media highlight the more controversial aspects of the proposal.
- He always tries to outdo everybody else in the class.

Bad-mouth

to say bad things about someone to other people:

- Her co-workers bad-mouthed her to her boss.
- You'll never hear him badmouthing an opponent.

Blow-dry

to dry your hair using a hairdryer

- I took a shower and blow-dried my hair.

Bottle-feed

to feed a baby with milk from a bottle:

- She bottle-fed both of her babies.
- Do you breastfeed or bottle-feed your baby?

Booby-trap

to hide something dangerous, especially a bomb, inside somewhere that looks safe:

- The police discovered that the car was booby-trapped.
- Computer viruses can be spread in booby-trapped e-mail attachments.

Cold-shoulder

to deliberately ignore someone in an unfriendly way:

- He found himself being cold-shouldered by his former colleagues.

Cross-examine

to ask detailed questions of someone, especially a witness in a trial, in order to discover if they have been telling the truth

- The witness was cross-examined for over two hours.

Cross-refer

to tell a reader to look somewhere else in a book for more information about something:

- The main entry also cross-refers you to the appendix on page 158.
- The two parts of the article cross-refer at a number of points.

Double-book

to promise the same room, seat, ticket, etc. to more than one person or group:

- The room was double-booked so they had to give us a different one.

Double-check

If you double-check something, you make certain it is correct or safe, usually by examining it again.

- I always double-check to make sure I locked the door.

Double-click

to press a computer mouse twice in order to tell the computer to do something:

- Double-click (on) the icon to start the program
- All you have to do is double-click on the file to instal the software.

Double-cross

to deceive someone by working only for your own advantage in the (usually illegal) activities you have planned together:

- The diamond thief double-crossed his partners and gave them only worthless fake jewels.

Dry-clean

to clean clothes with chemicals, not water:

- This dress has to be dry-cleaned.
- This garment must be dry-cleaned only

Fact-check

to check that all the facts in a piece of writing, a news article, a speech, etc. are correct:

- Rival journalists fact-check his stories and accuse him of inaccuracies.
- Why don't people fact-check before they publish this stuff?

Fast-track

to make it easier for something to happen or for someone to achieve something more quickly than usual:

- There are calls for the bill to be fast-tracked through Congress.

Fast-forward

If you fast-forward a recording, or if it fast-forwards, you make it play at very high speed so that you get to the end or a later part more quickly:

- I hate this song - I'll fast-forward to the next one.
- The tape jammed while I was fast-forwarding it.

Fast-forward

to move quickly forwards in time, especially to a later point in a story

- The action then fast-forwards to Susan as a young woman.

Flash-freeze

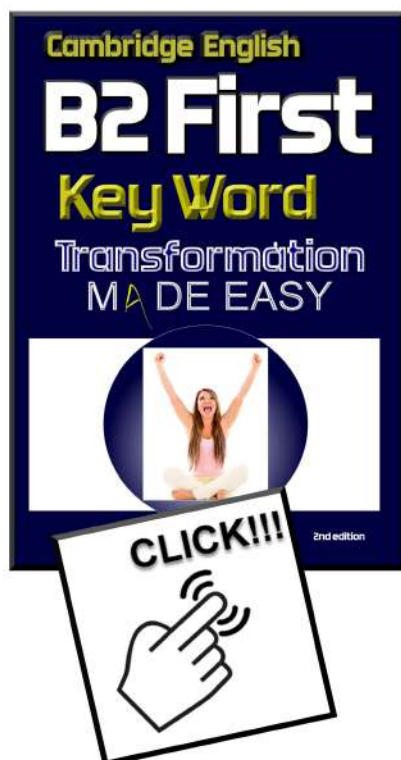
to freeze something, especially food, quickly using very low temperatures, in a way that does not produce ice crystals:

- They make stews from fresh meat and vegetables and flash-freeze them for distribution.

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Force-feed

to force a person or animal to eat and drink, often putting food into the stomach through a pipe in the mouth:

- Eventually, the hunger strikers were force-fed.

(figurative)

- Those teaching our kids should not be force-feeding them political ideas.
- The whole nation was force-fed government propaganda about how well the country was doing.

Freeze-dry

to preserve something, especially food, by freezing and then drying it:

- When herbs are freeze-dried, the oils in them are kept intact.
- The seeds were freeze-dried and then weighed.

Gift-wrap

to cover something intended as a present with attractive paper

- The watch was beautifully gift-wrapped by the shop person, at no extra charge.

Hand-wash

to wash something such as clothes or kitchen equipment yourself rather than putting them into a machine:

- Always try to hand-wash wooden utensils.
- You've got to hand wash it in cold water because it's silk.

Hard-boil

If you hard-boil an egg, you heat it in its shell in boiling water until both the white and yellow parts are solid:

- I like to hard-boil my eggs for at least ten minutes.
- At Easter, they like to hard-boil eggs and then decorate them.

Hot-wire

to start a car engine without using the key, especially in order to steal the car

- He hot-wired a truck and drove it through a prison fence.

Ice-skate

to move across ice using ice skates

- I fell on the ice while I was ice-skating.

Job-hunt

to try to find a job:

- She spent a year job-hunting before being hired by a local legal firm.

Jump-start

to start a car engine by pushing the car or by using jump leads

- I jump-started my wife's car when it wouldn't start in the parking lot.

Lip-read

to understand what someone is saying by watching the movements of their mouth

- Although many deaf children use lip-reading to support spoken communication, not all speech can be lip-read.

Lip-sync (also lip-synch)

Performers who lip-sync songs pretend to be singing them when in fact they are just moving their lips:

- In 1989, Milli Vanilli were caught lip-synching their hits.
- They could lip-sync as well as the video stars of the 1980s.

Mass-produce

to produce a lot of goods cheaply using machines in a factory

- The notion that Ford was the first to mass-produce cars is widely accepted.

One-up

to get an advantage over someone by doing something better, more extreme, etc. than them, or by saying that you did or will do something like this:

- They were trying to one-up each other over who had had the worst year.
- Every governor is one upping the other governor on how tough they can get.

Role-play

to pretend to be someone else, especially as part of learning a new skill:

- Children play with dolls and role-play to learn about empathy and caring.

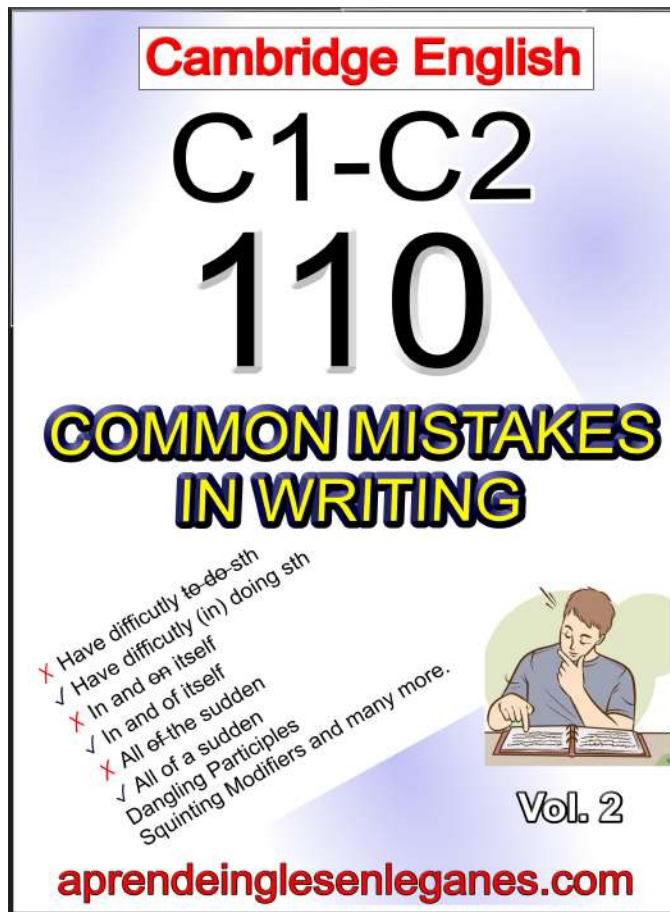
Roller-skate

to move along the ground using roller skates:

- My favourite things were to roller-skate and climb trees.

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Rubber-stamp

to give official approval to a law, plan, decision, etc., especially without considering it carefully

- The council just rubber-stamps decisions made by a higher authority.

Short-change

to give back less than the correct amount of money to somebody who has paid for something with more than the exact price

- I think I've been short-changed at the bar.
- The check-out girl short-changed her.

Second-guess

to guess what someone will do before they do it

- It was impossible to second-guess the decision of the jury.

Soft-pedal

soft-pedal (on) something : to treat something as less serious or important than it really is

- Television has been accused of soft-peddalling bad news.

Spoon-feed

to feed a baby or other person using a spoon

- The zookeepers were spoon-feeding the baby chimpanzees.

Spoon-feed

to give someone so much help or information that that person does not need to try himself or herself:

- By giving out printed sheets of facts and theories, the teachers spoon-fed us with what we needed for the exam.

Spot-check

to quickly examine a few members of a group instead of the whole group:

- At park exits vehicles are spot-checked by an armed ranger.

Spring-clean

to clean all of a place, especially your house, very well, including parts you do not often clean:

- They seem to have spring-cleaned the whole house.
- I've been spring-cleaning all day.

Sugar-coat

to do something that makes an unpleasant situation seem less unpleasant

- There's no way of sugar-coating it—the report predicts a grim future for the industry.
- It is not our job to sugar-coat the rise of hate crimes. The statistics are real.

Sweet-talk

to try to persuade somebody to do something by praising them and telling them things they like to hear

- I can't believe you let him sweet-talk you into working for him!
- The salesman tried to sweet-talk me into buying a bigger car.
- He sweet-talked his way back into her affections.

Test-drive

to drive a car that you are considering buying, in order to see if you like it:

- Always ask if you can test-drive the car first.
- Visit our car show rooms and test-drive any new car.

Two-time

to deceive someone you are having a relationship with by having a secret sexual relationship with someone else at the same time:

- I ended the relationship when I found out he was two-timing me.
- Are you sure she's not two-timing you?

Window-shop

to spend time looking at the goods on sale in shop windows without intending to buy any of them:

- They go to the shopping centre just to window-shop.
- They spent the day window-shopping together in Paris.

X-ray

to photograph and examine bones and organs inside the body, using X-rays

- He had to have his chest X-rayed.

Hyphenated compound verbs can also be formed by using some prefixes such as “re-”, “co-”, “pre-”.

The prefix re- means “back” or “again”:

re-elect : to elect somebody again

- She was re-elected to parliament.

re-emerge : to appear again or return after a period of time.

- Inflation has re-emerged as an economic threat around the world.

The prefix co- means “together” :

co-own :to own something such as a business together with one or more other people:

- He co-owns a cooking school with his sister.

co-author : to write a book, article, report, etc. together with another person or other people:

- John and his son have co-authored a diet book specifically written for young men.

The prefix pre- means “before” :

pre-book :to arrange to have something such as a room, table, seat, or ticket in advance

- You are advised to pre-book.

pre-order : to order (= request to buy) a product before it has become available:

- To pre-order the album, visit our website.

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