

# Hyphenated compound nouns

## Exercise 3

Complete the definitions with compound nouns. Use the word in brackets, add one or two words and hyphens. \_\_\_\_\_

A ..... is someone who finished second in a competition. (runner)

Your ..... is the father of your husband or wife. (law)

In a ..... system you are not served, but collect goods or food yourself. (self)

A ..... is a ride for children that turns round and has seats in the form of animals. (merry)

A ..... is a modern building with many floors. (rise)

A ..... is a person you work with, typically in a similar role. (co)

An ..... is a woman someone is no longer married to. (ex)

A ..... is an extra game in a tennis match when the score is 6 : 6. (break)

An ..... is used by doctors if they need to take pictures of bones or organs in your body. (ray)

A ..... is a person who walks past someone or something. (by)

A ..... is the point at which someone registers. (check)

A ..... is something which is produced in the process of making something else. (product)

A ..... is a company establishing its new business. (up)

A ..... is an illegal entry of a building, usually by damaging a door or window. (in)

A ..... is a person who tries to be friendly with important people to get an advantage. (hanger)

# Answer key

## Exercise 3

---

A runner-up is someone who finished second in a competition.

Your father-in-law is the father of your husband or wife.

In a self-service system you are not served, but collect goods or food yourself.

A merry-go-round is a ride for children that turns round and has seats in the form of animals.

A high-rise is a modern building with many floors.

A co-worker is a person you work with, typically in a similar role.

An ex-wife is a woman someone who is no longer married to.

A tie-break is an extra game in a tennis match when the score is 6 : 6.

An X-ray is used by doctors if they need to take pictures of bones or organs in your body.

A passer-by is a person who walks past someone or something.

A check-in is the point at which someone registers.

A by-product is something which is produced in the process of making something else.

A start-up is a company establishing its new business.

A break-in is an illegal entry of a building, usually by damaging a door or window.

A hanger-on is a person who tries to be friendly with important people to get an advantage.

**Our tip:** [www.e-grammar.org/pdf-books/](http://www.e-grammar.org/pdf-books/) All PDF exercises + grammar rules in one place.