

## Hyphens

When to use	Example
When a compound noun lacks a noun as one of its elements.	two-by-fours make-believe
When a compound noun ends with a prepositional phrase.	Jack-of-all-trades Stay-at-home
When a compound noun has a single letter as its first element.	a-frame x-ray
Two nouns that signify one person or thing that has two functions.	editor-publisher realtor-owner
When the prefix is "co" and the base word begins with "o," use a hyphen except in a few words. If the base word begins with any other letter, omit the hyphen.	co-owner                  copilot co-organizer              coworker co-op                        cosigner