

One word, two words or hyphenated?

If it's not in the AP Stylebook, dictionary or here, it's two words as a noun or verb, hyphenated as adjective

A

able-bodied
about-face
aboveboard
absent-minded
ad-lib (n., v., adj.)
aftereffect
after-hours
afterthought
aide-de-camp
air base
air-conditioned
airline
airmail
airport
air show
airtight
air time
airways
a la carte
a la king
a la mode
all ready (every body ready),
already (by now)
all right
all time (n.),
all-time (adj.)
alma mater
a lot
also-ran (n.)
anti-aircraft
anti-bias
antibiotic
antibody
anticlimax
antidote
antifreeze
antigen
antihistamine
anti-inflation
anti-intellectual
antiknock
anti-labor
antimatter
antimony
antiparticle
antipasto
antiperspirant
antiproton
antiseptic
antiserum
anti-slavery
anti-social
antithesis
antitoxin
antitrust
antitussive
anti-war
Aqua-Lung (trade mark)
archbishop
arch-Democrat
archdiocese
archenemy

arch-Republican
archrival
art form
artifact
art work
ashcan
ashtray
attorney general
automaker
auto racing
autoworker
awe-struck
a while (n.)
awhile (adv.)

B

baby-sit
baby sitter
baby-sitting
backcountry
backhanded
back porch (n.)
back-porch (adj.)
back seat (n.)
backseat (adj.)
backstabbing
backstop
back street (n.)
back-street (adj.)
backtrack
back up (v) backup (n, adj.)
backwoods
back yard (n.)
backyard (adj.)
bail out (v),
bailout (n.)
ball carrier
ballclub
ballpark
ballplayer
ball point pen
ballroom
Band-Aid (trade name)
bandleader
bank robber
barhop
barkeeper
barmaid
bar mitzvah
barrelhouse
barroom
barstool
basket case
bellybutton
best seller
best-selling
big-bang theory
big time (n.)
big-time (adj.)
bird watching
bird's-eye
blackout

blast off (v),
blastoff (n, adj)
blood bath
bloodhound
blow-dryer
blow up (v),
blowup (n)
blue blood (n)
blue-blooded (adj)
blue chip stock
boardinghouse
boarding school
boardroom
bodybuilder
boldface
bona fide
bonbon
boo-boo
bookdealer
bookstore
boomtown
bowlegged
box office (n),
box-office (adj)
boyfriend
brand-new
break dancing (n),
break-dancing (adj)
breakdown
break in (v),
break-in (n, adj)
breakthrough
break up (v),
breakup (n, adj)
breast-feed
bricklayer
bridegroom
bridesmaid
brother-in-law
brothers-in-law
brownout
brussels sprouts
build up (v),
buildup (n, adj)
bullet hole
bulletproof
bullfight
bullpen
bull's-eye
bundt cake
bushelbasket
businesslike
businessman
businesswoman
bus line
busload
buy out (v, n)
by-election
bylaw
byline
bypass
byproduct
bystreet

C

cabdriver

cabinetmaker
cakewalk
call up (v), call-up (n, adj)
candleholder
candlemaker
candymaker
cannot
card maker
carefree
caretaker
carmaker
car pool
carport
carry over (v),
carry-over (n, adj)
car seat
carsick
carwash
caseload
cashbox
cash flow
cast member
catch all (v),
catchall (n, adj)
cease fire (v),
cease-fire (n, adj)
centerfold
cha-cha
chain saw
chairman
chairwoman
change over (v),
changeover (n)
change up (v),
change-up (n, adj)
check up (v),
checkup (n)
cheese maker
chock-full
chowhound
Christmastime
churchgoer
church member
citizens band
city hall
citywide
claptrap
clean-cut
clean up (v),
cleanup (n, adj)
clear-cut
clearinghouse
cloak-and-dagger
closed shop
close-up (n, adj)
coal mine, coal miners
coastline
coatdress
coattails
co-author
Coca-Cola (trade mark)
co-chairman

coconut
coed
coeducation
coequal
coexist
coexistence
coffee grinder
coffee maker
coffeepot
coffee table (n) coffee-table (adj)
co-host
coleslaw
collectors' item
colorblind
commander in chief
concertgoer
congressman
congresswoman
con man
cooperate
coordinate
coordination
co-owner
co-partner
co-pilot
cop-out
copy desk
copy editor
co-respondent
cornstarch
co-signer
co-star
cost-effective
countdown
counteract
countercharge
counterfoil
counterintelligence
counterproposal
counterspy
counter top (n),
counter-top (adj)
countryside
country-western music
country-martial
courtroom
cover up (v),
cover-up (n, adj)
co-worker
crack up (v),
crackup (n, adj)
crawfish
crawl space
crew member
crisscross
crock pot
cropland
cross country (n)
cross-country (adj)
cross-examination
cross-examine

cross-eye
cross fire
cross over (v),
crossover (n, adj)
cross section (n),
cross-section (v)
curtain raiser
custom-made
cut back (v),
cutback (n, adj)
cut off (v), cutoff (n, adj)
cutoffs
cut out (v),
cutout (n)

D

dark horse
date line (the international one), dateline (on a news story)
daylong
daytime
day to day (adv),
day-to-day (adj)
D-day
dead center
dead end (n),
dead-end (adj)
deathbed
decade-long
decision maker
decision-making (adj)
Deepfreeze (trade mark)
deep-sea (adj)
deep water (n),
deep-water (adj)
degree-day
derring-do
desk top (n),
desk-top (adj)
die-hard (n, adj)
dinner table
ditchdigger
docudrama
doghouse
dollhouse
door to door (n),
door-to-door (adj)
double bind
double-check
double-faced
double-parked (n, v, adj)
downdraft
down-home
downside
drive in (v),
drive-in (n, adj)
drop out (v),

dropout (n)
dump truck
Dutch oven
Dutch treat
dyed-in-the-wool
(adj)

E
earmark (v)
easygoing
editor in chief
empty-handed
en route
even-even
every day (adv),
everyday (adj)
every one (each
individual
item), everyone
(all)
extra-base hit
extra-dry
extra-large
extralegal
extramarital
extra-mild
extraterrestrial
extraterritorial
eyesore
eye to eye (adv),
eye-to-eye (adj)
eyewitness

F
face lift
face to face (adv),
face-to-face
(adj)
fact-finding
fade out (v),
fade-out (n)
fall out (v),
fallout (n)
far-fetched
far-flung
farmhouse
farmland
farm worker
far-off
far-ranging
farsighted
father-in-law
feather bedding
(mattress),
feather-bedding
(union prac-
tice)
Ferris wheel
ferryboat
Fiberglass (trade
mark), fiber
glass (generic)
field house
field trip
fieldwork
filmgoer
filmmaker
filmmaking (n),
film-making
(adj)
film ratings
fingertip

fire breather
fire chief
firefighter
fireproof
firetruck
fire wagon
firsthand
fistfight
flagpole
flagship
flameout
fare up (v),
flare-up (v)
flea market
flimflam
flip-flop
floor-length
flower girl
flyswatter
folk singer
folk song
follow-through
follow up (v),
follow-up (n,
adj)
foolproof
foot-and-mouth
disease
forebrain
forecast
foregoing
foretooth
fore-topgallant
fore-topmast
fore-topsail
fortuneteller
fortunetelling
forty-nine or '49er
foul-up (n),
foul up (v)
four-flush
Four-H Club or 4-
H Club
4-H'er
fraidycat
frame up (v),
frame-up (n)
free-for-all
free-lance (v,adj)
free-lancer (n)
free on board
freestanding
freewheeling
freewill offering
freeze-dried
freeze-dry
freeze-drying
front line (n),
front-line (adj)
front page (n),
front-page (adj)
front-runner
fruit grower
full-dress
full-fledged
full house
full-length
full page (n),
full-page (adj)
full-scale
full-size (adj)
full time (n),
full-time (adj)

fund-raiser (n)
fund raising (n),
fund-raising (adj)
G
game plan
get together (v),
get-together (n)
gift wrap (n),
gift-wrap (v)
giveaway
go ahead (v),
go-ahead (n)
godchild
goddaughter
go-go
goodbye
goose bumps
granddad
granddaughter
grant-in-aid
groundbreaking
ground rules
groundskeeper
groundswell
ground water
grown-up (n,adj)
G-string
guesthouse
gunbattle
gunboat
gunfight
gunfire
gunpoint
gunpowder
H
hair dryer
hairstbreadth
hairstyle
hairstyling
hairstylist
halfback
half-baked
half-blood
half-brother
half-cocked
half dollar
halfhearted
half-hour (n,adj)
half-life
half-mast
half-moon
half note
half sister
half size (n),
half-size (adj)
half sole (n),
half-sole (v)
half-staff
half tide
halftime
halftone
halftrack
half-truth
hand-carved
handcrafted
hand-held
handhold
handmade

hand-painted
hand-picked
hand-set (v),
handset (n)
hand-sewn
hands off (n),
hands-off (adj)
hand-stitched
hand to hand (n),
hand-to-hand (adj)
hand to mouth (n),
hand-to-mouth
(adj)
hand warmers
handwrought
hangover
hang up (v),
hang-up (n)
hanky-panky
hardback
hard-bound
hard-cover
hard-line
hardworking
harebrained
harelip
has been (v),
has-been (n)
H-bomb
headache
headlong
head-on
heartbeat
heartfelt
heart-rending
heartwarming
helter-skelter
heyday
hideaway
hide out (v),
hide-out (n)
hi-fi
higher-up
high jinks
high point
high-rise (n,adj)
high-step (v)
high-stepper (n)
hit and run (v),
hit-and-run (n,
adj)
hitchhike
hitchhiker
hit man
hocus-pocus
hodgepodge
ho-hum
hold over (v),
holdover (n)
hold up (v),
holdup (n, adj)
home-baked
home builder
home buyer
home-grown
homemade
homemaker
homeowner
hometown
hook up (v),
hookup (n)
horsepower
horse race

horse rider
horse-trader
hotbed
hotheaded
hot line
hot seat
hot spot
hot tub
hour-long
house call
housecleaning
household
househusband
houseplant
hurly-burly
hush-hush
hydroelectric
hyperactive
hypercritical
I
ice storm
inasmuch
inbound
in-depth
Indochina
indoor (adj),
indoors (adv)
infield
infighting
infrared
infrastructure
in-group
in-house
in-law
inpatient (n,adj)
insofar
inter-American
interracial
interstate
intramural
intrastate

J
jai alai
jerry-built
jetliner
jet plane
job hunting (n),
job-hunting
(adj)
jukebox
jumbo jet
jury-rigged

K
K mart
kick off (v)
kickoff (n)
kilowatt-hour
kindhearted
knock off (v),
knock-off (n)
know-how
kowitz

L
lamebrain

lame duck (n),
lame-duck (adj)
last-ditch effort
latecomer
lawsuit
left-handed
left-hander
left wing (n),
left-wing (adj)
let up (v),
letup (n, adj)
life jacket
lifelike
lifelong
Life Savers (trade-
mark), lifesaver
life-size
lifestyle
lifetime
life vest
lift off (v),
liftoff (n)
light bulb
lighthearted
light-year
like-minded
like-natured
likewise
long distance (n),
long-distance
(adj, or refer-
ence to phone
calls)
long-lasting
long-lived
long-range
long-run
long shot (n),
long-shot (adj)
longstanding
long term (n),
long-term (adj)
long time (n),
longtime (adj)
look-alike
lovmaking
lumberyard
lunch box
lunchtime

M
machine gun (n),
machine-gun
(adj, v)
machine-gunner
machine-made
mah-jongg
makeshift
make up (v),
makeup (n, adj)
man-made
map maker
meatball
meatcutter
meat loaf
menage a trois
menswear
merry-go-round
metalwork
mid-America
mid-Atlantic
midsemester

midterm
mind-set
mine shaft
minibus
miniseries
miniskirt
mix up (v), mix-up
(n, adj)
mock-up (n)
moneymaker
money-saving
monthlong
mop up (v),
mop-up (n, adj)
mother-in-law
motor home
mountain man
mousehole
moviegoer
movie house
moviemaker
moviemaking
mud slide
multicolored
multilateral
multimillion
multimillionaire
muscle ache
mythmaking

N

nail clippers
name tag
narrow gauge (n),
narrow-gauge
(adj)
narrow-minded
nationwide
nerve-racking
newfangled
newsmagazine
newsroom
newsstand
news writer
news writing
new wave (n),
new-wave (adj)
nickname
nightclub
night shift
nightspot
nighttime
nitpicking
nitty-gritty
non-aligned
nonchalance
nonchalant
nondescript
nonentity
non-restrictive
nonsense
nonsensical
no one

O

oceangoing
odds maker
off-Broadway
off-color
off-duty

offhand
off-off-Broadway
off-peak
off-road
off-season
offset
offshore
offside
offstage
off-white
oilman
old-time
old-timer
old times
Old West
Old World
one-sided
one time (n),
one-time (adj)
ongoing
on-line
open-minded
outact
outargue
outbluff
outbox
outbrag
outclimb
outdated
outdistance
outdrink
outeat
outfield
outfight
outfox
outhit
outleap
outmatch
out of bounds (n),
out-of-bounds
(adj)
out of court (adv),
out-of-court
(adj)
outpatient (n, adj)
outperform
outpitch
outpost
outproduce
output
outquote
outrace
outscore
outshout
outstrip
outswim
outtalk
outwalk
oven-proof
overall
overbuy
overexert
overrate
override
oversize
overtime
overview

P

pacemaker
pacesetter
paddy wagon

painkiller
panchromatic
pantheism
pantsuit
panty hose
paper bag
paper clip
paper towel
paperwork
Pap test (or smear)
pari-mutuel
parkland
part time (adv),
part-time
partygoer
passer-by
patrolman
patrolwoman
paycheck
payday
payload
peacekeeper
peacekeeping
peacemaker
peacemaking
peace offering
peacetime
pell-mell
penny-wise
pen pal
percent
pet store
petty officer
pile up (v),
pileup (n, adj)
pillowcase
pinch hit
pingpong (table
tennis),
Ping-Pong
(trademark)
pin up (v),
pinup (n)
pipeline
place mat
playoff
pocketbook
pocket watch
point-blank
police officer
policyholder
policy-maker
policy-making
(n,adj)
pom-pom
(weapon),
pompon (cheer-
leader)
pooh-pooh
postcard
postdate
postdoctoral
postelection
postgraduate
postnuptial
post office
postoperative
postscript
postwar
pothole
potluck
potshot
powder keg

power line
prearrange
precondition
pre-convention
precook
pre-cut
predate
pre-dawn
predispose
pre-election
pre-eminent
pre-empt
pre-establish
pre-exist
prefix
preflight
preheat
prehistoric
preignition
prejudice
premarital
pre-menstrual
prenatal
pre-register
preschool
preset
pretest
pretrial
prewar
pre-wash
price tag
prima-facie (adj)
prizewinner
prizewinning
pro-business
profit-sharing
(n,adj)
pro-labor
pro-life
pro-war
pull back (v),
pullback (n)
pull out (v), pullout
(n)
purebred
push-button (n,
adj)
push up (v),
push-up (n, adj)
put out (v),
putout (n)

Q

Q-and-A format
QE2
quick-witted

R

rainstorm
ranch house
ranchland
rangeland
rank and file (n),
rank-and-file
(adj)
rawhide
razor strop
razzle-dazzle
razzmatazz
ready-made

rearview mirror
recover (regain),
re-cover (cover
again)
red-haired
red-handed (adj,
adv)
red-hot
redneck
re-elect
re-election
re-emerge
re-employ
re-enact
re-engage
re-enlist
re-enter
re-entry
re-equip
re-establish
re-examine
reform (improve),
re-form (form
again)
rendezvous
resign (quit),
re-sign (sign
again)
riffraff
right hand (n)
right-handed (adj)
right-hander (n)
right-to-work
right wing (n)
right-wing (adj)
ring bearer
rip off (v),
rip-off (n, adj)
riverboat
roadside
rock 'n' roll
roll call (n),
roll-call (adj)
roller coaster
roller skate (n),
roller-skate (v)
roly-poly
round table (n),
round-table
(adj)
round trip (n),
round-trip (adj)
round up (v),
round-up (n)
rubber band
rundown
runner-up
running mate
rush hour (n),
rush-hour (adj)

S

safe-deposit box
sales pitch
sandbag
sandstorm
saucepan
school bus
schoolteacher
scot-free
seat belt (n),
seat-belt (adj)

seawater
second guess (n)
second-guess
(v)
second-guesser
second hand (n),
secondhand
(adj, adv)
second-rate
secretary-treasurer
seesaw
self-assured
self-defense
self-esteem
semiannual
semicolon
send off (v),
send-off (n)
set up (v), setup (n,
adj)
7-Eleven (trade-
mark)
Seven-Up or 7UP
(trademarks)
sewer line
shake up (v),
shake-up (n,
adj)
shape up (v),
shape-up (n,
adj)
Sheetrock (trade-
mark)
shirt sleeve (n)
shirt-sleeve
(adj)
shoeshine
shoestring
shootout (v),
shoot-out (n)
shopworn
shortchange
short-handed
short-lived
shotgun
showcase
show off (v),
showoff (n)
showroom
showstopper
shut down (v)
shutdown (n)
shut in (v),
shut-in (n)
shut off (v),
shut-off (n)
side by side (adv),
side-by-side
(adj)
side dish
side effect
sidestep
side street (n)
sidetrack
side trip
sightseeing
sightseer
sign up (v or n)
single-handed
single-handedly
sister-in-law
sit down (v),
sit-down (n,

adj)	stepbrother	take-home pay	trans-Pacific	wall covering	wind-swept
sit in (v),	stepchild	take off (v), takeoff	trash can	wall hanging	wind up (v),
sit-in (adj, n)	stepdaughter	(n, adj)	trendsetter	warhead	windup (n, adj)
skyrocketing	step family	take out (v),	trigger-happy	war horse (horse),	winemaker
slantwise	stepfather	takeout (n, adj)	truck driver	warhorse (veteran)	winemaking
sledgehammer	stepmother	take over (v),	truck stop	warlike	wine taster
sleight of hand (n),	stepparent	takeover (n,	try out (v),	warlord	wingspan
sleight-of-hand	steppingstone	adj)	tryout (n)	warmhearted	winter storm
(adj)	stepsister	take up (v),	T-shirt	warm-up	warning
slide show	stepson	takeup (n, adj)	tune up (v),	wartime	winter storm
slowdown	stockbroker	tape-record (v),	tuneup (n, adj)	washed up (v),	watch
slumlord	stone carver	tape	turboprop	washed-up (adj)	wintertime
slush fund	stool pigeon	recording (n)	turn off (v),	wash out (v),	wiretap
small-arms fire	stopgap	task force	turnoff (n)	washout (n)	wood-burning (as
smash up (v),	stop off (v),	tattletale	tumple	wastebasket	in wood-burn
smashup (n,	stop-off (n)	teachers college	two fold	wastepaper	ing stove),
adj)	stopover	teakettle	U	waste water	woodburning
smoke bomb	story line	tear gas	U-boat	water bed	(woodburning
smoke screen	storyteller	teaspoon	ultrahigh fre-	watercolor	kit)
snowdrift	stove top (n),	teen-age (adj)	quency	waterline	woodcarver
snowfall	stove-top (adj)	teen-ager	ultra-leftist	watershed	woodcarving
snowflake	straight-laced	TelePrompTer	ultramodern	water ski (n),	wood heat
snowman	(strict, severe)	(trademark)	ultranationalism	water-ski (v)	woodsmoke
snowplow	strait-laced	telex (generic)	ultra-rightist	water-skier	woodstove
snowshoe	(pertaining to	Telex (name)	ultrasonic	water-skiing	woodwork
snowstorm	confinement,	telltale	ultraviolet	waterspout	word-of-mouth (n,
snowsuit	as a corset)	tenderhearted	un-American	water tank	adj)
so called (adv),	straitjacket	tenfold	unarmed	weak-kneed	workday
so-called (adj)	street dance	tenfold	undersheriff	weather-beaten	work force
soft-cover	street gang	terry cloth	undersold	weatherman	working class (n),
soft-pedal	streetlamp	theatergoer	under way (all	weather vane	working-class
soft-spoken	streetlight	Third World	sense but nau-	weekend	(adj)
songwriter	street people	3-D	tical)	weeklong	workout
son-in-law	street-smart	three R's	upper hand	week-nights	workplace
sound stage	street sweeper	throw away (v),	upside down (adv),	weightlifting	workweek
sound track (n),	streetwalker	throwaway (n,	upside-down	well-being	worldwide
sound-track	street wise	adj)	(adj)	well-to-do	worn-out
(adj)	strikebreaker	thumbtack	upstate	well-wishers	write in (v),
spacecraft	strong-arm (v, adj)	thunderstorm	up-tempo	wet bar	write-in (n, adj)
spaceship	strong-willed	tidbit	upward	wheelchair	wrongdoing
space shuttle	subbasement	tiebreaker	U-turn	wheeler-dealer	X
speechmaker	subcommittee	tie-in (v)	V	whereabouts	X-ray
speechmaking	subculture	tie-in (n, adj)	V-8	whenever	Y
speech writer	subdivision	tie up (v),	vice chancellor	whirlwind	yard sale
speech writing	submachine gun	tie-up (n, adj)	vice consul	white collar (n),	year-end (adj)
speed up (v)	suborbital	timesaver	vice president	white-collar	yearlong
speedup (n, adj)	subtotal	timesaving	vice principal	(adj)	year-round
sportswear	subzero	time sharing (n),	vice regent	white paper	yesteryear
spot-check	summertime	time-sharing	vice secretary	white paper	yo-yo
spotlight	sundress	(adj)	vice versa	whitewash (n, v,	yuletide
stained glass (n),	sun porch	timetable	videocassette (n,	adj)	Z
stained-glass	superagency	tiptop	adj)	white water (n),	zigzag
(adj)	supercarrier	titleholder	videodisc	white-water	
standard-bearer	supercharge	tollhouse	video game	(adj)	
stand in (v),	superhighway	Tommy gun	videotape (n, v)	wholehearted	
stand-in (n, adj)	superpower	(trademark)	V-J Day	wholesale price	
standing room	supersonic	top-notch	V-neck	index	
only	supertanker	touch up (v),	voodoo	whole-wheat	
stand off (v),	supragovern-	touch-up	vote-getter	wide-angle	
standoff (n, adj)	mental	(n, adj)	W	wide-awake	
stand out (v)	supranational	toy makers	wagonmaker	wide-brimmed	
standout (n,	sweat pants	trade in (v),	wagon master	wide-eyed	
adj)	sweat shirt	trade-in (n, adj)	walk on (v),	wide-open	
stand up (v),	sweat suit	trademark	walk-on (n)	widespread	
stand-up (n,	T	trade off (v),	walk up (v),	wife beater	
adj)	tablecloth	trade-off (n,	walk-up (n, adj)	willpower	
start up (v),	tablespoon	adj)	wagonmaker	wind chill index	
start-up (n, adj)	table tennis	transcontinental	walk on (v),	wind power	
statehouse	taillight	transmigrate	walk-on (n)	window-dress (v)	
state police	tailspin	transoceanic	walk up (v),	window dress-	
states' rights	tail wind	transsexual	walk-up (n, adj)	sing (n)	
statewide		transship		window-shop (v)	
station wagon		trans-Atlantic		window-shop-	
				ping	