

100 Portmanteau Examples

- Brunch (breakfast + lunch) – A meal that serves as both breakfast and lunch.
- Smog (smoke + fog) – A type of intense air pollution.
- Motel (motor + hotel) – A roadside hotel designed for motorists.
- Blog (web + log) – A regularly updated website or web page, typically run by an individual or small group.
- Infomercial (information + commercial) – A television program that promotes a product in an informative and supposedly objective way.
- Spork (spoon + fork) – A utensil combining the features of a spoon and a fork.
- Ginormous (gigantic + enormous) – Extremely large.
- Mockumentary (mock + documentary) – A fictional film or television show presented as a documentary.
- Frenemy (friend + enemy) – A person with whom one is friendly despite a fundamental dislike or rivalry.
- Cosplay (costume + play) – The practice of dressing up as a character from a movie, book, or video game.
- Guesstimate (guess + estimate) – An estimate based on conjecture.
- Pixel (picture + element) – The smallest unit of a digital image.
- Hangry (hungry + angry) – Bad-tempered or irritable as a result of hunger.
- Bromance (brother + romance) – A close but non-romantic relationship between men.
- Emoticon (emotion + icon) – A representation of a facial expression using keyboard characters.
- Blogosphere (blog + atmosphere) – The collective community of all blogs and bloggers.
- Liger (lion + tiger) – A hybrid offspring of a male lion and a female tiger.
- Turducken (turkey + duck + chicken) – A dish consisting of a deboned chicken stuffed into a deboned duck, which is then stuffed into a deboned turkey.
- Vlog (video + blog) – A blog in which the postings are primarily in video form.
- Mocktail (mock + cocktail) – A non-alcoholic cocktail.

- Dramedy (drama + comedy) – A genre that blends elements of drama and comedy.
- Staycation (stay + vacation) – A vacation spent at home or near home rather than traveling.
- Cosmonaut (cosmos + astronaut) – A Russian astronaut.
- E-mail (electronic + mail) – Messages distributed by electronic means from one computer user to one or more recipients.
- FOMO (fear + of + missing + out) – Anxiety that an exciting or interesting event may currently be happening elsewhere.
- Glocal (global + local) – The practice of conducting business according to both local and global considerations.
- Humanoid (human + android) – Having an appearance or character resembling that of a human.
- Jazzercise (jazz + exercise) – A physical exercise regimen that combines jazz dance, resistance training, Pilates, yoga, and kickboxing.
- Kaleidoscope (multiple roots, not a traditional portmanteau but often mistaken as one) – Instead, let's replace it: Mansplain (man + explain) – When a man explains something to someone, typically a woman, in a patronizing manner.
- Netiquette (network + etiquette) – The correct or acceptable way of communicating on the Internet.
- Oxbridge (Oxford + Cambridge) – Referring collectively to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.
- Pixelate (pixel + articulate) – To render (an image) in pixels so that it becomes indistinct.
- Screenager (screen + teenager) – A teenager who spends a lot of time in front of screens.
- Shero (she + hero) – A heroine; a woman admired for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities.
- Shopaholic (shop + alcoholic) – A person who is addicted to shopping.
- Skort (skirt + shorts) – Clothing that combines the appearance of a skirt with the functionality of shorts.
- Snark (snide + remark) – A snide or sarcastic comment.
- Spanglish (Spanish + English) – A blend of Spanish and English languages.
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- Televangelist (television + evangelist) – A preacher who uses television to spread their message.

- Trashion (trash + fashion) – Fashion made from recycled materials or trash.
- Twirl (twist + whirl) – To spin rapidly.
- Unfriend (un- + friend) – To remove someone from a list of friends on a social networking site.
- Venture (venture + enterprise) – Often used in business contexts, but let's choose another: Vehicular (vehicle + similar) – Not a standard portmanteau; replace with: Webinar (web + seminar) – A seminar conducted over the internet.
- Webisode (web + episode) – An episode of a series made available on the web.
- Yuppie (young + urban + professional) – A young urban professional.
- Zoodle (zucchini + noodle) – Noodles made from zucchini.
- Breathalyzer (breath + analyzer) – A device for measuring alcohol concentration in a breath sample.
- Chillax (chill + relax) – To calm down and relax.
- Docudrama (documentary + drama) – A genre of radio and television programming that features dramatized re-enactments of actual events.
- Frenzied (friend + frenzied) – Not a standard portmanteau; replace with: Glamping (glamorous + camping) – A style of camping with amenities and, in some cases, resort-style services.
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- Labeling (label + something) – Not a portmanteau; replace with: Labourite (labour + politician) – Not widely recognized; better to use: Mockumentary (mock + documentary) – A fictional film or television show presented as a documentary.
- Nerdvana (nerd + nirvana) – A state of ultimate happiness for a nerd.
- Petroleum (pet + role + mean) – Actually, petroleum is not a portmanteau; replace with: Refrigerator (frigid + erate) – Not a true portmanteau; replace with: Blogosphere (blog + atmosphere) – The collective community of all blogs and bloggers.
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