



COMPOUND



CREATIVES



Floridius Bloom has **cheezblooms** and **cherriflox**, **brickelseeds** and **starshines** in his garden. He also has **wigglyfluffs** trying to munch on his flowers. Listen and look closely and you will notice that the names of the flowers and the creatures in his garden are created from the combining of two ideas.

Compound Words

A compound word is made when two or more "true" words are joined to form a new word.

1) Ask the students for some examples of compound words.

Strictly speaking, cheezblooms, cherriflox and brickelseeds are not compound words; however, starshines and wigglyfluffs are.

2) Why are starshines and wigglyfluffs compound words, but not cheezblooms, cherriflox and brickelseeds?

The author of Floridius Bloom wanted to convey an image when she created the names of the flowers and creatures in Floridius' garden.

3) What do you think cheezblooms smell like?

4) What color do you think cherriflox are?

5) Draw your own brickelseed or starshine.

6) Do some compound creating of your own. Take two words (or ideas, smells, sounds) and combine them to create your own alien flower or creature.

a) Is the name of your creation a compound word? Why or why not?

b) Draw a picture of your creation. (Be sure to label it.)

c) Optional: Ask your parent or teacher to scan or take a digital picture of your creation and then email it to: lorijometz@lorijometz.com. Make sure your file is no more than 1 MB. Lorijo will post it on a link called: Compound Creations, which will soon be found on the Educator's page of her website.

Floridius Bloom Trivia

The word wigglyfluff was created when the author was trying to imagine a creature that was a cross between her fluffy cockapoo puppy, Charlie, (What you might call a compound breed of dog--a mix between a Cocker Spaniel and a Poodle.) and a wiggly caterpillar! Matt Phelan, the illustrator of Floridius Bloom and the Planet of Gloom drew the wigglyfluffs almost exactly as Lorijo Metz had imagined them, proving that words can produce powerful images!

Compound Creatives Fun Sheet

Floridius Bloom has **brickleseeds** and **starshines** growing in his garden. Draw what you imagine a brickleseed or starshine looks like.



Make a creation of your own. Take two words (or ideas, smells, sounds) and combine them to create your very own flower or creature. Don't forget to imagine not just what your creation looks like, but what it may smell like, sound like or feel like.



1.The name of my creation is: _____

2.Is the name of your creation a compound word? Yes_____ or No_____

3.Ask your parent or teacher to scan or take a digital picture of your creation and then email it to: coffeewriter@me.com. Make sure your file is no more than 1 MB. Sometimes I even post student's work on my blog: scifiwritermom.com!