Quiz topic: Compound nouns

1. Three of the words below go together with 'HEAD' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?
   a) ache
   b) line
   c) master
   d) man

2. Three of the words below go together with 'NEWS' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?
   a) reader
   b) magazine
   c) paper
   d) flash

3. Three of the words below go together with 'BIRTH' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?
   a) day
   b) mark
   c) control
   d) baby

4. Three of the words below go together with 'AIR' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?
   a) conditioning
   b) mail
   c) port
   d) pilot

5. Three of the words below go together with 'BOOK' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?
   a) shop
   b) worm
   c) maker
   d) library

6. Three of the words below go together with 'POLICE' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?
   a) person
   b) woman
   c) dog
   d) force
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Answers

1. Three of the words below go together with 'HEAD' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?

a) ache  
b) line  
c) master  
d) man

a) This is not correct - a pain in the head is called a headache.  
b) This is not correct - you can find headlines in newspapers at the beginning of a story. They are usually in big letters.  
c) This is not correct - a headmaster is the 'manager' of a school; he or she usually doesn't do any teaching.  
d) This is correct – 'headman' is not a real word.

2. Three of the words below go together with 'NEWS' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?

a) reader  
b) magazine  
c) paper  
d) flash

a) This is not correct - a newsreader reads the news on TV or the radio.  
b) This is correct – 'newsmagazine' is not a real word.  
c) This is not correct - lots of people read a newspaper everyday.  
d) This is not correct - if something very important happens in the news, the TV or radio broadcaster may stop a programme and read a newsflash.

3. Three of the words below go together with 'BIRTH' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?

a) day  
b) mark  
c) control  
d) baby

a) This is not correct - what day is your birthday?  
b) This is not correct - a birthmark is a red / brown mark which some people are born with and generally have for life.  
c) This is not correct - if a couple do not want to have a baby, they may use birth control to stop the woman getting pregnant.  
d) This is correct – 'birthbaby' is not a real word.
4. Three of the words below go together with 'AIR' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?

a) conditioning  
b) mail  
c) port  
d) pilot  

a) This is not correct - air conditioning keeps a room cool when it's hot outside.  
b) This is not correct - airmail is letters and parcels transported by a plane.  
c) This is not correct - what's the nearest airport to your house?  
d) This is correct – 'airpilot' is not a real word.

5. Three of the words below go together with 'BOOK' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?

a) shop  
b) worm  
c) maker  
d) library  

a) This is not correct - a bookshop sells books.  
b) This is not correct - a bookworm is someone who is always reading.  
c) This is not correct - if you want to gamble on something, e.g. a horse, you should go to a bookmaker.  
d) This is correct – 'booklibrary' is not a real word.

6. Three of the words below go together with 'POLICE' to make a new word. Which word does not make a new word?

a) person  
b) woman  
c) dog  
d) force  

a) This is correct – 'policeperson' is not a real word.  
b) This is not correct - a female police officer is a policeman.  
c) This is not correct - sometimes the police use police dogs to find drugs or chase after criminals.  
d) This is not correct - the police are usually organised into local police forces.