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foot card play bag
him cake school man
post ball post spoon
pan self tea ground

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- football
- himself
- postcard
- pancake
- playground
- schoolbag
- postman
- teaspoon

Help your child learn to split familiar compound words into their component parts, for example, football is made up of foot and ball. He or she may find it helpful to think of compound words and their component parts as simple sums.