

# Re: Invention of the Alphabet

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Lee Sau Dan <danlee@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:  
> >>>>> "Greg" == Greg Lee <greg@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> writes:

> Greg> But English "train station" is a compound word, so the  
> Greg> appropriateness of the yardstick as LSD applied it is  
> Greg> confirmed.

> What's a compound word?

A word made up of words, or at least non-affixes.

> Aren't its components words by themselves?

Yes, ordinarily.

> But most Chinese 2-syllable words are also compound words. So, why  
> reject the claim that each syllable in those bisyllabic words are also  
> words by themselves?

I didn't reject such a claim.

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