

# morphological terms for compound words

---

*Source:* <http://sci.tech-archive.net/Archive/sci.lang/2006-11/msg01346.html>

---

- *From:* "Julius" <[julius.becker@xxxxxxxxx](mailto:julius.becker@xxxxxxxxx)>
  - *Date:* 19 Nov 2006 02:21:40 -0800
- 

Recently, I have examined in a homework the effects of the 1990's "Rectifications orthographiques" (kind of spelling reform) on the French morphology.

Because of this reform, you can for example now leave out hyphens in some words:

– "extra-parlementaire" (eng: 'extraparliamentary') ->  
"extraparlementaire"

I'm astonished that I haven't found in the specialized literature any morphological terms to distinguish between:

- compounds written with a hyphen (eng: "counter-claim"),
  - compounds separated by a blank character (eng: "aircraft carrier")
- and
- compounds written in one word (eng: "counterpart" instead of "counter part" or "counter-part").

Even my teacher didn't know appropriate terms.

Since I cannot imagine that there doesn't exist a differentiation, I'm turning to you. Do you know any?

---

Julius Becker

<http://gidoo.de> | <http://koocachoo.de>

.