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Review: Compound Words, Contractions & Abbreviations

Circle all the **compound words**, underline the **abbreviations**, and draw a box around the **contractions** in the paragraphs below.

Noises in the Night

It's a dark and stormy night and everyone is sleeping on Market St. Well, that's not entirely true. I've been up since midnight listening to the eerie sounds of something that won't let me rest. You're probably wondering what's going on. Let me give you some background.

Dr. and Mrs. Ford lived on the corner of Grant Ave. and Market St., which is just next to Pirate's Pond and the home of a long time legend. The legend has it, that over one hundred years ago, some outlaw pirates took over a ship called the S.S. Mayfair led by Capt. Frye. A huge storm caused a shipwreck and the pirates buried gold coins near the edge of the pond. Over many years, the land was covered by the pond water and the gold coins were never found.

Dr. and Mrs. Ford used to tell tales of hearing noises in the night, but nobody ever believed them. They were sure that it was Capt. Frye and his crew calling out for help! Dr. Ford retired, and he and his wife moved to Fla. Nobody in this town has heard from them since.

My parents bought the Ford's house in Nov. and we moved here shortly after. Every time there's a thunderstorm, I hear strange noises at night and it makes me wonder about this neighborhood legend. I'm not sure what to believe. Do you think the legend is true?

