Portmanteau Words

definition – port.man.teau: pôrt’man(t)ō/
A word blending the sounds and combining the meanings of two others, for example: motel or brunch.

Can you name the portmanteau word for each combination?

1. iPod + Broadcast =
2. Breakfast + Lunch =
3. Smoke + Fog =
4. Biology + Electronic =
5. Emotion + Icon =
6. Friend + Enemy =
7. Skirt + Short =
8. Sweep + Wipe =
9. Twist + Whirl =
10. Bacon + Mayonnaise =
11. Spoon + Fork =
12. Glamour + Camping =
13. Motorized + Bicycle =
14. Math + Athlete =
15. Electronic + Mail =
16. Gigantic + Enormous =
17. Zoo + Utopia =
18. Cheese + Hamburger =

ALTERNATIVE PLAY:
Read a portmanteau word aloud from the ANSWER KEY. Then ask, “What two words were combined to create this word?” Quiz your parents or teachers, see if they know the answers!

ANSWER KEY!
They’re upside down because we’re sneaky that way.

Can you make up your own portmanteau words?
What two words can you combine to come up with a new word?

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