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- 2 washing machine
- 3 swimming pool
- 4 website
- 5 check-up
- 6 mobile phone
- 7 whiteboard
- 8 full moon

2  2.02 Listen again and repeat.

3 Say these compound nouns and underline the syllable which is stressed.

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|---------------|------------------|
| 1 dining room | 7 bus stop |
| 2 greenhouse | 8 teapot |
| 3 full stop | 9 armchair |
| 4 chat room | 10 bedroom |
| 5 sunrise | 11 toothpaste |
| 6 ice cream | 12 mother-in-law |

4  2.03 Listen, check and repeat, then circle the correct answer below.

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