

Homonyms, Homographs and Homophones

Homonyms: Words that have the same spelling and same pronunciation, but different meanings.

Directions: Choose (a) or (b) for the appropriate word

Example: I hope you are not *lying* ____ (a) ____ to me (a) telling a lie
My books are *lying* ____ (b) ____ on the table (b) being in a horizontal position

1. The kids are going to *watch* _____ TV tonight (a) small clock worn on the wrist
What time is it? I must set my *watch* _____. (b) look at
2. Which *page* _____ is the homework on? (a) one sheet of paper
Please *page* _____ the doctor if you need help. (b) to call on someone
3. Let us *play* _____ soccer after school. (a) participate in a sport
The author wrote a new *play* _____. (b) theater piece
4. Ouch! The mosquito *bit* _____ me! (a) a tiny amount
I will have a little *bit* _____ of sugar in my tea. (b) past tense of bite
5. My rabbits are in a *pen* _____ outside. (a) a writing instrument that uses ink
Please sign this form with a black *pen* _____. (b) an enclosed area

Homonyms: Word that have the same spelling, but different pronunciations and meanings.

Directions: Choose (a) or (b)

Example: The *wind* ____ (a) ____ is blowing hard (a) moving air (rhymes with *pinned*)
I must *wind* ____ (b) ____ my clock. (b) turn the stem (rhymes with *find*)

1. The singer made a **bow** ____ to the audience. (a) a decorative ribbon (rhymes with *so*)
 Maria placed a **bow** ____ on the gift. (b) bend at the waist (rhymes with *how*)
2. All the students are **present** ____ today. (a) here (rhymes with *pleasant*)
 The boss will **present** ____ the award at 10.00. (b) give (rhymes with *resent*)
3. Please **close** ____ the door. (a) near (rhymes with *dose*)
 The boy sat **close** ____ to his uncle. (b) shut (rhymes with *toes*)
4. The rope was **wound** ____ around his ankles. (a) tied around (rhymes with *pound*)
 The soldier received a **wound** ____ in battle. (b) an injury (rhymes with *moon*)
5. I do not know if I will **live** ____ or die. (a) to have life (rhymes with *give*)
 Last night I saw the band play **live** _____. (b) in real time performance (rhymes with *hive*)

Homophones: Words that have the **same** pronunciation, but different spelling and **different** meanings.

Directions: Choose the correct word

Example: Please try not to **waste** paper.

(**waste, waist**)

1. Can I go to the party ____?
 (**to, too, two**)
2. This is my favorite _____ of jeans.
 (**pare, pair, pear**)
3. I _____ a letter to my aunt in Paris.
 (**sent, scent, cent**)
4. The children got _____ during the lesson.
 (**bored, board**)

5. Mr. and Mrs. Sweeting like to work in _____ garden.
(*there, they're, their*)
6. Alec is going to _____ his work boots today.
(*wear, where*)
7. Do you think its going to _____ this afternoon?
(*rein, rain, reign*)
8. I saw a restaurant just up the _____ about a mile back.
(*rode, road*)
9. David's brother is in a _____ which plays Bahamian music.
(*band, banned*)
10. Juana wants her socks because her _____ are cold.
(*tows, toes*)
11. The teacher walked down the _____ between the rows of desks.
(*aisle, isle*)
12. Christi had a _____ in her shoulder.
(*pane, pain*)
13. The school _____ spoke to the group of parents.
(*principal, principle*)
14. The clerk wants to _____ as many TVs as possible.
(*sell, cell*)
15. I do not want to talk about the _____ anymore.
(*passed, past*)
16. Nobody _____ what you are thinking.
(*knows, nose*)
17. I have _____ dollars in my pocket.
(*for, four, fore*)
18. I need to take a _____ from this exercise!
(*break, brake*)

19. Humans have hands. Dogs have _____.
(*paws, pause*)

20. _____ be here in a few minutes.
(*He'll, Heel, Heal*)