

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
What time is it? I must set my **watch** ____.

2. Which **page** ____ is the homework on?
Please **page** ____ the doctor if you need help.

3. Let us **play** ____ soccer after school.
The author wrote a new **play** ____.

4. Ouch! The mosquito **bit** ____ me!
I will have a little **bit** ____ of sugar in my tea.

5. My rabbits are in a **pen** ____ outside.
Please sign this form with a black **pen** ____.

(a) small clock worn on the wrist
(b) look at

(a) one sheet of paper
(b) to call on someone

(a) participate in a sport
(b) theater piece

(a) a tiny amount
(b) past tense of bite

(a) a writing instrument that uses ink
(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*)