English Language

Topic: Homonyms and Homographs

<u>Homonyms</u> are two words that have the same sound and the spelling, but different meanings.

Examples: i) ear and ear.

One refers to an ear of corn, the other to a human organ responsible for hearing.

ii) break and brake

One refers to needing a time out, the referring to something to a part on a car.

<u>Homographs</u> are words that have the same spelling, but different meanings <u>and</u> different pronunciations.

Examples: i) wind and wind.

One refers to a blowing breeze, while the other refers to the act of turning a crank.

ii) wave and wave

One refers to movement of water in the ocean, while the other refers to a person moving their arm.

<u>Instructions:</u> Read the following sentences below and then write either homonym or homograph in the space provided.

- la. I'm sure I'm right.
- 1b. Take a right turn at the intersection.
- 2a. Her heart was pounding in her chest.
- 2b. In our family, we should have a medicine chest.
- 3a. You have to teach him that getting wreak is not a good thing.
- 3b. Where does the bad reek comes from.
- 4a. We played dice all night.
- 4b. You move forward according to the number on the dice.
- 5a. Can you give us 50 cents?
- 5b. Can you smell the scent that is coming from that room.
- 6a. Every file on the same disk must have a different name.
- 6b.We began to file out into the car park.
- 7a. I wish you the best chance during your exam on Wednesday.
- 7b. Today will listen to the chants that the cheerleaders are saying.
- 8a. Opposition leaders were quick to exploit government embarrassment over the incident.
- 8b. His courage and exploit were legendary.

9a. Mrs. Tonny was allowed at work today.9b. The students spoke aloud during class time.

10a. She has a new dog.10b. Dad knew how to make omelettes.