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***)