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Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Score\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4 points each

Homonyms, Homographs,, and Homophones

1. **Homonyms** are words that have the same spelling and pronunciation, but mean different meanings. This exercise does not include any homonyms.
2. **Homographs:** Words that have the same spelling, but different pronunciations and different meanings.

**Directions:** Choose meanings (a) or (b) and insert the correct letter in the blank space.

***Example:*** The *wind \_(a)\_* is blowing hard. (a) moving air (rhymes with *pinned*)

I have to *wind \_(b)\_* my clock. (b) turn the stem (rhymes with *find*)

***1.*** The singer made a low *bow* \_\_\_ to the audience. (a) decorative ribbon (rhymes with *so*)

Maria placed a red *bow* \_\_\_ on the birthday 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 the battle. (b) an injury (rhymes with *moon*)

***5.*** I don’t know if he will *live* \_\_\_ or die. (a) to have life (rhymes with *give*)

Last night I saw the band play *live* \_\_\_ in concert. (b) in real time performance (rhymes with *hive*)

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

**Directions:** Choose the correct word to use in each sentence and circle it.

***Example:*** Please try not to (*waste, waist*) paper.

***1.*** Can I go to the party at the club (*to, too, two*)?

***2.*** This is my favorite (*pare, pair, pear*) of jeans.

***3.*** I (*sent, scent, cent*) a letter to my aunt in Vietnam.

***4.*** The students got (*bored, board*) during the lecture, and most failed the test.

***5.*** Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez like to work in (*there, they’re, their*) garden.

***6.*** Alec is going to (*wear, ware*) his work boots today.

***7.*** Do you think it is going to (*rein, rain, reign*) this afternoon?

***8.*** I saw a restaurant just off the (*rode, road*) about a mile from downtown Olympia.

***9.*** David’s brother is in a (*band, banned*) which plays Russian music.

***10.*** Juana wants to put her socks on because her (*tows, toes*) are cold.

***11.*** The professor walked down the (*aisle, isle*) between the rows of desks.

***12.*** Hadil has a (*pane, pain*) in her shoulder.

***13.*** The elementary school (*principal, principle*) spoke to a group of parents.

***14.*** The clerk wants to (*sell, cell*) as many MP3 players as possible.

***15.*** I don’t want to talk about the (*passed, past*) anymore.

***16.*** Nobody (*knows, nose*) what you are thinking.

***17.*** I have (*for, four, fore*) dollars in my purse.

***18.*** I need to take a (*break, brake*) from my job!

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

***20.*** (*He’ll, Heel, Heal*) be here at midnight.