Homonyms, Homographs, and Homophones

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

Directions: Choose (a) or (b)

Example: I hope you are not lying (a) to me.
My books are lying (b) on the table.

1. The kids are going to watch (a) TV tonight.
   What time is it? I have to set my watch (b).

2. Which page (a) is the homework on?
   Please page (b) the doctor if you need help.

3. Let’s play (a) soccer after school.
   The author wrote a new play (b).

4. Ouch! The mosquito bit (a) me!
   I’ll have a little bit (b) of sugar in my tea.

5. My rabbits are in a pen (a) outside.
   Please sign this form with a black pen (b).

Homographs: Words that have the same spelling, but different pronunciations and meanings.

Directions: Choose (a) or (b)

Example: The wind (a) is blowing hard.
I have to wind (b) my clock.

1. The singer made a low bow (a) to the audience.
   Maria placed a red bow (b) on the birthday gift.

2. All the students are present (a) today.
   The boss will present (b) the award at 10:00.

3. Please close (a) the door.
   The boy sat close (b) to his uncle.

4. The rope was wound (a) around his ankles.
   The soldier received a wound (b) in the battle.

5. I don’t know if I will live (a) or die.
   Last night I saw the band play live (b) in concert.
**Homophones:** Words that have the same pronunciation, but different spelling and different meanings.

**Directions:** Choose the correct word.

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

1. Can I go to the party (**to**, **too**, **two**)?
2. This is my favorite (**pare**, **pair**, **pear**) of jeans.
4. The children got (**bored**, **board**) during the lecture.
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 back.
9. David’s brother is in a (**band**, **banned**) which plays Russian music.
10. Juana wants her socks because her (**tows**, **toes**) are cold.
11. The teacher walked down the (**aisle**, **isle**) between the rows of desks.
12. Hadil has a (**pane**, **pain**) in her shoulder.
13. The school (**principal**, **principle**) spoke to a group of parents.
14. The clerk wants to (**sell**, **cell**) as many TVs as possible.
15. I don’t want to talk about the (**passed**, **past**) anymore.
17. I have (**for**, **four**, **fore**) dollars in my pocket.
18. I need to take a (**break**, **brake**) from this exercise!
19. Humans have hands. Dogs have (**paws**, **pause**).
20. (**He’ll**, **Heel**, **Heal**) be here in a few minutes.