

# Homonyms/Homophones/ Homographs

## Exercise 1

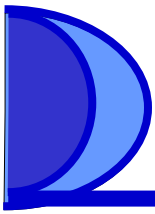
Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. The teacher walked down the (aisle, isle) between the rows of desks.
2. I don't want to talk about the (passed, past) anymore.
3. The school (principal, principle) spoke to a group of parents.
4. Please don't put (chilli, chilly) on my baked potato.
5. That smaller boat (toes, tows) the bigger one into harbor.
6. My grandmother remembers the (rain, reign, rein) of Queen Victoria.
7. She is wearing a very distinctive (sent, scent, cent).
8. I don't like to feel a (draft, draught), so I always keep my windows closed.
9. Everyone likes to receive (complements, compliments) about their appearance.
10. I hate it when businesses place a (caller, collar) on hold.

## Exercise 2

For each pair of sentences, write the homograph represented by the words in IPA.

1. a) What time does the shop /kləʊz/ ? \_\_\_\_\_  
b) Jill and Geoffrey have been /kləʊs/ friends since childhood. \_\_\_\_\_
2. a) It's rare to find /led/ in piping and pencils these days. \_\_\_\_\_  
b) "Cambridge have taken the /li:d/ and look certain to win." \_\_\_\_\_
3. a) Think of any /'nʌm.bə/ between 1 and 10. \_\_\_\_\_  
b) Yes, my mouth feels a bit /nʌmə/ with the anaesthetic. \_\_\_\_\_
4. a) "I must admit, a /tɪə/ came to my eye at the end of Titanic." \_\_\_\_\_  
b) Thus certificate is worthless, I might as well /teə/ it up. \_\_\_\_\_
5. a) There's quite a /wɪnd/ blowing from the North today. \_\_\_\_\_  
b) Johnny, don't /waɪnd/ your sister up like that! \_\_\_\_\_
6. a) For this chart, you need 3 columns and 5 /rəʊz/. \_\_\_\_\_  
b) Our neighbours are always having /raʊz/ about money. \_\_\_\_\_



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## Exercise 3

In the following story, underline the correct homophones.

1. I woke up this **morning/mourning** with a serious problem.
2. “What **ales/ails** you, **son/sun**?” asked my mom over breakfast. “**You/ewe** don't look **write/right!**”
3. “**Eye/I** didn't sleep because of **you're/your** horrible dog,” I said before taking a **bite/byte** of cereal.
4. “That dog loves **to/too** bark,” my sister Lucy said.
5. “**Your/yore** powers of perception are truly strong,” I said sarcastically.
6. “Don't make the **rest/wrest** of us suffer just because you had a **ruff/rough knight/night**,” mom chastized. “Everyone loves Wiley **except/accept** you.”
7. “I'm sorry,” I said. “I'm worried about today's English test; there's **know/no weigh/way** I can **do/due** a good job on such little sleep!”
8. After **we/wee ate/eight**, I packed my bag **for/four** school, brushed my teeth, and ran out so fast. I almost forgot to close the door.
9. First period is English, **so/sew** I felt relieved to take the test at the start of the day.
10. **But/butt** when I sat at my desk, my stomach began **to/two** churn. I could **here/hear** the wind blowing outside ominously.
11. I desperately **kneaded/needed** an A because I'm competing with my arch-rival Zachary **for/fore** valedictorian.
12. After Mr. Robinson **passed/past** out the tests, I took a deep breath and prepared for what I was sure **would/wood be/bee** a **whole/hole** ordeal.
13. To my total delight. I **knew/new** every answer; **our/are** teacher **taught/taut** us well!