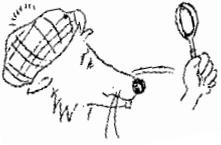


IDENTIFYING HOMOPHONES



- What is a homophone?
Discus with a friend, ask Mr Google or pick your teacher's brain!
- Underline the correct word from those supplied in brackets.
- Write a sentence with the word you did not choose. (The sentence you write must be constructed in such a way that the meaning of the word is made clear.)

1. He is the **(air / heir)** to the throne.
2. The bride walked down the **(aisle / isle)** of the church.
3. He whispered because he did not wish to speak **(aloud / allowed)**.
4. The **(assent / ascent)** of the hill was not as difficult as we thought it would be.
5. I can hear the **(base / bass)** notes very well.
6. In summer we often walk on the **(beech / beach)**.
7. They celebrated the **(birth / berth)** of their baby.
8. Some of the teachers **(boar / bore)** me to tears.
9. The **(bowled / bold)** man followed the wounded lion.
10. She will **(bough / bow)** her head while praying
11. The **(boy / buoy)** was taken to the headmaster after misbehaving.
12. She **(sent / scent / cent)** me a present for my birthday.
13. I have to **(check / cheque)** the number of entries.
14. They played on the golf **(course / coarse)** all day.
15. The **(council / counsel)** has decided to build more roads.
16. We had to stand in a **(cue / queue)** for hours waiting for the ticket booth to open.
17. The **(crews / cruise)** of the ships are not allowed to embark before the ships are ready to sail.
18. The two men fought a **(dual / duel)** with swords.
19. The black **(hoarse / horse)** was led into its stable.
20. We have to get up early in the **(morning / mourning)** to come to school.
21. Mr Moseley is our **(principal / principle)**.
22. I lost **(sight / site / cite)** of the whale and had to return to shore.
23. They tried in **(vain / vein)** to save her.
24. She wants to hear a **(story / storey)** before she goes to bed.
25. He likes a glass of **(whine / wine)** with every meal.
26. I **(wonder / wander)** if he will accept the invitation.
27. The lion caught its **(pray / prey)** near the water.
28. He **(passed / past)** Grade 10 and is now in Grade 11.
29. I found only one **(flee / flea)** on our dog
30. They all wanted to become pop **(idles / idols)**.



NO WHINING



Suggested answers: Identifying homophones

NOTE: sentences for reference only

1. heir / Please may I go outside? I need some fresh air.
2. aisle / Last year, I went to the Isle of Skye which is an island off Scotland.
3. aloud / He is not allowed to go out on school nights.
4. ascent / She nodded her head in assent when I asked her if I could go out on the Saturday night.
5. bass / I sat resting my back against the base of the tree. / His military base is in Oudtshoorn.
6. beach / The leaves of beech trees are very smooth.
7. birth / He has an infection so you are advised to give him a wide berth. / The yacht has its own berth at the local yacht club.
8. bore / The word boar is the name of the male pig and a species of pig in Europe and other countries.
9. bold / The new cricketer bowled the last over of the day.
10. bow / The tree's bough broke during the hurricane.
11. boy / The ship's captain took the channel marked by the buoy as he entered the harbour.
12. sent / He loved the fragrant scent of her perfume. / I don't have a cent to my name. .
13. check / With internet banking, it is unusual for someone to write out a cheque these days.
14. course / I prefer to use coarse salt when I'm cooking.
15. council / I am in desperate need of some good counsel from a lawyer.
16. queue / The director instructed him to take his cue from the actor before him.
17. crews / People on the cruise were not allowed to disembark until they reached the next port.
18. duel / He was used to driving on single roads not dual carriageways in the city.
19. horse / People couldn't hear him properly because his voice was hoarse after coughing so much.
20. morning / The people mourning their loved ones who had died in the attack were mostly dressed in black.
21. principal / Mr Moseley is a person of principle who can be trusted to make the right decisions.
22. sight / The building site is a total mess. / You have to cite an online article when you have used it in your project.
23. vain / The nurse looked for a vein to use in order to insert a drip. .
24. story / She ran up to the top storey of the building in under 10 minutes.
25. wine / Why do you always have to whine about walking to school when you know you need the exercise?
26. wonder / I like to wander around the shops when I have nothing else to do.
27. prey / I pray that nothing happens to you when you are out late.
28. passed / History is my favourite subject because I love finding out about the past.
29. flea / If you see a lion on your walk, you better flee for your life.
30. idols / He knows he has a long journey ahead of him so he idles for a while taking in the beautiful surroundings.