

Writing Mechanics and Grammar → Homophones, Homonyms, Homographs

Level: High School

*Homophones are words that all have the same sound, but they might not have the same spelling or meaning. If they do happen to also have the same spelling -- but different meaning -- they are **homonyms**, a subset of homophones. Words that always have the same spelling -- but might not sound the same, and might not have the same meaning either -- are called **homographs**.*

Write these words into blanks in the following sentences. Use each word only once:

berth, birth, boarder, border, cereal, serial, guessed, guest, raise, rays, raze, reign, rain, rein, seam, seem, seas, sees, seize, stair, stare, suite, sweet, throne, thrown, yore, your, you're

1. _____ up the flag at the _____ between lands, and thus will begin _____ Majesty's _____.
2. Each _____ rises up toward the next floor, one after another, in _____ fashion.
3. Galleons sailed the _____ in former days of _____, under the _____ of the sun.
4. The monarch sits on the _____, and no one is allowed to _____ curiously at her.
5. He _____ the _____ of his new baby, and realizes he had _____ the wrong gender.
6. The _____ living at our house doesn't _____ to like eating breakfast _____.
7. _____ very _____ to shelter me from the _____ with your umbrella.
8. The visiting _____ had had only one _____ on the train, rather than a whole _____.
9. We saw the usurper _____ the country from the ruler, and _____ enemy cities to the ground.

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10. I pulled on the horse' _____, and was _____ down and split a _____ sewn

into

the saddle.



Write each word beside a correct definition. Each word will be used twice:

invalid, minute, alternate, deliberate, object, recreation, present, project

1. _____ The giving of fresh life or a new form to something that existed before
2. _____ Being in an especially small or tiny state
3. _____ To oppose or express disapproval of something
4. _____ A proposal or plan; an extensive task or undertaking
5. _____ A refreshing or relaxing activity, or the state of enjoying that activity
6. _____ To interchange, swap, or take turns
7. _____ Unfounded or untrue; having no grounds or legitimacy
8. _____ Someone who is weak or incapacitated by illness or injury
9. _____ Intentional, and with full awareness of all considerations
10. _____ A second choice or a substitute
11. _____ A material thing solid enough to cast a shadow
12. _____ To introduce or make public, often with some ceremony
13. _____ To thrust forward or extend into space
14. _____ To consider carefully and perhaps through consultation with others
15. _____ A gift given to someone, often to honor a special occasion
16. _____ A unit of time, one-sixtieth of an hour

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