

## Writing Mechanics and Grammar → Homophones, Homonyms, Homographs

Level: Middle 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**.*

Put the correct word into the appropriate place(s) in the sentence:

1. (please, pleas) His \_\_\_\_\_ for assistance fell on deaf ears, and nobody helped.
2. (led, lead) She will \_\_\_\_\_ them to the same place she \_\_\_\_\_ them before.
3. (fare, fair) The homemade \_\_\_\_\_ at the county \_\_\_\_\_ was delicious.
4. (wood, would) I \_\_\_\_\_ love to help you build a cabinet of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. (vile, vial) The nurse took a \_\_\_\_\_ of blood at the clinic, for tests.
6. (counsel/ council) The student \_\_\_\_\_ asked for \_\_\_\_\_ from the principal.
7. (horse/hoarse) She called her \_\_\_\_\_ so loudly that she was \_\_\_\_\_.
8. (flower/flour) My mom uses a special type of \_\_\_\_\_ to make healthy bread.
9. (your/you're) So \_\_\_\_\_ sure you picked up \_\_\_\_\_ gloves instead of his?
10. (scent/sent) The perfume was always \_\_\_\_\_ to me in a sealed bottle.
11. (reign/rein) The king had to \_\_\_\_\_ in his nobles as he began his \_\_\_\_\_.
12. (waste/waist) Don't \_\_\_\_\_ a perfectly good suit just because it's older.

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The circle the type(s) of word each is. Then, draw a line from each word to at least one definition.

Homophone	Homonym	Homograph	Resign	To hint or make known indirectly
				Trash, rubbish, or discarded material
Homophone	Homonym	Homograph	Subject	A person's behavior
				A competition among rivals
Homophone	Homonym	Homograph	Content	To leave or give up a position or job
				To lessen the severity or extent of
Homophone	Homonym	Homograph	Intimate	Fruits and vegetables in a market
				To dispute, challenge, or question
Homophone	Homonym	Homograph	Conduct	To write one's signature again
				Satisfied with what one has
Homophone	Homonym	Homograph	Refuse	Items or material within a receptacle
				To force to experience something
Homophone	Homonym	Homograph	Moderate	Familiar, close, and personal
				Person who is under someone's rule
Homophone	Homonym	Homograph	Produce	To carry along, manage, or guide
				To show unwillingness
Homophone	Homonym	Homograph	Contest	To bring forth or cause to occur/exist
				Reasonable and not excessive

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