ESOL E2 – Homophones 1

# of 30 – Welcome

Welcome to this session on homophones.

This session will cover.

* What homophones are.
* Examples of common homophones.

# of 30 – Homophones

A homophone is a word that sounds the same as another word but that has a different spelling and a different meaning.

For example, the words **write** and **right** are homophones, because they sound the same but mean different things and are spelt differently.

Compare these two sentences:

1. I **write** short stories.

This sentence means that I use words to form short stories.

2. I got that question **right**.

This sentence means that I answered that question correctly.

# of 30 – Homophone examples

Some homophones have two different spellings.

For example:

1. I ate a **whole** cake on my birthday!

The word ‘whole’ means ‘entire’.

2. The man fell down the **hole**.

The word ‘hole’ means a hollow space in the ground.

Some homophones have three different spellings.

For example:

1. I **sent** a letter to my cousin.

The word ‘sent’ means ‘did send’.

2. I only have a **cent** left to spend.

A ‘cent’ is a unit of money in some countries.

3. The **scent** of the roses is lovely.

The word ‘scent’ means ‘odour’ or ‘smell’.

# of 30 – Choosing the correct homophone

To work out which homophone to use, we need to check the different meanings of words. It is also useful to check word meanings by putting the words in sentences.

# of 30 – Common homophones

The following sentences are examples of common homophones. You will be tested on these homophones in the following questions, so make sure you take the time to learn them now.

A **flower** that goes in a vase.

A bag of **flour** you can use to bake bread.

When two people **meet**, they shake hands.

What **meat** do you have with your Christmas dinner?

**I** went to the shops.

My **eye** is itching.

It’s scary outside at **night**.

He is an experienced **knight**.

The ocean is a beautiful **blue**.

The wind **blew** my hat off!

I ate the last **piece** of cake.

My mom was a hippy who believed in love and **peace**.

# of 30 – Question 1

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“It was really cold outside last **blank**.”

1. night
2. knight

Answer: The correct answer is **night**. The sentence should read; “It was really cold outside last night.”

# of 30 – Question 2

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“That red **blank** is really beautiful.”

1. flour
2. flower

Answer: The correct answer is **flower**. The sentence should read; “That red flower is really beautiful.”

# of 30 – Question 3

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“Her eyes were a deep **blank**.”

1. blew
2. blue

Answer: The correct answer is **blue**. The sentence should read; “Her eyes were a deep blue.”

# of 30 – Question 4

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“Pass me that jigsaw **blank**.”

1. piece
2. peace

Answer: The correct answer is **piece**. The sentence should read; “Pass me that jigsaw piece.”

# of 30 – Question 5

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“The **blank** galloped on a horse.”

1. night
2. knight

Answer: The correct answer is **knight**. The sentence should read; “The knight galloped on a horse.”

# of 30 – Question 6

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“We should **blank** at 3pm.”

1. meet
2. meat

Answer: The correct answer is **meet**. The sentence should read; “We should meet at 3pm.”

# of 30 – Question 7

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“I need 200 grams of **blank** for the recipe.”

1. flower
2. flour

Answer: The correct answer is **flour**. The sentence should read; “I need 200 grams of flour for the recipe.”

# of 30 – Question 8

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“My teacher said **blank** did really well on the test.”

1. eye
2. I

Answer: The correct answer is **I**. The sentence should read; “My teacher said I did really well on the test.”

# of 30 – Question 9

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“The wind **blank** the old oak tree over.”

1. blew
2. blue

Answer: The correct answer is **blew**. The sentence should read; “The wind blew the old oak tree over.”

# of 30 – Question 10

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“Ouch! You poked me in the **blank**!”

1. eye
2. I

Answer: The correct answer is **eye**. The sentence should read; “Ouch! You poked me in the eye!”

# of 30 – Question 11

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“That steak is the biggest piece of **blank** I’ve ever seen.”

1. meet
2. meat

Answer: The correct answer is **meat**. The sentence should read; “That steak is the biggest piece of meat I’ve ever seen.”

# of 30 – Question 12

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“She felt at **blank**.”

1. piece
2. peace

Answer: The correct answer is **peace**. The sentence should read; “She felt at peace.”

# of 30 – Question 13

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“My favourite **blank** is the rose.”

1. flower
2. flour

Answer: The correct answer is **flower**. The sentence should read; “My favourite flower is the rose.”

# of 30 – Question 14

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“I had a dream that I was a **blank** riding on a horse.”

1. night
2. knight

Answer: The correct answer is **knight**. The sentence should read; “I had a dream that I was a knight riding on a horse.”

# of 30 – Question 15

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“I can’t put these shelves together because there is a **blank** missing.”

1. piece
2. peace

Answer: The correct answer is **piece**. The sentence should read; “I can’t put these shelves together because there is a piece missing.”

# of 30 – Question 16

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“He said that **blank** am his best friend.”

1. eye
2. I

Answer: The correct answer is **I**. The sentence should read; “He said that I am his best friend.”

# of 30 – Question 17

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“The wind **blank** through the house.”

1. blew
2. blue

Answer: The correct answer is **blew**. The sentence should read; “The wind blew through the house.”

# of 30 – Question 18

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“I can’t wait to **blank** our new teacher.”

1. meet
2. meat

Answer: The correct answer is **meet**. The sentence should read; “I can’t wait to meet our new teacher.”

# of 30 – Question 19

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“Mix the **blank** and butter together.”

1. flower
2. flour

Answer: The correct answer is **flour**. The sentence should read; “Mix the flour and butter together.”

# of 30 – Question 20

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“After so many years of war, everyone was relieved to be at **blank**.”

1. peace
2. piece

Answer: The correct answer is **peace**. The sentence should read; “After so many years of war, everyone was relieved to be at peace.”

# of 30 – Question 21

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“He’s a vegetarian, so he doesn’t eat **blank**.”

1. meet
2. meat

Answer: The correct answer is **meat**. The sentence should read; “He’s a vegetarian, so he doesn’t eat meat.”

# of 30 – Question 22

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“She loves gazing at the stars on a clear **blank**.”

1. night
2. knight

Answer: The correct answer is **night**. The sentence should read; “She loves gazing at the stars on a clear night.”

# of 30 – Question 23

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“I like all the coats, but the **blank** one is my favourite.”

1. blue
2. blew

Answer: The correct answer is **blue**. The sentence should read; “I like all the coats, but the blue one is my favourite.”

# of 30 – Question 24

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“Ouch! I think I’ve got something in my **blank**.”

1. I
2. eye

Answer: The correct answer is **eye**. The sentence should read; “Ouch! I think I’ve got something in my eye.”

# of 30 – End

Well done. You have completed this session on homophones.

We have covered.

* What homophones are.
* Examples of common homophones.

# If you have any questions about any of these topics, make a note and ask your tutor for more help.