ESOL E2 – Homophones 2

# of 30 – Welcome

Welcome to this session on homophones.

This session will cover.

* Recap of 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 **knot** and **not** are homophones, because they sound the same but mean different things and are spelt differently.

Compare these two sentences:

1. I can’t undo this **knot** in my shoelaces.

This sentence means that I can’t undo the fastening in my shoelaces.

2. I do **not** like honey.

This sentence means the opposite of “I like honey”.

# of 30 – Homophone examples

Some homophones have two different spellings.

For example:

1. This cutlery is made of **steel**.

Steel is a type of metal.

2. I saw Tom **steal** that cake!

Steal means to take something without permission.

Some homophones have three different spellings.

For example:

1. I live **by** the sea.

The word ‘by’ means ‘near’.

2. I need to **buy** my sister a birthday present.

The word ‘buy’ means ‘purchase’.

3. Luca said **bye** to his father.

The word ‘bye’ means ‘farewell’.

# 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.

That is a tall **fir** tree.

How much did that **fur** coat cost?

I need to **mail** a letter to my sister.

The suspect is a six-foot-tall **male** with short brown hair.

My dress was half price in the summer **sale**!

Set **sail** men!

I’ve lost two inches on my **waist** since starting my diet.

The bin is overflowing with **waste**.

The **hare** ran in to the bushes.

Her **hair** was a brilliant pink colour.

The **sea** was harsh and choppy.

Look through the binoculars and tell me what you can **see**.

# of 30 – Question 1

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“The **blank** on the ship was torn.”

1. sail
2. sale

Answer: The correct answer is **sale**. The sentence should read; “The sail on the ship was torn.”

# of 30 – Question 2

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“I can’t **blank** through the fog.”

1. sea
2. see

Answer: The correct answer is **see**. The sentence should read; “I can’t see through the fog.”

# of 30 – Question 3

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“That **blank** coat looks expensive!”

1. fir
2. fur

Answer: The correct answer is **fur**. The sentence should read; “That fur coat looks expensive!”

# of 30 – Question 4

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“I need to **blank** these birthday cards to Australia.”

1. mail
2. male

Answer: The correct answer is **mail**. The sentence should read; “I need to mail these birthday cards to Australia.”

# of 30 – Question 5

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“The **blank** bin was starting to smell.”

1. waist
2. waste

Answer: The correct answer is **waste**. The sentence should read; “The **waste** bin was starting to smell.”

# of 30 – Question 6

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“The dress highlighted her small **blank**.”

1. waist
2. waste

Answer: The correct answer is **waist**. The sentence should read; “The dress highlighted her small waist.”

# of 30 – Question 7

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“The small **blank** darted out of the forest.”

1. hair
2. hare

Answer: The correct answer is **hare**. The sentence should read; “The small hare darted out of the forest.”

# of 30 – Question 8

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“The **blank** was a deep blue colour.”

1. sea
2. see

Answer: The correct answer is **sea**. The sentence should read; “The sea was a deep blue colour.”

# of 30 – Question 9

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“The oldest **blank** to live was 122 years old.”

1. male
2. mail

Answer: The correct answer is **male**. The sentence should read; “The oldest male to live was 122 years old.”

# of 30 – Question 10

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“There was snow on top of the **blank** tree.”

1. fir
2. fur

Answer: The correct answer is **fir**. The sentence should read; “There was snow on top of the fir tree.”

# of 30 – Question 11

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“The **blank** meant all items were less than half price.”

1. sail
2. sale

Answer: The correct answer is **sale**. The sentence should read; “The sale meant all items were less than half price.”

# of 30 – Question 12

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“He had spiky **blank**.”

1. hair
2. hare

Answer: The correct answer is **hair**. The sentence should read; “He had spiky hair.”

# of 30 – Question 13

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“We went for a walk in the forest of **blank** trees.”

1. fir
2. fur

Answer: The correct answer is **fir**. The sentence should read; “We went for a walk in the forest of fir trees.”

# of 30 – Question 14

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“The sailor unfurled the large **blank** on the boat.”

1. sale
2. sail

Answer: The correct answer is **sail**. The sentence should read; “The sailor unfurled the large sail on the boat.”

# of 30 – Question 15

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“The wild **blank** ran across the meadow.”

1. hare
2. hair

Answer: The correct answer is **hare**. The sentence should read; “The wild hare ran across the meadow.”

# of 30 – Question 16

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“I need a pair of trousers with a smaller **blank** size.”

1. waste
2. waist

Answer: The correct answer is **waist**. The sentence should read; “I need a pair of trousers with a smaller waist size.”

# of 30 – Question 17

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“The ship sailed across the **blank**.”

1. sea
2. see

Answer: The correct answer is **sea**. The sentence should read; “The ship sailed across the sea.”

# of 30 – Question 18

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“I’m expecting a cheque in the **blank**.”

1. mail
2. male

Answer: The correct answer is **mail**. The sentence should read; “I’m expecting a cheque in the mail.”

# of 30 – Question 19

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“Please can you empty the **blank** paper bin.”

1. waist
2. waste

Answer: The correct answer is **waste**. The sentence should read; “Please can you empty the waste paper bin.”

# of 30 – Question 20

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“I can **blank** you in the garden.”

1. see
2. sea

Answer: The correct answer is **see**. The sentence should read; “I can see you in the garden.”

# of 30 – Question 21

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“My rabbit’s **blank** is so soft.”

1. fir
2. fur

Answer: The correct answer is **fur**. The sentence should read; “My rabbit’s fur is so soft.”

# of 30 – Question 22

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“My son’s teacher is a **blank**.”

1. male
2. mail

Answer: The correct answer is **male**. The sentence should read; “My son’s teacher is a male.”

# of 30 – Question 23

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“This top was half price in the **blank**.”

1. sale
2. sail

Answer: The correct answer is **sale**. The sentence should read; “This top was half price in the sale.”

# of 30 – Question 24

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence below.

“I have dyed my **blank** blonde – do you like it?”

1. hare
2. hair

Answer: The correct answer is **hair**. The sentence should read; “I have dyed my hair blonde – do you like it?”

# of 30 – End

Well done. You have completed this session on homophones.

We have covered.

* Recap of 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.