

Homonyms

Homonyms are words that sound identical but have totally different meanings. Understanding homonyms is not only important for correct spelling and grammar - it can help you learn to pronounce new words as well! Fill in the correct words in the spaces provided to complete each sentence. Everyday English can employ hundreds of various homonyms. Check 'em out!

1. The wind _____ my _____ shirt into the pool. (blue, blew)
2. Cheryl _____ her bike along the old dirt _____ as we _____ the boat to the shore. (road, rode, rowed)
3. I've never _____ such a beautiful _____. (scene, seen)
4. We want a _____ for our home that will be out of _____. (site, sight)
5. The _____ in the tent doesn't _____ to be holding back the rain. (seem, seam)
6. _____ to the dry weather, we _____ not see any _____ on the grass. (dew, due, do)
7. I _____ they had a _____ at the zoo. (new, gnu, knew)
8. _____ hanging _____ coats over _____. (there, they're, their)
9. We must _____ the old building before the sun's _____ can _____ the temperature. (raise, rays, raze)
10. One day on a tropical _____, _____ walk down the _____ with my bride. (I'll, aisle, isle)
11. The professional _____ was _____ from entering the poetry contest. (barred, bard)
12. I'll look for a new _____ in the sales _____ that the hardware store _____ to its catalog next week. (adds, ads, adze)
13. I assumed we would have to _____ the chicken before cooking it, _____ on grandma's old recipe we were following. (based, baste)
14. The cashier scanned the _____ number on the _____ box and the price read \$3.79. (serial, cereal)
15. No wonder the parakeet was so _____ - all he liked to do was eat, sleep, and _____. (cheep, cheap)