

KS3 English Quiz - Homophones 03 (Questions)

"Carrot" and "caret" are good examples of homophones, but would you ever mix up the two? Perhaps Bugs Bunny might.

Homophones often come about because of the way in which the English language borrows words from other languages. Sometimes a pair of homophones might exist because their pronunciation has changed over time. Take, for instance, "night" and "knight". Although these words are now homophones, the word "knight" was once pronounced differently. Where we tend to say that the k in the word is "silent", in the past it was pronounced (as were the g and the h, too)! A few hundred centuries ago, "night" and "knight" were not homophones at all.

Ready for the final homophone joke? What did the pawn say before going to bed? 'Night, knight! Get it? Knights and pawns are chess pieces!

If you enjoyed our first two English quizzes about homophones, try our third and final quiz and become a homophone genius!

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- Heard
- Hoard
- Hoarding
- Horde

2. Which one carries blood?

- Vain
- Vane
- Vanguard
- Vein

3. Which one is part of the mouth?

- Palate
- Palette
- Pallet
- Palliate

4. Which one means "advice"?

- Council
- Counsel
- Countenance
- Counteract

5. Which one means "To gain"?

- Proffer
- Profit
- Profuse
- Prophet

6. Which one is a herb?

- Tame
- Thames
- Thyme
- Time

7. Which word means "To sell"?

- Pedagogue
- Pedal
- Peddle
- Pedometer

8. Which word means "An agreement"?

- Impact
- Pace
- Packed
- Pact

9. Which word is a structure in the sea?

- Pare
- Pear
- Peer
- Pier

10. Which word means "To peel"?

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"Hoard" means to collect or store

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A "vane" indicates wind direction whilst "vain" means conceited

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A "palette" is used by an artist for mixing colours

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A "council" is a committee

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A prophet gives warnings or promises about the future

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"Time" and "thyme" are rather different in meaning!

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A "pedal" allows you to control machinery with your foot

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"Packed" means that a container or other type of space has been filled

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A "peer" is someone who is at the same level as another person

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There are three homophones here: "pare", "pear" and "pair"