

## 8. HOMOPHONES

Homophones are words, which sound identical but are spelt differently and have different meanings.

A homophone is a word that sounds like another word but has a different meaning. A list of homophones are given hereunder

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|-------------|------------|------------|--------|
| 1. Sew      | Sow        | 26. Toe    | Tow    |
| 2. Aisle    | Isle       | 27. Pair   | Pare   |
| 3. Profit   | Prophet    | 28. Altar  | Alter  |
| 4. Hair     | Heir       | 29. Bolder | Boulde |
| 5. Colonel  | Kernel     | 30. Pain   | Pane   |
| 6. Course   | Coarse     | 31. Pray   | Prey   |
| 7. Complime | Complement | 32. Bow    | Bough  |
| 8. Sauce    | Source     | 33. Caught | Court  |
| 9. Idol     | Idle       | 34. Bare   | Bear   |
| 10. Dough   | Dove       | 35. Vale   | Veil   |
| 11. Flower  | Flour      | 36. Tied   | Tide   |
| 12. Vein    | Vain, vane | 37. Suite  | Sweet  |
| 13. Disease | Decease    | 38. Paw    | Poor   |
| 14. Flea    | Flee       | 39. So     | Sew    |
| 15. Fair    | Fare       | 40. To     | Too    |
| 16. Key     | Quay       | 41. Made   | Maid   |
| 17. Cereal  | Serial     | 42. Saw    | Soar   |
| 18. Boy     | Buoy       | 43. Eight  | Ate    |
| 19. Bear    | Bare       | 44. Hoarse | Horse  |
| 20. Air     | Heir       | 45. Knight | Night  |
| 21. Steal   | Steel      | 46. Warn   | Worn   |
| 22. Place   | Plaice     | 47. Grate  | Great  |
| 23. Tale    | Tail       | 48. Isle   | I'll   |
| 24. Son     | Sun        | 49. Beach  | Beech  |
| 25. Peal    | Peel       | 50. Mail   | Male   |

## EXERCISE

### Fill in the blanks with the suitable words from the blanks:

1. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ big fire burning in the \_\_\_\_\_ (grate, great).
2. You can eat the \_\_\_\_\_ but give me the knife to \_\_\_\_\_ the skin (pare, pear).
3. He was charged with stealing a \_\_\_\_\_ of cotton and was released on \_\_\_\_\_ (bale, bail).
4. The artist's \_\_\_\_\_ showed a picture of a politician trying to \_\_\_\_\_ votes (canvass, canvas)
5. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of a plan to make slow pupils understand the difference between a \_\_\_\_\_ and a multiplier (deviser, divisor)
6. There is thunder and \_\_\_\_\_ and dark stormy sky shows no sign of \_\_\_\_\_ (lightening, lightning).
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our college is a man of \_\_\_\_\_ (principal, principles).
8. She wrote a \_\_\_\_\_ on the history of peace \_\_\_\_\_ (treatise, treaties).

### Underline the correct word:

1. What medicine did the doctor prescribe / proscribe for her?
2. Gandhi did not like corporeal / coporal punishment
3. Milton's poetry is full of classical allusions / illusions.
4. Do you know the Archimedes principle / principal?
5. I passed the intermediate course / coarse.
6. This is not officious / official.
7. Canvass / Canvas cloth is used for tents.
8. Ramesh always sits beside / besides her.
9. The minister is appraised / apprised of the situation.
10. This film is an adaptation / adaptation of novel.