

ELTE Homographs quiz 78

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Main difference with polysemic words: unrelated meanings.

Choose a word to fill both gaps:

a) Please stay ___ to me in the crowd.

b) Remember to ___ the door quietly.

- ☐ (A) near
- ☐ (B) shut
- ☐ (C) close
- ☐ (D) lock

2. a) She felt ___ with her results.

b) The book's ___ was easy to understand.

- ☐ (A) happy
- ☐ (B) pages
- ☐ (C) content
- ☐ (D) calm

3. a) She tied a ribbon in her hair with a neat ___.

b) The actor took a ___ after the performance.

- ☐ (A) bow
- ☐ (B) knot
- ☐ (C) bend
- ☐ (D) wave

- 4.** a) This pipe is made of ____.
b) She will ____ the team to victory.

☐ (A) guide
☐ (B) lead
☐ (C) steel
☐ (D) follow

- 5.** a) Be careful not to ____ the paper.
b) A ____ rolled down his cheek.

☐ (A) rip
☐ (B) tear
☐ (C) drop
☐ (D) cut

- 6.** a) The ____ was strong near the coast.
b) Please ____ the clock before bed.

☐ (A) turn
☐ (B) wind
☐ (C) air
☐ (D) spin

- 7.** a) He plays the ____ guitar in the band.
b) They caught a ____ in the lake.

☐ (A) drum
☐ (B) bass
☐ (C) tuna
☐ (D) low

- 8.** a) They sat in the front ____ of the theater.
b) The siblings had a loud ____ over chores.

☐ (A) seat
☐ (B) line
☐ (C) row
☐ (D) fight

9. a) They crossed the hot ___ at noon.
b) He chose not to ___ his friends.

☐ (A) abandon
☐ (B) desert
☐ (C) sand
☐ (D) leave

10. a) Please ___ the offer politely.
b) The ___ was taken out to the trash.

☐ (A) deny
☐ (B) refuse
☐ (C) waste
☐ (D) reject

11. a) He gave her a birthday _____.
b) Everyone will ___ their findings to the class.

☐ (A) gift
☐ (B) present
☐ (C) show
☐ (D) now

12. a) ___ the table before you leave home, please.
b) He speaks ___ fluently.

☐ (A) shine
☐ (B) polish
☐ (C) clean
☐ (D) smooth

13. a) A white ___ landed on the roof.
b) He ___ into the pool without hesitation.

☐ (A) bird
☐ (B) dive
☐ (C) dove
☐ (D) jump

14. a) After the long hike, she began to ___ quickly.

b) The car has a flat ___.

- ☐ (A) tire
- ☐ (B) wheel
- ☐ (C) exhaust
- ☐ (D) rest

15. a) Wait a ___ before you answer.

b) The details were so ___ they were almost invisible.

- ☐ (A) minute
- ☐ (B) second
- ☐ (C) tiny
- ☐ (D) small

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i **Close** is correct.

a) near in distance

b) shut something

2. a) She felt ___ with her results.

b) The book's ___ was easy to understand.

☐ A happy

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i **Content** is correct.

a) happy, satisfied, pronunciation /kən'tent/ (stress on second syllable)

b) material inside something, pronunciation /'kɒn.tent/ (stress on first syllable)

3. a) She tied a ribbon in her hair with a neat ___.

b) The actor took a ___ after the performance.

☒ A bow

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i **Bow** is correct.

- a) a decorative ribbon
- b) to bend forward to show respect or thanks

4. a) This pipe is made of ____.
- b) She will ____ the team to victory.

- ☐ A guide
- ☒ B lead
- ☐ C steel
- ☐ D follow

i **Lead** is correct.

- a) a metal, pronunciation /led/
- b) to guide or be in charge of others, pronunciation /li:d/

5. a) Be careful not to ____ the paper.
- b) A ____ rolled down his cheek.

- ☐ A rip
- ☒ B tear
- ☐ C drop
- ☐ D cut

i **Tear** is correct.

- a) to rip something, to pull something apart, pronunciation /tɪr/ (rhymes with care, hair)
- b) a drop of liquid that comes from your eye when you cry, pronunciation /tɪr/ (rhymes with ear, fear)

6. a) The ____ was strong near the coast.
- b) Please ____ the clock before bed.

- ☐ A turn
- ☒ B wind
- ☐ C air
- ☐ D spin

i **Wind** is correct.

- a) moving air, pronunciation /wind/
- b) to turn or twist something, pronunciation /waɪnd/ (rhymes with find)

7. a) He plays the ___ guitar in the band.
b) They caught a ___ in the lake.

☐ A drum
☒ B bass
☐ C tuna
☐ D low

i **Bass** is correct.
a) a low musical sound, pronunciation /beɪs/ - rhymes with: face
b) a type of fish, pronunciation //bæs/

8. a) They sat in the front ___ of the theater.
b) The siblings had a loud ___ over chores.

☐ A seat
☐ B line
☒ C row
☐ D fight

i **Row** is correct.
a) a line of seats, pronunciation /rou/ (rhymes with go, show)
b) an argument or fight, pronunciation /rau/ (rhymes with how, now)

9. a) They crossed the hot ___ at noon.
b) He chose not to ___ his friends.

☐ A abandon
☒ B desert
☐ C sand
☐ D leave

i **Desert** is correct.
a) a dry, sandy place, pronunciation /'dɛz.ə.t/ (stress on first syllable)
b) to abandon someone or something, pronunciation /dɪ'zɜ:t/ (stress on second syllable)

10. a) Please ___ the offer politely.
b) The ___ was taken out to the trash.

☐ A deny
☒ B refuse
☐ C waste
☐ D reject

i **Refuse** is correct.
a) decline, say no, pronunciation /rɪ'fju:z/ (stress on second syllable)

b) garbage, waste, pronunciation /'rɛf.ju:s/ (stress on first syllable)

11. a) He gave her a birthday ____.
b) Everyone will ____ their findings to the class.

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☒ B present
☐ C show
☐ D now

i **Present** is correct.

- a) a gift, pronunciation /'prɛz.ənt/ (stress on first syllable)
b) to show, to give information, pronunciation /prɪ'zɛnt/ (stress on second syllable)

12. a) ____ the table before you leave home, please.
b) He speaks ____ fluently.

☐ A shine
☒ B polish
☐ C clean
☐ D smooth

i **Polish** is correct.

- a) to make shiny, pronunciation /'pɒl.ɪʃ/ (stress on first syllable)
b) from Poland, pronunciation /'pɒʊ.lɪʃ/ (stress on first syllable, different vowel sound)

13. a) A white ____ landed on the roof.
b) He ____ into the pool without hesitation.

☐ A bird
☐ B dive
☒ C dove
☐ D jump

i **Dove** is correct.

- a) a kind of bird, usually white, symbolizing peace - pronunciation /dʌv/ (rhymes with love)
b) past of the verb 'dive', pronunciation /dʌv/ (rhymes with go)

14. a) After the long hike, she began to ____ quickly.
b) The car has a flat ____.

☒ A tire
☐ B wheel
☐ C exhaust
☐ D rest

- i** **Tire** is correct.
a) to become weary
b) rubber covering of a wheel
same pronunciation

- 15.** a) Wait a ___ before you answer.
b) The details were so ___ they were almost invisible.

- ✓ **A** minute
B second
C tiny
D small

- i** **Minute** is correct.
a) 60 seconds, pronunciation /'mɪn.ɪt/ (stress on first syllable)
b) very small, tiny, pronunciation /maɪ'nju:t/ (stress on second syllable)