

Homonyms Drill

Access: admission or way of approach

I drove on the access road to get to the office.

Excess: surpassing limits

She spends to excess at the mall.

Advise: to give advice

He should advise him to wait until next year to get married.

Advice: encouragement

I really appreciated the advice from my parents.

Affect: to have influence on

You shouldn't let your husband affect how you feel.

Effect: to cause or bring about

We'd like to effect a new way of providing this.

Aisle: passageway

The deposition involved a fall in the aisle of a grocery store.

Isle: an island

Would you like to visit me on the isle next summer?

Allude: to make reference to

Did you hear her allude to her new boyfriend?

Elude: to escape

He will elude the police to get out of this one.

Beech: a type of tree

That beech tree is over 100 years old.

Beach: the sandy shore

Each year we visit the beach in North Carolina.

Brake: used to stop a vehicle

I think it was a malfunction with the brake that caused the accident.

Break: interrupt

The attorney asked the witness if he would like to take a break.

Bridal: refers to a bride

Every day all she talks about is the bridal shower.

Bridle: harness to guide a horse

The horse will not like that new bridle.

Cannon: a military weapon

The re-enactment included a cannon being fired.

Canon: laws of the church

He violated the canon of ethics.

Capitol: a building

Our class trip included a visit to the state capitol.

Capital: money

She has invested all her capital into a money market account.

Council: an organization

Our city council should vote on this topic tonight.

Counsel: an attorney; advice

Will you ask your counsel if she would agree to this?

Idle: useless; not busy

He is never idle; that boy is always up to something.

Idol: an image used as an object of worship

She mimics everything that her idol does.

Palate: roof of the mouth

That pizza burned my palate.

Pallet: wooden boards

He injured his back throwing the pallet on the truck.

Principle: fundamental truth or law

It's not the money but the principle of the thing.

Principal: first in rank

She is the principal of at least three companies.

Stationary: fixed position

Riding my stationary bike has really firmed up my thighs.

Stationery: papers for writing

Her stationery had her initial at the top.

Wave: gesture back and forth to someone; ocean water

Did you see her wave at him from the boat?

Waive: to relinquish

He wanted to waive his signature on the document.