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PERFECT YOUR PERFECT ENGLISH (Fun with homographs and homophones)

1. Homographs – try to read these sentences correctly:

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
3. We must polish the Polish furniture.
4. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
5. Since there is no time like the present, I think it's time to present the present.
6. A sea-bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
7. As he made his bow, his bow tie fell off.
8. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
9. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
10. The buck does funny things when does are present.
11. To help with the planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
12. The wind was too strong for them to wind the sail.
13. After a number of injections my jaw got number.
14. On seeing the tear in the painting, I shed a tear.
15. They had to subject the subject to series of tests.
16. He moped when someone stole his moped.

2. Homophones – dictated sentences:

Churches are holy places. // It is wholly unacceptable to wear jeans to work at this company. //
Swiss cheese tends to really holey.

The doctors tried to stop the flow of blood from his jugular vein, but it was all in vain.

3. Homophones – gap-fill:

1. The cut on his _____ won't _____ in time for the race, so _____ ' _____ have to drop out.
2. A bloodthirsty pirate will wander the _____ and essentially _____ everything he _____.
3. The child _____ the ball _____ the window.
4. The whole _____ was a terrible _____ after the explosion.
5. The _____ crashed in the middle of a fertile _____.
6. The soldiers _____ bravely to defend the _____.
7. The cyclist _____ along the _____ for ten miles.
8. Someone's sure to _____ it if it's silver, but not if it's _____.
9. It's not _____ to _____ the answers in the book!
10. You won't _____ what she says if you don't come _____.
11. The soldier always _____ his uniform during the _____.
12. You'll have to _____. There's a _____ limit of 250 kg in this lift!

4. Homophones – brain-teasers:

- lift sunbeams
- Scandanavian ending
- double gun/sword fight
- visitor estimated
- roped incoming ocean
- spun globe
- entire burrow