



ACTIVITY SHEET

EPISODE 1: EYE TESTING

Practise and consolidate your learning about homonyms, homographs and suffixes by completing our activities. In the first one you need to choose the right homonym from the box to complete the sentences below.

ACTIVITY 1

seize sight weight guest key peace mail vein waste cue
male queue guessed site wait quay waist piece seas vain

1. They were seeking a _____ actor for the lead role in the musical.
2. The reading task was too difficult to complete so he _____ the answers to the remaining questions.
3. The women waited on the _____ to meet the ships and greet their sailor husbands.
4. The paramedics worked tirelessly in a _____ attempt to save her life.
5. The _____ is measured to get the most accurate fitting possible.
6. The boats weren't keen to venture out in the rough _____.
7. The detective was able to _____ the story together to solve the crime.
8. When tickets became available for the concert, it wasn't surprising there was a long _____ of people at the box office.
9. It was an agonising _____ for all when he was recovering from the car accident.
10. The developers have chosen a _____ for the new sports complex.



ACTIVITY 2

Choose the correct phonetic transcription for the homograph in **bold**.

- The detective began to suspect the prime **suspect** in the case was lying about her whereabouts.
 - /sə'spekt/
 - /'sʌspekt/
- After the probationary period was over, John was given a two-year **contract**.
 - /'kɒntrækt/
 - /kən'trækt/
- Which syllable do I **accent** in 'hagiographer'?.
 - /'æksɛnt/
 - /æk'sɛnt/
- I think the **converse** is true: e-tags will reduce traffic build-up in the city.
 - /'kɒnvɜːs/
 - /kən'vɜːs/
- I'll give you an **approximate** idea of the cost now and a full report early next week.
 - /ə'prɒksəmət/
 - /ə'prɒksəmeɪt/
- The patient made rapid **progress** after the operation.
 - /prə'grɛs/
 - /'prɒgrɛs/
- The band will **record** a CD of their latest songs early next year.
 - /rə'kɒd/
 - /'rɛkɒd/
- Your contract with the developer is **invalid** because it hasn't been signed.
 - /'ɪnvəlɪd/
 - /ɪn'væləd/
- We need to **separate** the various tasks and share them among the group.
 - /'sepəreɪt/



b. /'sɛprət/

10. Did you say she is a graduate of the University of Technology?

a. /'grædʒuət/

b. /'grædʒueɪt/

ACTIVITY 3

Complete the table using suffixes -ism, -ist or -ic.

-ism	-ist	-ic
capitalism	capitalist	
egotism		egotistic
	optimist	optimistic
formalism		formalistic
humanism	humanist	
individualism	individualist	
rationalism		rationalistic
	feminist	feministic
pessimism	pessimist	
	nihilist	nihilistic





ANSWERS

ACTIVITY 1

Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence.

seize sight weight guest key peace mail vein waste cue
male queue guessed site wait quay waist piece seas vain

1. They were seeking a **male** actor for the lead role in the musical.
2. The reading task was too difficult to complete so he **guessed** the answers to the remaining questions.
3. The women waited on the **quay** to meet the ships and greet their sailor husbands.
4. The paramedics worked tirelessly in a **vain** attempt to save her life.
5. The **waist** is measured to get the most accurate fitting possible.
6. The boats weren't keen to venture out in the rough **seas**.
7. The detective was able to **piece** the story together to solve the crime.
8. When tickets became available for the concert, it wasn't surprising there was a long **queue** of people at the box office.
9. It was an agonising **wait** for all when he was recovering from the car accident.
10. The developers have chosen a **site** for the new sports complex.



ANSWERS

ACTIVITY 2

Choose the correct phonetic transcription for the homograph in **bold**.

1. The detective began to suspect the prime **suspect** in the case was lying about her whereabouts.

a. /sə'spɛkt/

b. /'sʌspɛkt/

2. After the probationary period was over, John was given a two-year **contract**.

a. /'kɒntrækt/

b. /kən'trækt/

3. Which syllable do I **accent** in 'hagiographer'?

a. /'æksɛnt/

b. /æk'sɛnt/

4. I think the **converse** is true: e-tags will reduce traffic build-up in the city.

a. /'kɒnvɜːs/

b. /kən'vɜːs/

5. I'll give you an **approximate** idea of the cost now and a full report early next week.

a. /ə'prɒksəmət/

b. /ə'prɒksəmeɪt/

6. The patient made rapid **progress** after the operation.

a. /prə'grɛs/

b. /'prɒʊgrɛs/

7. The band will **record** a CD of their latest songs early next year.

a. /rə'kɒd/

b. /'rɛkɒd/

8. Your contract with the developer is **invalid** because it hasn't been signed.

a. /'ɪnvəlɪd/

b. /ɪn'væləd/

9. We need to **separate** the various tasks and share them among the group.

a. /'sɛpəreɪt/



b. /'sɛprət/

10. Did you say she is a graduate of the University of Technology?

a. /'grædʒuət/

b. /'grædʒueɪt/

ANSWERS

ACTIVITY 3

Complete the table using suffixes -ism, -ist or -ic.

-ism	-ist	-ic
capitalism	capitalist	capitalistic
egotism	egotist	egotistic
optimism	optimist	optimistic
formalism	formalist	formalistic
humanism	humanist	humanistic
individualism	individualist	individualistic
rationalism	rationalist	rationalistic
feminism	feminist	feministic
pessimism	pessimist	pessimistic
nihilism	nihilist	nihilistic