

## Homophone Practice

1. A great wine is a perfect \_\_\_\_\_ to a delicious steak. (Complement/compliment)
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ us to bankruptcy by purchasing 10,000 tonnes of lead. (Lead/led)
3. It took my father 30 years to \_\_\_\_\_ up this company to where it is. (Billed/build)
4. I work in a \_\_\_\_\_ which offers a nice degree of privacy. (Cubical/cubicle)
5. An entity set up in Ireland receives many \_\_\_\_\_ benefits. (Tax/tacks)
6. Details of the merger were \_\_\_\_\_ last Friday. (Discussed/disgust)
7. Oil is quite \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment, so our utility bill is relatively low. (Cheap/cheep)
8. We are planning to \_\_\_\_\_ the start-up. (Buy/by/Bye)
9. We are not \_\_\_\_\_ to use our mobile phones in the production area. (Allowed/Aloud)
10. The corporation had to divest of some \_\_\_\_\_. (Capital/capitol)
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ be able to make it for the trials. I will let you know on Thursday. (Might/mite)
12. I worked on this presentation in \_\_\_\_\_. I never got the opportunity to present. (Vain/vein)
13. My boss does not often \_\_\_\_\_ good work. (Praise/preys)
14. Our goal this year is to earn a \_\_\_\_\_. (Profit/prophet)
15. \_\_\_\_\_, I propose to reduce the level of investment in R&D to \$500 million. (Finally/finely)
16. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ for his approval before moving ahead. (Wait/weight)
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ problem is that we don't have enough people dedicated to this project. (Main/mane)
18. In the \_\_\_\_\_, it was not possible to work from home. (Passed/past)
19. Markus has \_\_\_\_\_ 2,000 units this month. That's a new record! (Sold/soled)
20. I will have \_\_\_\_\_ of mind when I receive his confirmation. (Peace/piece)
21. He's a \_\_\_\_\_ wolf. He rarely speaks with anybody in the office. (Loan/lone)
22. These new safety measures will \_\_\_\_\_ a successful quality audit. (Ensure/insure)
23. For a healthy mind, it's important to \_\_\_\_\_ regularly. (Exercise/exorcise)
24. A car policy needs to be \_\_\_\_\_ to all employees, regardless of their position in the company. (Fair/fare)
25. He's very strategic and \_\_\_\_\_ looking. (Foreword/forward)
26. Before presenting to the board, you need to get the \_\_\_\_\_ straight. (Facts/fax)
27. John \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting. (Missed/mist)
28. A large cup of coffee is an essential part of my \_\_\_\_\_ routine. (Morning/mourning)
29. The vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ the emissions test. (Passed/past)
30. \_\_\_\_\_ is the nearest train station? (Wear/where)
31. It's not acceptable to use the office phone for \_\_\_\_\_ use. (Personal/personnel)
32. His \_\_\_\_\_ worked for the same company 20 years ago. (Farther/father)
33. How much will it cost to \_\_\_\_\_ the production facility? (Ensure/insure)
34. I need to urgently \_\_\_\_\_ a report on what has happened. (Right/write)
35. The site manager decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the equipment. (Sell/cell)
36. Did you \_\_\_\_\_ the news about the takeover? (Hear/here)
37. Last month, all employees took a \_\_\_\_\_ in influence management. (Coarse/course)

38. What are the terms of the \_\_\_\_\_? (Loan/lone)
39. \_\_\_\_\_ was no reason for \_\_\_\_\_ outburst. (Their/there)
40. I would \_\_\_\_\_ you to get some \_\_\_\_\_ from a lawyer. (Advice/ Advise)
41. Our office expenses can't be \_\_\_\_\_ than last year's. (Higher/hire)
42. Everything he said was a \_\_\_\_\_. (Lie/lye)
43. The flight \_\_\_\_\_ from Brussels to New York is much too expensive. (Fair/fare)
44. We need to lift employee \_\_\_\_\_ around here. Any ideas? (Moral/morale)
45. In Japanese custom, the \_\_\_\_\_ period is 49 days after a person passes away. (Morning/mourning)
46. The filing room can only be entered by \_\_\_\_\_. (Personal/personnel)
47. The layoffs will surely have an \_\_\_\_\_ on employee motivation. (Affect/ Effect)
48. One needs a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ to make it through Mary's 90 slide PowerPoint presentation. (Patience/patients)
49. I don't think anybody uses \_\_\_\_\_ machines anymore. (Facts/fax)
50. It's customary to \_\_\_\_\_ a suit when visiting customers. (Wear/where)
51. During the crisis, the CEO \_\_\_\_\_ any questions about cost cutting. (Alluded/ eluded)
52. Please send me a \_\_\_\_\_ by e-mail. (Confirmation/conformation)
53. The consultant \_\_\_\_\_ us for the lunch we invited him to. (Billed/build)
54. We have 3 very \_\_\_\_\_ topics we will need to discuss today. They are not at all related. (Discreet/discrete)
55. \_\_\_\_\_ let me know if that works for you. (Pleas/please)
56. The year-end \_\_\_\_\_ will be done before the board. (Review/revue)
57. The chemical company generates toxic \_\_\_\_\_. (Waist/waste)
58. He was the only one not wearing a \_\_\_\_\_. (Soot/suit)
59. The executives were \_\_\_\_\_ for embezzlement. (Persecute/prosecute)
60. The manager's decision to fire the worker after his first tardiness in 5 years was \_\_\_\_\_. (Undo/undue)
61. I took the fact that he used my prototype at the conference as a great \_\_\_\_\_. (Complement/compliment)
62. My work shoes need to be \_\_\_\_\_. There's almost a hole in the left one. (Sold/ soled)
63. He spent 30 minutes of the meeting reading his slides \_\_\_\_\_. (Allowed/Aloud)
64. I will provide you with a \_\_\_\_\_ pass to the conference. (Guest/guessed)
65. How long have you been working \_\_\_\_\_? (Hear/here)
66. It's necessary for him to \_\_\_\_\_ in on the issue. Without his opinion we can't move forward. (Way/weigh)
67. I would have never \_\_\_\_\_ that he was the CEO. (Guest/guessed)
68. I would appreciate your \_\_\_\_\_ on this matter. (Incite/insight)
69. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ why he said \_\_\_\_\_ to the request? (Know/no)
70. He was born to \_\_\_\_\_. (Lead/led)
71. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ error in the figures. (Miner/minor)
72. After hearing the news, I felt like I was in a complete \_\_\_\_\_. (Days/daze)
73. I was \_\_\_\_\_ that the deal would surely close. (Told/tolled)
74. \_\_\_\_\_ the end of this year, our sales will have grown \_\_\_\_\_ 25%. (Buy/by/ Bye)
75. My mentor is my \_\_\_\_\_. I can tell him absolutely anything. (Confident/confidant)
76. It's important to have clear \_\_\_\_\_ and responsibilities in an organization. (Roles/ rolls)

77. \_\_\_\_\_ of the managers had no idea about the change in policy. (Some/sum)
78. For the duration of the event, the president stayed in his hotel \_\_\_\_\_. (Suite/sweet)
79. Despite his \_\_\_\_\_, his position was cut. (Pleas/please)
80. We are looking to \_\_\_\_\_ a new office manager. (higher/hire)
81. Our company employs 326 adult \_\_\_\_\_ in Africa. (Miners/minors)
82. After much insistence, I \_\_\_\_\_ to his proposal. (Acceded / Exceeded)
83. We \_\_\_\_\_ our budget by \$2 million. (Acceded / Exceeded)
84. \_\_\_\_\_ issues can affect employee performance. (Affect/ Effect)
85. I wanted to cancel the meeting, \_\_\_\_\_ my manager insisted on having it. (But/butt)
86. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ that he will do the job well. (Confident/confidant)
87. Because of the merger, we'll be looking at a \_\_\_\_\_ of our HR policy. (Confirmation/conformation)
88. In Belgium, employees have 20 \_\_\_\_\_ of annual vacation. (Days/daze)
89. How much does a human resource manager \_\_\_\_\_? (Earn/urn)
90. I'm taking a \_\_\_\_\_ off. (Weak/week)
91. That was a \_\_\_\_\_ proposal. (Grate/great)
92. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the losses was staggering. (Some/sum)
93. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the story is never to make a promise to a customer unless you're sure you can deliver. (Moral/morale)
94. There was an \_\_\_\_\_ of laughter when John finished telling his anecdote. (Eruption/irruption)
95. With his strong mind and impressive people skills, a successful career in this company is \_\_\_\_\_. (Immanent/imminent)
96. \_\_\_\_\_ way to the laboratory? (Which/witch)
97. We had a \_\_\_\_\_ quarter. (Weak/week)
98. It is important that you are \_\_\_\_\_ with the news. Don't tell anybody. (Discreet/discrete)
99. When it was his \_\_\_\_\_ to talk, he completely froze. (Queue/cue)
100. In \_\_\_\_\_, we could add a new product line to our \_\_\_\_\_ offering. (Principal/principle)