

Updated and Revised



Grade
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SPECTRUM

Vocabulary

***Excellent Tool for
Standardized Test Preparation!***

- Classification Words
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- Answer Key



Homonyms are words that **sound the same** but **mean different things**. They are sometimes spelled differently, too.

Write the missing word in each sentence.

way
weigh

1. How much does the puppy _____?
2. Which _____ do you walk home?

not
knot

3. I am _____ going to be late.
4. Can you untie the _____?

our
hour

5. That is _____ house.
6. We will be home in an _____.

eight
ate

7. He _____ two hot dogs.
8. There are _____ people here.

here
hear

9. Did you _____ the news?
10. Put the letter in _____.

too
two

11. Can you come _____?
12. She has _____ sisters.

bee
be

13. I was stung by a _____.
14. Will you _____ home at three?

pair
pear

15. Pick a _____ from the tree.
16. I need a new _____ of shoes.



Circle the word which best completes each sentence.

- Kevin slowly picked up his _____ to play the Chopin nocturne.
toothpick clarinet piano
- With fearful trepidation, he lifted the mouthpiece to his _____.
ears chest lips
- Out of the bell of his reed instrument came a _____ squawk.
horrendous peaceful loving
- Mrs. Dee Canon abruptly lowered her _____.
button shoe baton
- "Who so shockingly _____ in a goose from his or her barnyard?" she asked.
brought danced cooked
- Feeling so _____ he could have hidden under his chair, Kevin raised his hand.
daring awful sleepy
- Forty-two pairs of eyes turned to stare at the _____-red face of this would-be Benny Goodman.
potato beet celery
- Mrs. Canon, noting Kevin's chagrin, calmly regained the attention of her _____.
ears clarinet class
- "Who can tell me the last time they didn't make a rude sound with a _____ instrument?" she began.
scientific musical electronic
- "Oh," entered Sean _____, "I remember that four months ago Sunday I didn't make a mistake."
understandingly madly cryptically
- "And _____ was that?" asked Mrs. Canon, amused by Sean's wisdom.
who what why
- "Well, you know, we didn't get our instruments until the next _____," replied Sean.
Christmas pizza Monday
- Mrs. Canon looked at every band member who _____ and nodded their heads.
hollered smiled marched
- "Kevin," she said softly, "you're doing fine. My goodness! I _____ on my trumpet for two years solid. Just ask my mother."
squealed stepped played
- Kevin almost smiled, though he kept his head _____.
nodding askew lowered
- Raising her baton once more, Mrs. Canon returned to the nocturne, and the _____ played on.
game band toys



Make the following words plural.

1. cranberry _____
2. bunny _____
3. calf _____
4. church _____
5. rainbow _____
6. watch _____
7. life _____
8. hobby _____
9. notch _____
10. vicinity _____
11. psalm _____
12. index _____
13. half _____
14. suffix _____
15. symphony _____

Examples

Directions: Read each item. Choose the word that means the same or about the same as the underlined word.

A resent a remark

- A make
- B dislike
- C appreciate
- D accept

B Rapid means —

- F foamy
- G weird
- H short
- J quick



Be careful. The letters for the answer choices change for each question. Make sure the space you fill in matches the answer you think is correct.

Practice

1 expect a package

- A ship
- B lose
- C replace
- D anticipate

2 fond recollection

- F attitude
- G memory
- H friend
- J accomplishment

3 barren area

- A empty
- B hot
- C large
- D distant

4 delightful trip

- F boring
- G annoying
- H pleasant
- J expensive

5 To intend is to —

- A resist
- B plan
- C pay
- D dislike

6 An awkward person is —

- F smart
- G cranky
- H skilled
- J clumsy

7 To revolve is to —

- A jump
- B fly
- C fall
- D turn

8 To graze is to —

- F eat
- G run
- H stand
- J sit

