

SNAP – Same Sound Skills

Homonyms Demystified

A Student's Guide To Homonyms, Homophones And Commonly
Confused Words.



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This publication is designed to act as instructional material to aid in the appropriate learning and distinguishing of commonly confused words. As each student and learning situation is unique and different from another, no guarantee of student learning is proffered. However, use, review and assessment of worksheets is highly recommended.

5. Air/Ere/Heir

Air 1. - an unseen essence that is made up of oxygen and nitrogen and covers the planet.

2. - airs and graces – to put on ‘airs and graces’ is to be snobbish and think yourself above your peers.

Ere - an old English way of saying ‘before’.

Heir - a person who, under the law, receives a title or estate after the death of the person who has left the estate.



Circle the correct word in the following sentences.

1. (air/ere/heir) I go to bed, I must clear up in the kitchen.
2. The smoke in this room is so thick there is hardly enough (air/ere/heir) to breathe.
3. All humans need (air/ere/heir) to live.
4. It doesn't seem fair that Nick is going to be (air/ere/heir) to the McDonald fortune.
5. If she weren't the (air/ere/heir), there would be no way she would be allowed in here.
6. (air/ere/heir) one buys a house, there is a lot of organising of finances that must be done.
7. Some people have difficulty breathing – and some buy (air/ere/heir) purifiers to make it easier.
8. The toxic emissions from vehicles are one of the chief causes of (air/ere/heir) pollution.
9. Prince William is (air/ere/heir) to the throne of England after his father Charles.
10. Frederick tied 30 balloons to his lawn chair to see how far up in the (air/ere/heir) he could go.

Circle Y for Yes if the sentence is correct and N for No, if the sentence is incorrect.

1. All this fresh heir is making me sleepy. Y / N
2. At the top of Mt Everest, the ere is very thin and climbers need oxygen to survive. Y / N
3. This is going to be interesting – David has left his house to five different airs. Y / N
4. The heir in this room is thick with smoke. Y / N
5. Ere we leave for the beach, let's put the picnic basket in the car. Y / N
6. By the time the heir claimed the fortune, there was nothing left. Y / N
7. Heir bubbles could be seen above the deep sea divers. Y / N
8. Where is the air port from here? Y / N
9. 'To take the airs' is an old way of saying, 'get some fresh air.' Y / N
10. Wouldn't it be lovely to be the heir of a great fortune? Y / N

Some Other Words and Expressions using 'AIR'.

Air	Air bag	Air ball	Airbase
Air bearing	Air bed	Air bladder	Airboat
Airborne	Airbrake	Air brick	Air bridge
Air brush	Air burst	Air Chief Marshal	Air conditioning
Air corridor	Air cover	Aircraft	Aircraft carrier
Air crew	Air cushion	Airdrop	Air dry
Airer	Airfield	Air filter	Airflow
Airfoil	Air force	Air freight	Air freshener
Air guitar	Air gun	Air head	Air hostess
Air kiss	Air layering	Airlift	Airline
Airliner	Air lock	Air Mail	Airman
Air Marshal	Air mass	Air Mattress	Air mass
Air Mattress	Air mile	Air pistol	Airplane
Air pocket	Airport	Air pump	Air quality
Air raid	Air sac	Airship	Airsick
Airspace	Airstrip	Airtight	Airtime
Air-to-ground	Air-to-surface	Air traffic control	Airwaves
Airway	Airy	Airy-fairy	

Choose 5 of your favourites from the above list and write down what you think they mean.

Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the words below.

(Use: air, air, air, air, air, air, heir, ere, heir, airs)

1. They used to use canaries in mines to let the miners know if the _____ was bad.
2. The washing on the line needs good dry _____ to circulate around it.
3. Giorgio didn't quite know what he felt when he was named _____ of the estate.
4. There were so many people squabbling to get into the room that the _____ was quite stuffy.
5. An _____ filter is needed in engines to keep them clean.
6. _____ the storm hits, let's get out of here!
7. _____ and graces are not necessary here.
8. Sometimes, when Liza is not concentrating, she can be a bit of an _____ head!
9. Being an _____ traffic controller can be one of the most demanding jobs possible.
10. Please don't call me the _____ to the throne. It sounds too stuck up for me.

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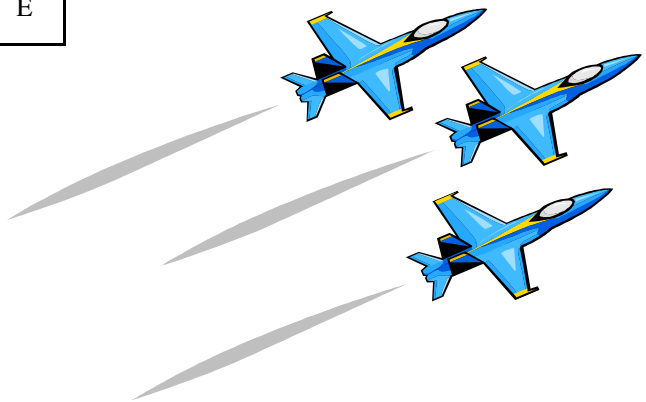
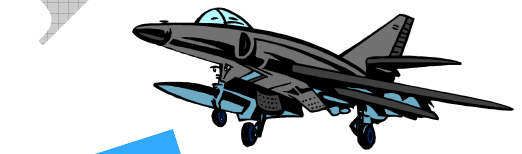
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Using the above code, decipher the following message.

Find these words in the following quick find-a-word.

Airport Airborne Air force Air filter Heir Ere Air flow

A	I	R	F	O	R	C	E	B	C	A
I	D	E	H	E	I	R	F	F	H	I
R	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
P	S	R	A	I	R	F	L	O	W	B
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T	I	O	A	I	R	H	E	A	D	N
A	I	R	F	I	L	T	E	R	M	E



These are some of the airplanes used by the air force.
 Being in a hot air balloon can be quite fun if you're not scared of heights.

Teacher's Signature: _____

Comment: _____