

Homonyms and contractions are two groups of words that create confusion for students. Dictionaries and memory aids can help students remember these often confused words.

For example:

Look at the word *there*.

Do you see the word **here** inside the word **there**? **there**

Remember *there* and *here* have to do with a place.

Look at the word *their*.

Do you see the word **heir** inside the word **their**? **their**

An heir is someone who is related to you and often receives part of your estate.

Remember *their* and *heir* have to do with people so these terms relate to ownership.

Type the correct homonym in the space provided:

1. The children need to be (there, their) before the sun sets. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The likelihood of his (being, bean) on time is less than you might expect. \_\_\_\_\_
3. (Your, You're) visit is something that the family has awaited for months. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The old man thought about the (bear, bare) soil in his back yard and planned to plant a garden. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The (principal, principle) of committing random acts of kindness is something that all people can support. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The truck (idols, idles) in the driveway while she rearranges the plants in the back. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The man said that (its, it's) the responsibility of his son to take out the trash. \_\_\_\_\_
8. The boss said that the company must guard (its, it's) reputation by ensuring confidentiality among the managers. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The teacher told the students, "(Our, Are) tasks are many." \_\_\_\_\_
10. The city (counsel, council) will vote on the change to city parking soon. \_\_\_\_\_
11. She will enroll in a (coarse, course) that promotes personal health. \_\_\_\_\_
12. The restaurant guests (complimented, complemented) the décor. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Her grandmother (died, dyed) fabric for the local arts organization. \_\_\_\_\_
14. These (feet, feats) forced her friends to acknowledge her physical strength and endurance. \_\_\_\_\_

Write sentences with the following confusing words:

1. principal

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2. principle

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3. forth

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4. fourth

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7. complement

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8. compliment

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