

# 354 Sentences to Test Your Knowledge of Homophones

## ANSWER KEY

Sentence	Answer
1. Her shoes are [two/too] small.	too
2. He has [two/too] dogs.	two
3. The Earth orbits around the [son/sun].	sun
4. Their [son/sun] is an only child.	son
5. The [son/sun] was shining through the window.	sun
6. She [new/knew] how to speak Spanish.	knew
7. He started a [new/knew] job on Monday.	new
8. He held the railing as he walked down the [stairs/stares].	stairs
9. The cat sits in the window and [stairs/stares] at the squirrel.	stares
10. I can [sea/see] the mountains in the distance.	see
11. Fishermen make their living from the [sea/see].	sea
12. I'll [sea/see] you at the meeting next week.	see
13. The [sea/see] wall protected the village from the waves.	sea
14. The actors had to shoot the [scene/seen] three times.	scene
15. The cat was last [scene/seen] in the backyard.	seen
16. The crime [scene/seen] was surrounded by yellow tape.	scene
17. Have you [scene/seen] my keys?	seen

18. It's going to rain today [weather/whether] you like it or not.	whether
19. The [weather/whether] on the weekend is supposed to be sunny.	weather
20. The final cost depends on [weather/whether] you choose the small or the large size.	whether
21. The tree [blue/blew] over in the storm.	blew
22. We painted the ceiling [blue/blew].	blue
23. The snowstorm will [affect/effect] thousands of travelers.	affect
24. The [affect/effect] of the changes was unexpected.	effect
25. At the grocery store, coffee is in the same [aisle/isle] as tea.	aisle
26. Thousands of seabirds nest on the small [aisle/isle].	isle
27. They weren't [allowed/aloud] to take their dog into the store.	allowed
28. The teacher read the instructions [allowed/aloud] to the students.	aloud
29. The day was warm, so the students [ate/eight] their lunch outside.	ate
30. She works for [ate/eight] hours every weekday.	eight
31. The dog chased the [ball/bawl] into the neighbor's yard.	ball
32. That movie is so sad; the ending always makes me [ball/bawl].	bawl
33. The children [bear/bare] a resemblance to their grandfather.	bear
34. After the sale, the store's shelves were almost [bear/bare].	bare
35. The tourists sat at the [base/bass] of the statue.	base
36. She plays [base/bass] clarinet in the orchestra.	bass
37. The contractors [billed/build] the company for travel expenses.	billed

38. We want to [billed/build] a new shed in the garden.	build
39. She [blew/blue] out the candle and went to sleep.	blew
40. He signed the document in [blew/blue] ink.	blue
41. He chopped the onions on the cutting [board/bored].	board
42. She was [board/bored] because she didn't have any work to do.	bored
43. If you drop your phone, you might [break/brake] it.	break
44. He had to [break/brake] suddenly to avoid hitting the deer.	brake
45. I [buy/by] most of my books online.	buy
46. I drive [buy/by] the park on my way to work.	by
47. Seoul is the [capital/capitol] of South Korea.	capital
48. The [capital/capitol] building was built in 1878.	capitol
49. The students studied a diagram of a plant [cell/sell].	cell
50. They [cell/sell] postage stamps at the corner store.	sell
51. You can't buy anything with one [cent/sent/scent] anymore.	cent
52. The flowers have a very strong [cent/sent/scent].	scent
53. The doctor [cent/sent/scent] his patient to a specialist.	sent
54. You get only one [chance/chants] to pass the test.	chance
55. The singers practiced their [chance/chants] before the service.	chants
56. Their dog [chews/choose] on the furniture	chews
57. The teacher let the students [chews/choose] their essay topics.	choose
58. Remember to [close/clothes] the windows before you leave.	close

59. She hung up the [close/clothes] in the closet.	clothes
60. He sanded the wood with [coarse/course] sandpaper.	coarse
61. He's taking a [coarse/course] in marketing.	course
62. The stairs [creak/creek] in my house.	creak
63. The [creak/creek] floods every spring.	creek
64. Your parcel should arrive in three [days/daze].	days
65. I had to get up early, so I've been in a [days/daze] all morning.	daze
66. She's such a [dear/deer] friend.	dear
67. The [dear/deer] ate all the lettuce in the garden.	deer
68. His shoes were soaked from walking through the [dew/do/due].	dew
69. I have to [dew/do/due] my taxes this weekend.	do
70. My history assignment is [dew/do/due] on Wednesday.	due
71. Make your decision based on [facts/fax].	facts
72. The printer is also a [facts/fax] machine.	fax
73. He is a very honest and [fair/fare] man.	fair
74. The subway [fair/fare] is going up next week.	fare
75. I can't [find/fined] my wallet!	find
76. She was [find/fined] for driving over the speed limit.	fined
77. The [flower/flour] has red petals.	flower
78. Add more [flower/flour] if the dough is too sticky.	flour
79. The cake is [for/four] her birthday.	for

80. Our neighbors have [for/four] children.	four
81. Richard Dawkins wrote the [foreword/forward] to the second edition of the book.	foreword
82. He released the brake, and the tractor slowly moved [foreword/forward].	forward
83. The [gene/jean] for red hair is recessive.	gene
84. The bag is made from [gene/jean] fabric.	jean
85. Don't forget to [grease/Greece] the cake pan.	grease
86. Sophocles was a tragedian from Ancient [grease/Greece].	Greece
87. The comedian's jokes are so bad that audiences usually [groan/grown] instead of laugh.	groan
88. A fully [groan/grown] Chihuahua weighs less than the average house cat.	grown
89. She cuts her [hair/hare] short in the summer.	hair
90. A [hair/hare] often visits the garden behind the house.	hare
91. The loft is filled with [hay/hey] for the winter.	hay
92. [Hay/Hey]! Stop! Thief!	Hey
93. If properly treated, the wound should [heal/heel] within a few weeks.	heal
94. My new shoes gave me a blister on my right [heal/heel].	heel
95. I can't [hear/here] what he's saying.	hear
96. They'll be [hear/here] tomorrow.	here
97. Say [hi/high] to Sarah for me.	hi
98. The shelf is too [hi/high] for me to reach.	high

99. After the concert, his voice was [hoarse/horse] from cheering.	hoarse
100. We keep a [hoarse/horse], two cows, and six chickens.	horse
101. The water leaked in through a [hole/whole] in the roof.	hole
102. I read the [hole/whole] book over the weekend.	whole
103. Their appointment lasted for almost an [hour/our].	hour
104. We're visiting [hour/our] grandparents on the weekend.	our
105. The medieval [knight/night] was known for his horsemanship.	knight
106. Raccoons are more active at [knight/night].	night
107. Hold on, I've got a [knot/naught/not] in my shoelace.	knot
108. In the end, our efforts were all for [knot/naught/not].	naught
109. I'm [knot/naught/not] going to work today.	not
110. Do you [know/no] how to speak Spanish?	know
111. There's [know/no] water in the swimming pool.	no
112. We [leased/least] the apartment for the summer.	leased
113. The early morning flight is the [leased/least] expensive.	least
114. You have to repay the [loan/lone] by the end of the month.	loan
115. He is the [loan/lone] occupant of the building.	lone
116. I [made/maid] fresh coffee if you'd like some.	made
117. They hired a [made/maid] to clean the house.	maid
118. I'll [mail/male] you the invoice.	mail
119. A [mail/male] deer is called a buck.	male

120. They plan to [marry/merry] in the spring.	marry
121. The band played a [marry/merry] tune.	merry
122. The pasta is served with a [meat/meet] sauce.	meat
123. She plans to [meat/meet] him at the airport.	meet
124. After dicing the onion, [mince/mints] the garlic.	mince
125. The waiter gave the diners some complimentary [mince/mints].	mints
126. I slept in and [missed/mist] the bus!	missed
127. The rain slowed down and became a light [missed/mist].	mist
128. I have to work in the [morning/mourning], but I'm free in the afternoon.	morning
129. The family were in [morning/mourning] for a month.	mourning
130. [None/Nun] of the witnesses could identify the suspect.	none
131. At age 25, she took her vows and became a [none/nun].	nun
132. Each passenger is allowed [one/won] piece of carry-on luggage.	one
133. The candidate [one/won] the vote by a narrow margin.	won
134. We collected the clams in a plastic [pail/pale].	pail
135. Are you all right? You look [pail/pale].	pale
136. The house has a [pear/pair] tree in the backyard.	pear
137. I need to buy a new [pear/pair] of gloves.	pair
138. Training your dog requires a lot of [patience/patients].	patience
139. The doctor is accepting new [patience/patients].	patients

140. Would you like a [piece/peace] of cake?	piece
141. I escaped to the library for some [piece/peace] and quiet.	peace
142. Print your essay on [plain/plane] white paper.	plain
143. The [plain/plane] circled the airport and prepared for landing.	plane
144. If the [rain/reign] continues, the river might flood.	rain
145. My great-grandfather was born during the [rain/reign] of Queen Victoria.	reign
146. I [read/red] that book in one sitting!	read
147. The [read/red] dress is my favorite.	red
148. Drive two blocks and turn [right/write] at the traffic lights.	right
149. I try to [right/write] in my journal every day.	write
150. The [road/rode] is closed for repairs.	road
151. I [road/rode] my bike to work this morning.	rode
152. Wear leather gloves when pruning the [rose/rows] bush.	rose
153. The table has twenty [rose/rows] and five columns.	rows
154. We watched the balloon [sail/sale] away on the breeze.	sail
155. When I bought my tablet, it was on [sail/sale].	sale
156. The film's director decided to reshoot the [scene/seen].	scene
157. The children had never [scene/seen] snow before.	seen
158. My parents moved to a small house by the [sea/see].	sea
159. I can't wait to [sea/see] her new movie!	see

160. My grandmother taught me how to [sew/so] my own clothes.	sew
161. It's [sew/so] cold outside!	so
162. She was the [sole/soul] passenger on the bus.	sole
163. Some say brevity is the [sole/soul] of wit.	soul
164. Their [son/sun] is a dentist.	son
165. I like to hang my laundry outside in the [son/sun] to dry.	sun
166. Watch your step—the third [stair/stare] has a broken tread.	stair
167. If you [stair/stare] at the optical illusion, the circles appear to be moving.	stare
168. I watched the crow [steal/steel] food from the picnickers.	steal
169. Many skyscrapers have [steal/steel] frames.	steel
170. We bought a three-piece [suite/sweet] for the living room.	suite
171. The dessert was too [suite/sweet] for my tastes.	sweet
172. They took [their/there] grandchildren to the zoo.	their
173. Are [their/there] any volunteers?	there
174. He [threw/through] the wrapper into the garbage.	threw
175. We drove [threw/through] a thunderstorm on the way here.	through
176. I'm going [to/too/two] university in the fall.	to
177. She wants one [to/too/two].	too
178. We have [to/too/two] cats and a dog.	two
179. Try to [vary/very] your routine to avoid boredom.	vary

180. The investigator was [vary/very] thorough.	very
181. The dress is too tight around the [waist/waste].	waist
182. Don't leave the tap running and [waist/waste] water.	waste
183. Please [wait/weight] behind the line.	wait
184. The bulk store sells food by [wait/weight].	weight
185. He enlisted in the army and went to [war/wore] when he was only eighteen.	war
186. I [war/wore] my new shoes today.	wore
187. I usually [wear/where] boots when I go hiking.	wear
188. Do you know [wear/where] the library is?	where
189. I'm recovering from the flu, and I still feel [weak/week].	weak
190. Your parcel should arrive next [weak/week].	week
191. In the summer, the [weather/whether] can be very hot around here.	weather
192. I don't know [weather/whether] to laugh or cry.	whether
193. [Which/Witch] brand do you recommend?	which
194. You dress up as a [which/witch] every Halloween!	witch
195. We installed [wood/would] flooring throughout our house.	wood
196. He [wood/would] prefer to speak with you in person.	would
197. [There/Their/They're] isn't time to waste!	There
198. After recess, the students returned to [there/their/they're] desks.	their
199. I wonder where [there/their/they're] going.	they're

200. If [you're/your] busy, I can come back later.	you're
201. What is [you're/your] last name?	your
202. The courier left the parcel [by/buy/bye] the front door.	by
203. I'll [by/buy/bye] lunch today.	buy
204. OK, [by/buy/bye]! I'll see you later!	bye
205. The rabbit remained [stationary/stationery] to avoid being seen.	stationary
206. She wrote thank-you letters on personalized [stationary/stationery].	stationery
207. Many restaurants serve [complimentary/complementary] bread with the meal.	complimentary
208. In the logo, the blue contrasts well with its [complimentary/complementary] color, yellow.	complementary
209. You'll have to [brake/break] hard when you go down the hill.	brake
210. Don't try to force the window open, or you might [brake/break] it.	break
211. The doctor prescribed her a [course/coarse] of antibiotics.	course
212. The dog's fur is very thick and [course/coarse].	coarse
213. It was a beautiful day, so I [ate/eight] my lunch in the park.	ate
214. As its name suggests, the octopus has [ate/eight] arms.	eight
215. It's too cold for [bare/bear] legs today.	bare
216. In the summer, the [bare/bear] eats a lot of berries.	bear
217. I'm saving up to [buy/by/bye] a new laptop.	buy
218. This song was written [buy/by/bye] John Lennon.	by
219. [Buy/By/Bye]! I'll see you tomorrow!	Bye

220. The prisoner banged his cup against the bars of his [cell/sell] .	cell
221. I'm going to [cell/sell] my old laptop online.	sell
222. The dog's paws were wet from the [dew/do/due] on the lawn.	dew
223. What should I [dew/do/due] if the power goes out?	do
224. I'm stressed out! I have another assignment [dew/do/due] tomorrow.	due
225. The wind gusted, and a speck of dirt blew into my [eye/I].	eye
226. [Eye/I] can't remember my password!	I
227. I played the [fairy/ferry] Cobweb in A Midsummer's Night Dream.	fairy
228. The [fairy/ferry] doesn't run in bad weather, leaving the islanders cut off from the mainland.	ferry
229. The recipe calls for two cups of [flour/flower].	flour
230. The plant's [flour/flower] is small but strongly scented.	flower
231. We're still waiting [for/four] Anne to arrive.	for
232. Many mammals walk on all [for/four] legs.	four
233. You'll have to speak louder; I can't [hear/here] what you're saying.	hear
234. Is everybody [hear/here]?	here
235. You have exactly one [hour/our] to complete the exam.	hour
236. We hired a professional to paint [hour/our] house.	our
237. Do you [know/no] how to swim?	know
238. The old house has [know/no] central heating.	no
239. When I was a kid, I used to pretend to be a [knight/night] in King Arthur's court.	knight

240. My cat likes to run around the house at [knight/night] when I'm sleeping.	night
241. Your invitation will be sent by [mail/male].	mail
242. If you want to have two cats, a [mail/male] and a female will usually get along.	male
243. I'm not sure if I want to [marry/merry] him.	marry
244. She sent a present to wish her grandmother a [marry/merry] Christmas.	merry
245. I try to eat less [meat/meet] and more vegetables.	meat
246. Tomorrow, I have to [meat/meet] with the new manager.	meet
247. Human cells have 23 [pairs/pears] of chromosomes.	pairs
248. I'm making poached [pairs/pears] for dessert.	pears
249. Am I doing this the [right/write] way?	right
250. I [right/write] a weekly column for the local newspaper.	write
251. Eagles have excellent vision and often hunt their prey by [sight/site].	sight
252. The construction [sight/site] was surrounded by a chain link fence.	site
253. My sister has one [son/sun] and two daughters.	son
254. Many traffic accidents occur when drivers are blinded by [son/sun] glare.	sun
255. The travelers waited to collect [their/there/they're] luggage.	their
256. Why do we have to go [their/there/they're]? Can't we stay here?	there
257. I don't think they know what [their/there/they're] doing.	they're
258. I can't wait [to/too/two] go camping next weekend.	to

259. I thought the soup was [to/too/two] salty.	too
260. Many families own [to/too/two] cars nowadays.	two
261. I work better if I can focus on [one/won] task at a time.	one
262. A guy at my office [one/won] the lottery!	won
263. [Wait/Weight] for the cookies to cool before you eat them.	Wait
264. I need to lose [wait/weight], so I've started walking to work.	weight
265. Can I [wear/where] jeans, or is that too casual?	wear
266. I'll never forget [wear/where] I was when I heard the news.	where
267. You can leave your coats over [their/there/they're].	there
268. They have a swimming pool at [their/there/they're] house.	their
269. [Their/There/They're] closing early on Christmas Eve.	They're
270. The printer uses [to/too/two] ink cartridges, one black and one color.	two
271. I hope this meeting isn't [to/too/two] long.	too
272. He has [to/too/two] leave for work at six in the morning.	to
273. The robin is busy building [its/it's] nest.	its
274. Let me know when [its/it's] time to leave.	it's
275. Are you [sure/shore] this is the right address?	sure
276. Houses built near the [sure/shore] are at greater risk of flooding.	shore
277. There is a weather vane on the [peak/peek/pique] of the barn roof.	peak
278. The author posted a sneak [peak/peek/pique] of her latest novel on her website.	peek

279. Comfort food can help [peak/peek/pique] their appetite.	pique
280. Thank you for the thoughtful [compliment/complement].	compliment
281. Their different personalities [compliment/complement] each other well.	complement
282. If you can't find a solution, take a [break/brake] and work on something else.	break
283. Make sure to put on the parking [break/brake] when you park your car.	brake
284. He's the only [one/won] here who can speak Japanese.	one
285. Kazuo Ishiguro [one/won] the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2017.	won
286. I have to [meet/meat] with my lawyer this afternoon.	meet
287. Season the [meet/meat] with salt and pepper, and then brown it in a hot pan.	meat
288. The wind gust almost blew me off my [feet/feat]!	feet
289. Giving medicine to my cat is no easy [feet/feat].	feat
290. His [toe/tow] protruded from a hole in his sock.	toe
291. We watched the tugboat [toe/tow] the ship into harbor.	tow
292. The [creek/creak] eventually flows into a larger river.	creek
293. She heard the front door [creek/creak] open as he returned home.	creak
294. She learned to [read/reed] when she was only four years old.	read
295. The duck hid her ducklings among the dense [reads/reeds].	reeds
296. Stop signs are usually [red/read].	red
297. I [red/read] the directions, but I still can't figure out how it works.	read

298. Swallows seem to spend most of their time in the [air/heir].	air
299. His wife is [air/heir] to the family fortune.	heir
300. The snowshoe [hare/hair] turns white in the winter.	hare
301. I have three dogs, so my house is usually covered in [hare/hair].	hair
302. I try to travel lightly, packing only the [bare/bear] essentials.	bare
303. The grizzly [bare/bear] was skilled at catching salmon.	bear
304. His words [wield/wheeled] tremendous influence among his followers.	wield
305. I [wield/wheeled] the recycling bin to the curb.	wheeled
306. The bird flew [through/threw] the open window.	through
307. She [through/threw] the stick for her dog.	threw
308. He sharpened his pencil, [but/butt] the lead broke as soon as he started writing.	but
309. The politician was frequently the [but/butt] of comedians' jokes.	butt
310. If you don't water your houseplants, they will [die/dye].	die
311. The actor had to [die/dye] his hair black for the role.	dye
312. They often drink [wine/whine] with their meals.	wine
313. The dog will [wine/whine] at the door when he wants to go out.	whine
314. The truck driver pulled over to the side of the [road/rode].	road
315. I [road/rode] the bus to school every morning.	rode
316. My aunt has a pet [Road/Rode/Rhode] Island Red rooster.	Rhode
317. I have only one [pair/pear] of shoes.	pair

318. That [pair/pear] isn't ripe enough to eat yet.	pear
319. The monkey hung from the tree by its [tail/tale].	tail
320. My grandfather told us a [tail/tale] about his childhood.	tale
321. Do you have [time/thyme] to proofread my essay?	time
322. I grow [time/thyme] in a pot on my balcony.	thyme
323. Martens and [fishers/fissures] are closely related carnivorous mammals.	fishers
324. After the earthquake, the pavement was cracked with deep [fishers/fissures].	fissures
325. I didn't have time to watch the [whole/hole] movie.	whole
326. The badger dug a [whole/hole] in the garden.	hole
327. When I'm [bored/board], I get sleepy.	bored
328. The carpenter sawed the [bored/board] in half.	board
329. I won't [bore/boar] you with the details, but I finally finished my taxes.	bore
330. The wild [bore/boar] is the ancestor of most domestic swine.	boar
331. Fertilize your tomato plants to [ensure/insure] a good harvest.	ensure
332. Remember to [ensure/insure] your vehicle before you drive it.	insure
333. There's nothing wrong with my [sight/site]; I wear glasses because I like how they look.	sight
334. We visited the [sight/site] of the historic battle.	site
335. Mange is caused by a type of parasitic [mite/might].	mite
336. I [mite/might] be wrong, but I think the store is closed today.	might
337. I felt the [effect/affect] of the medication almost immediately.	effect

338. A poor night's sleep can [effect/affect] your whole day.	affect
339. Will you [be/bee] coming to the Christmas party?	be
340. A [be/bee] landed on the flower.	bee
341. I've never seen [so/sew] many fireflies!	so
342. I learned to [so/sew] in home economics.	sew
343. My [Aunt/Ant] Caroline is my mother's youngest sister.	Aunt
344. An [aunt/ant] can carry up to 50 times its body weight.	ant
345. When my calculations are wrong, I have to [pore/pour] over the spreadsheet to find the error.	pore
346. While whisking constantly, slowly [pore/pour] the oil into vinegar in a steady stream.	pour
347. The tornado [tore/tour] through the city's industrial district.	tore
348. They gave us a [tore/tour] of their new house.	tour
349. I'll be on holidays next [week/weak].	week
350. This coffee is too [week/weak].	weak
351. In the summer, she often makes mixed [berry/bury] cobbles.	berry
352. The squirrels [berry/bury] the peanuts under the snow.	bury
353. I don't know [whether/weather] I should leave or stay.	whether
354. He always checks the [whether/weather] in the morning before he leaves for work.	weather