



**Subject:** Grade 9 English: Home Language

**Topic:** Homophones, homonyms and malapropisms

**Total:** 34 Marks

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1. true

2 marks

**Explanation:**

Knew and new sound the same but have different meaning and spelling.

knew = knowledge

new = not old

Therefore these are **homophones**.

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2. incredible. | incredible

3 marks

**Explanation:**

**Malapropisms** are words which sound similar and are then used incorrectly / confused in a sentence.

incredulous = unable to believe something

incredible = amazing

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3. true

2 marks

**Explanation:**

**Malapropisms** are words which sound similar and are then used incorrectly / confused in a sentence.

Example:

The lightening struck the tree.

The correct word should be lightning.

Lightening refers to making something lighter, less dark.

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4. A: chalet

4 marks

**Explanation:**

**Malapropisms** are words which sound similar and are then used incorrectly / confused in a sentence.

chalice = a large cup or goblet

chalet = holiday home

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5. Obliterate | malapropism

4 marks

**Explanation:**

**Malapropisms** are words which sound similar and are then used incorrectly / confused in a sentence.

illiterate = unable to read / write  
obliterate = remove

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6. C: homophones.

4 marks

**Explanation:**

Rose and rows sound the same, but have different meaning and spelling. Therefore, these are **homophones**.

rose = got up  
rows = lines

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7. predict. | predict

3 marks

**Explanation:**

**Malapropisms** are words which sound similar and are then used incorrectly / confused in a sentence.

predicate = part of a sentence  
predict = an estimation

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8. malapropism | malapropism.

3 marks

**Explanation:**

**Malapropisms** are words which sound similar and are then used incorrectly / confused in a sentence.

certain = to be sure  
servant = worker

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9. pronounced | spelling | meanings

6 marks

**Explanation:**

**Homonyms** are both pronounced and spelt the same, but have different meanings.

He hit the ball into the net. (ball = sport equipment)  
She danced at the ball. (ball = dance event)

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10. homonyms | homonyms. | homonym | homonym.

3 marks

**Explanation:**

**Homonyms** have the same spelling and pronunciation, but different meanings.

'spell' = casting magic or spelling out a word (grammar)

