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# ✨ Grade 8 English — Homophones ✨

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1. Answer all three (separate with commas). 1) Fill the blank (diffuse/defuse): "The gas began to ____ throughout the room." 2) Fill the blank (leniency/leniensy): "The judge showed no ____ toward the repeat offender." 3) Fill the blank (render/rend): "The council needed to ____ a decision by Friday."

2. Answer all three (separate with commas). 1) Fill the blank (discern/decern): "The historian tried to ____ fact from myth in the old records." 2) Fill the blank (ford/forward): "The explorer had to ____ the river before setting up camp." 3) Fill the blank (complement/compliment): "She wanted to ____ him on his excellent performance."

3. Fill the blank (diffuse/defuse): "The manager tried to ____ the tense meeting with a joke."

4. Answer both (separate your two answers with a comma). 1) Fill the blank (ascertain/ascertane): "The scientist could not ____ the exact cause of the reaction." 2) Fill the blank (canvas/canvass): "Volunteers will ____ the neighbourhood asking for donations."

5. Answer all three (separate with commas). 1) Fill the blank (born/borne): "The disease is ____ by contaminated water." 2) Fill the blank (faze/phase): "Nothing seemed to ____ the experienced pilot during the storm." 3) Fill the blank (rouse/rows): "The general chose to ____ his troops before the battle."

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7. Answer both (separate your two answers with a comma). 1) Fill the blank (trek/track): "The soldiers had to ____ through the dense jungle." 2) Fill the blank (born/borne): "The disease is ____ by contaminated water."

8. Fill the blank (disparate/desperate): "The two witnesses gave ____ accounts of the accident."

9. Answer all three (separate with commas). 1) Fill the blank (faze/phase): "Nothing seemed to ____ the experienced pilot during the storm." 2) Fill the blank (elicit/illicit): "The detective tried to ____ a confession from the suspect." 3) Fill the blank (diffuse/defuse): "The manager tried to ____ the tense meeting with a joke."

10 Fill the blank (cogent/cogeant): "The lawyer presented a ____ argument to the jury."