

Enrichment Strategy: Often Confused Words “Quad Quest”

Homophones, Homonyms, Homographs

This offline enrichment strategy helps students reinforce their understanding and mastery of often confused words. This activity is best completed after students have had a chance to play the online Featured Games for Homophones, Homonyms, and Homographs.

Goal: To improve students’ correct use of often confused words.

What You’ll Need:

- Printer & copier
- Quad Quest handout, one per student (number of pages depends on how many words you want to drill)
- Pencils

What To Do:

1. Print template, keeping in mind it allows for 3 words to be practiced -- print 2 templates to practice 6 words, etc
2. Write a homophone, homonym, or homograph in the center of each grid (see example below, first page of handout -- words are in red).
3. Make enough photocopies for all students and distribute.
4. Read directions with students and go over the example together.
5. Complete the “quad” below the example as a class.
6. Have students complete the remaining quads on their own.

Just In Case:

If students have difficulty with this activity...

- You can have the class complete it together as a group.
- It can be done at a center.
- A peer buddy can help struggling students.
- A word bank is provided on page 4.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Quad Quest -- Homophones, Homonyms, Homographs

Directions: Provide the four characteristics requested for the word in the gray center box. The first one is done for you; follow the example.

<p><u>Which is it?</u></p> <p>a homophone</p>	<p><u>Name its pair</u></p> <p>principle</p>
PRINCIPAL	
<p><u>Definition</u></p> <p>adj - most important or main noun - the director of a school</p>	<p><u>Sentence</u></p> <p>The principal rule is to be honest. The principal of my school is strict.</p>

<p><u>Which is it?</u></p>	<p><u>Name its pair</u></p>
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<p><u>Definition</u></p>	<p><u>Sentence</u></p>

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Choose words from these lists to write on the center of the quads.

HOMOPHONES <i>sound alike</i>	HOMOGRAPHS <i>look alike</i>	HOMONYMS <i>sound & look alike</i>
air heir err fire (noun) fire (verb) waste waist rain reign night knight to too two	lead (noun) lead (verb) live (adjective) live (verb) wind (noun) wind (verb) dove (noun) dove (verb) desert (noun) desert (verb) tire (noun) tire (verb) lean (adjective) lean (verb)	bear (noun) bear (verb) pen (to write) pen (corral) watch (noun) watch (verb) scale (noun) scale (verb) fly (noun) fly (verb) park (noun) park (verb) right (left) right (wrong) <i>- all homonyms are homographs</i> <i>- all homonyms are homophones</i>