Curriculum Topic: Vocabulary

Teaching Point:

Homophones are words which sound the same but have different spellings and different meanings.

Example:





Hangar: a large building for housing an aircraft

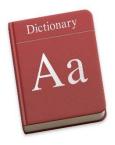
Hanger: a device designed to hang clothes

Note the different spelling and meaning.

In the activity below you have to use the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle.

If the wrong homophone is selected the other words will not fit properly.

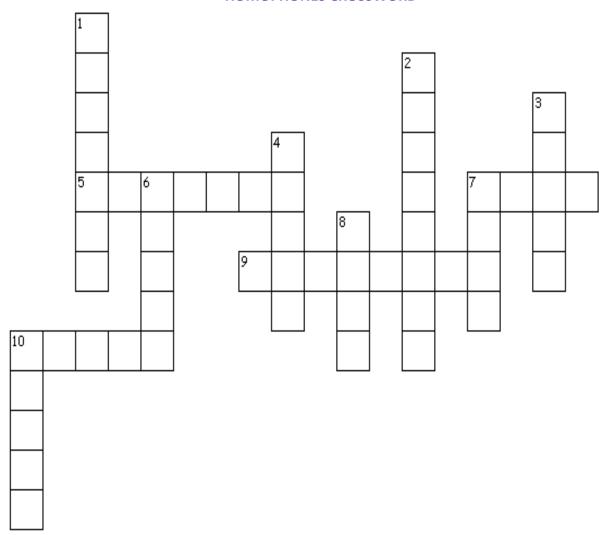
You can use your dictionary or thesaurus to check the correct spelling.



Activity 1

Use the clues to complete the puzzle

HOMOPHONES CROSSWORD



Across

- 5. day to day temperature and rain
- 7. lacking strength
- 9. ability to accept delay or problems
- 10. to change something

Down

- 1. permitted
- 2. persons waiting by the doctor
- 3. a long, thin piece of wood
- 4. a harsh squeaking sound
- 6. a table used for sacrifice
- 7. a period of seven days
- 8. a place where something is located
- 10. audibly, for others to hear

Activity 2

Read the passage. In each blank space, write the homophone that correctly completes the sentence.



| Mrs. Lin walked down the supermark | et (aisle, isle). | |
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| MIS. LIN Walked down the superfilation | ei (disie, isie). | |
| She (passed, past) the grapefruit display because she | | |
| could not decide between pink grapefruit and the regular kind. | | |
| (There, Their, They're) were | (two, to, too) kinds of mangoes. | |
| Next, she wondered where she might | (fined, find) the salad | |
| dressing. Noticing the | (presence, presents) of a | |
| store attendant, Mrs. Lin asked her in what | (lane, lain) | |
| she should look. After finding the dressing | , she (through, | |
| threw) a coin in the | (air, ear, heir) to determine which | |
| salad dressing to choose. She wondered if one of the schools in town offered a | | |
| (coarse, course) on the | | |
| (principals, principles) of grocery shopping. | | |

Activity 3

Create your own short rhyme or poem in which you demonstrate your knowledge of homophones.



Activity 1

Across

| Clues | Answers |
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| 5. day to day temperature and rain | weather |
| 7. lacking strength | week |
| 9. ability to accept delay Or problems | patience |
| 10. to change something | alter |

Down

| Clues | Answers |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| 1.permitted | allowed |
| 2. persons waiting by the doctor | patients |
| 3. a long, thin piece of wood | board |
| 4. a harsh squeaking sound | creak |
| 6. a table used for sacrifice | altar |
| 7. a period of seven days | week |
| 8. a place where something is located | site |
| 10. audibly, for others to hear | aloud |



Activity 2

Mrs. Lin walked down the supermarket <u>aisle</u> (aisle, isle). She <u>passed</u> (passed, past) the grapefruit display because she could not decide between pink grapefruit and the regular kind. <u>There</u> (There, Their, They're) were <u>two</u> (two, to, too) kinds of mangoes. Next she wondered where she might <u>find</u> (fined, find) the salad dressing. Noticing the <u>presence</u> (presence, presents) of a store attendant, Mrs. Lin asked her in what <u>aisle</u> (lane, lain) she should look. After finding the dressings, she <u>threw</u> (through, threw) a coin in the

<u>air</u> (air, ear, heir) to determine her choice of salad dressing. She wondered if one of the schools in town offered a <u>course</u> (coarse, course) on the <u>principles</u> (principals, principles) of grocery shopping.