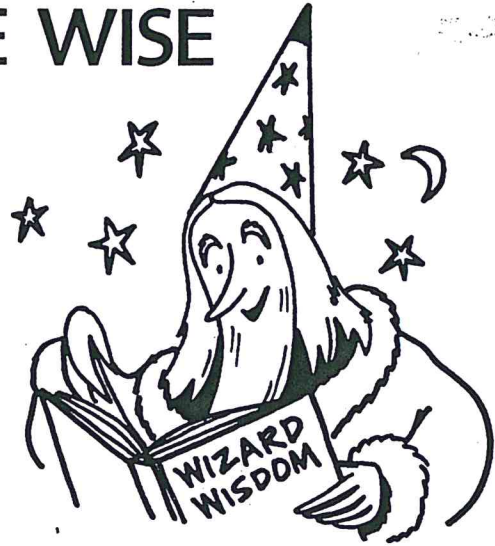


A WORD TO THE WISE

"A stitch in time saves nine." "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." "Look before you leap." These are some of the many proverbs or wise sayings we hear or read often. These quotes express ideas far deeper than the literal meaning of the words. For instance, the first saying below does not apply only to the task of gathering eggs from a hen's nest and putting them in a basket. What is its hidden or deeper meaning? For each saying below, write your own explanation of its implied (hidden) meaning.



1. Don't put all your eggs in one basket. _____
 2. Every cloud has a silver lining. _____
 3. The nail that sticks up will be hammered down. _____
 4. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. _____
 5. Beware of wolves in sheeps' clothing. _____
 6. The early bird gets the worm. _____
 7. The squeaky wheel gets the oil. _____
 8. Strike while the iron is hot. _____
 9. Look before you leap. _____
 10. A fool and his money are soon parted. _____
 11. Fish and visitors smell in three days. _____
 12. A rolling stone gathers no moss. _____
 13. Keep your head in a crisis. _____
 14. A stitch in time saves nine. _____
 15. You made your bed—you lie in it. _____
16. Which two sayings are very similar in their meaning? #'s _____ & _____.

Name _____

RULES TO LIVE BY

It's great fun to play around with sophisticated words that are not normally used in everyday conversation. Below is a collection of phrases, written in "snooty" language, but offering some good, sound advice. Match each sophisticated phrase with its contemporary, vernacular translation. (If you don't know what *vernacular* means, look it up. By the time you get through with this page, it should be a word you will never forget!)

Write the number of each "snooty" phrase next to its matching translation in ordinary language.

1. Sustain thyself by engorging a goodly portion of the nutritious elements.
2. When the gray aurora dawns in the eastern hemisphere, rouse yourself to a vertical position.
3. Render to each homo sapien his rightful appurtenances.
4. Avoid premature surrender to excessive anticipation.
5. Please refrain from making your bowler a depository for sputum.

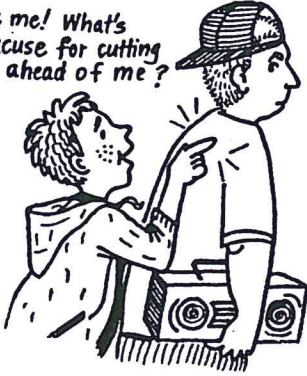


6. Ambulate with extreme vigilance.
7. Avoid contumelious comportment.
8. Never extricate foreign matter from your proboscis.
9. Shield your oral aperture when forcibly expelling from the same.
10. Regard with deference and esteem those who are your predecessors.

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| _____ A. Cover your mouth when you cough. | _____ F. Don't spit in your hat. |
| _____ B. Eat to live. | _____ G. Get up in the morning. |
| _____ C. Be patient. | _____ H. Respect your elders. |
| _____ D. Don't be rude. | _____ I. Give everyone his own stuff. |
| _____ E. Watch your step. | _____ J. Don't pick your nose. |

Name _____

Excuse me! What's
your excuse for cutting
in line ahead of me?



EXCUSE ME!

Homographs are words that are spelled the same but have different meanings. They often differ in their pronunciation. Choose a pair of homographs from the box at the bottom of the page to complete the sentences. For each sentence, there is a set of clues.



1. I _____ that you'll find the _____
(surmise or guess) (alleged culprit)
hiding in one of the cars on The Avalanche roller coaster.
2. Why did you _____ to throw your _____ in the trash?
(insist against) (garbage)
3. We might _____ up sailing into the _____.
(happen to) (air current)
4. Please don't _____ me in the _____.
(abandon) (dry wasteland)
5. Will the lady with a _____ please take a _____?
(fancy ribbon) (curtsy)
6. Scott wanted to _____ the results of the _____.
(argue against, disagree with) (competition)
7. I _____ to your pointing that dangerous _____ at me!
(disagree, protest) (gadget, article)
8. Are you going to _____ me with a _____ at the _____?
(give to) (gift) (current time)
9. It only took a _____ to eat this _____ cream puff.
(60 seconds) (tiny)
10. We got into a huge _____ over whose turn it was to _____ the boat.
(fight) (ship)

refuse	wind	contest	bow	present	row
suspect	desert	reject	object	minute	read

Name _____

FACT FINDER

“He’s the funniest guy in the school!” “Mara’s the best player on the soccer team!”

These sound like statements of fact, but they are opinions. If you lined up all the guys in the school, asked 100 people to vote for who was funniest, and all 100 voted for one boy, then would the first statement become a fact? If you collected the statistics on every game the team had ever played and showed that Mara’s stats were better than everyone else’s, would that make the second statement a true fact? What about all the players who supported Mara, passed her the ball, defended against the other team, and without whom she could never have scored any goals?

Telling the difference between statement of fact and opinion can be tricky. Read the following “factual” report, written by a young visitor to the state of Hawaii. Underline or highlight any sentence or part of a sentence that is opinion rather than fact.

Hawaii is the newest of the fifty United States and is the most beautiful state of all. It is 6,450 square miles in area and is the 47th largest state. It is actually made up of a chain of islands, and is the only state in the union completely surrounded by water. No wonder it is the favorite playground of mainland Americans! The many beaches and miles of warm surf, moderate temperature, the long hours of sunshine, beautiful sunsets, and brilliantly colored flowers that bloom year round have made this state into a tourist spot sought out by people from all over the world.

Main products of Hawaii are pineapple, sugar cane, tropical fruits, coffee, macadamia nuts and fish. Recreation and tourism are the main sources of income for many islanders. The first settlers to Hawaii brought much of their Polynesian tradition to the islands. Their dances (including the hula), religions, chants and customs contribute much to the beauty and richness of island life. Over the years, new arrivals have come to seek their fortunes, build homes, and raise families, so the culture has taken on additional facets and flavors. For this reason, modern Hawaii is sometimes referred to as the “population melting pot of the world,” making it a fascinating place to live and a delightful place to vacation.

1. How many phrases contain opinion?

2. Think of a good title for this report:



3. Tell why each phrase in answer #1 is not a fact.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

Name _____