

## ACTIVITY SHEET

## EPISODE 1: EYE TESTING

Practise and consolidate your learning about homonyms, homographs and suffixes by completing our activities. In the first one you need to choose the right homonym from the box to complete the sentences below.

### ACTIVITY 1

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male queue guessed site wait quay waist piece seas vain

**Question 1:**

They were seeking a \_\_\_\_\_ actor for the lead role in the musical.

**Question 2:**

The reading task was too difficult to complete so he \_\_\_\_\_ the answers to the remaining questions.

**Question 3:**

The women waited on the \_\_\_\_\_ to meet the ships and greet their sailor husbands.

**Question 4:**

The paramedics worked tirelessly in a \_\_\_\_\_ attempt to save her life.

**Question 5:**

The \_\_\_\_\_ is measured to get the most accurate fitting possible.

**Question 6:**

The boats weren't keen to venture out in the rough \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question 7:**

The detective was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the story together to solve the crime.

**Question 8:**

When tickets became available for the concert, it wasn't surprising there was a long \_\_\_\_\_ of people at the box office.

**Question 9:**

It was an agonising \_\_\_\_\_ for all when he was recovering from the car accident.

**Question 10:**

The developers have chosen a \_\_\_\_\_ for the new sports complex.

## ACTIVITY 2

Choose the correct phonetic transcription for the homograph in **bold**.

**Question 1:** The detective began to suspect the prime **suspect** in the case was lying about her whereabouts.

**Answer:**  
a. /sə'sp kt/  
b. /'s sp kt/

**Question 2:** After the probationary period was over, John was given a two-year **contract**.

**Answer:**  
a. /'k ntrækt/  
b. /kən'trækt/

**Question 3:** Which syllable do I **accent** in 'hagiographer'?

**Answer:**  
a. /'æks nt/  
b. /æk's nt/

**Question 4:** I think the **converse** is true: e-tags will reduce traffic build-up in the city.

**Answer:**  
a. /'k nv s/  
b. /kən'vɜs/

**Question 5:** I'll give you an **approximate** idea of the cost now and a full report early next week.

**Answer:**  
a. /ə'pr ksəmət/  
b. /ə'pr ksəme t/



**Question 6:** The patient made rapid **progress** after the operation.

**Answer:**  
a. /prə'gr s/  
b. /'pro gr s/

**Question 7:** The band will **record** a CD of their latest songs early next year.

**Answer:**  
a. /rə'k d/  
b. /'r k d/

**Question 8:** Your contract with the developer is **invalid** because it hasn't been signed.

**Answer:**  
a. /' nvəl d/  
b. / n'væləd/

**Question 9:** We need to **separate** the various tasks and share them among the group.

**Answer:**  
a. /'s pəre t/  
b. /'s prət/

**Question 10:** Did you say she is a **graduate** of the University of Technology?

**Answer:**  
a. /'græ uət/  
b. /'græ ue t/

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### ACTIVITY 3

Complete the table using suffixes -ism, -ist or -ic.

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capitalism	capitalist	
egotism		egotistic
	optimist	optimistic
formalism		formalistic
humanism	humanist	
individualism	individualist	
rationalism		rationalistic
	feminist	feministic
pessimism	pessimist	
	nihilist	nihilistic

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## ANSWERS ACTIVITY 1

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4. The paramedics worked tirelessly in a **vain** attempt to save her life.
5. The **waist** is measured to get the most accurate fitting possible.
6. The boats weren't keen to venture out in the rough **seas**.
7. The detective was able to **piece** the story together to solve the crime.
8. When tickets became available for the concert, it wasn't surprising there was a long **queue** of people at the box office.
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