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# Experiment 4 Materials (Noun-Noun Homograph)

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## Experimental Items

*I* = *Probe* word is related to an Inappropriate meaning of the final word.

U = Probe word is Unrelated to meaning of final word.

#### **FIRE**

I: He won the match U: He won the title

#### **HEAD**

I: She went to the temple U: She went to the sanctuary

## **DRUM**

I: She caught the bass U: She caught the trout

#### **BELL**

I: She put on the ring
U: She put on the necklace

#### BALL

I: He ate from the bowl U: He ate from the plate

#### **ACE**

I: He dug with the spade U: He dug with the shovel

#### **CHURCH**

I: He calculated the mass U: He calculated the length

## **IOKE**

I: She started to gag
U: She started to cough

#### **BEER**

I: He resisted the draft U: He resisted the war

#### HUNT

I: He ate a stalk U: He ate a piece

## **BOTTOM**

I: He played with the top U: He played with the train

#### **EYE**

I: He taught his pupils U: He taught his child

#### BRUSH

I: He talked to the sageU: He talked to the prophet

#### **TENNIS**

I: She lit the match U: She lit the lamp

#### WAITER

I: She jabbed with the tip U: She jabbed with the end

#### **STONE**

I: He wanted to listen to rock U: He wanted to listen to jazz

#### **HAIR**

I: He built the shed

U: He built the shack

#### **CORN**

I: She tried to stalkU: She tried to creep

## WEIGHT

I: She attended the mass U: She attended the funeral

## **PAN**

I: He smoked the pot U: He smoked the cigar

## **CATCHER**

I: She drank from the pitcher U: She drank from the thermos

#### **COW**

I: He wanted to steer U: He wanted to guide

## **MUSIC**

I: She picked up the rockU: She picked up the pebble

#### BREAD

I: She had to roll U: She had to jump

#### **MINUTE**

I: He placed second U: He placed last

#### **SHOVEL**

I: She played the spade U: She played the diamond

## **LAND**

I: She began to plot U: She began to scheme

#### WORK

I: She began to shift U: She began to move

## **SQUARE**

I: He began to box U: He began to wrestle

#### **COLUMN**

I: He liked to row U: He liked to swim

## **WRONG**

I: She turned to the right U: She turned to the left

#### **PAIR**

I: She had to set U: She had to fix

#### **WATER**

I: He played some bridge U: He played some chess

## **GOOD**

I: He paid the fine U: He paid the ticket

#### **DRINK**

I: He tried to punch U: He tried to throw

## **FRUIT**

I: She had a dateU: She had an appointment

## **STICK**

I: He joined the club U: He joined the group

#### LOOK

I: She liked the watch U: She liked the clock

#### **ARMY**

I: She drank the draft U: She drank the booze

## HIT

I: She tried the punch U: She tried the cola

#### **HOLE**

I: She had a mole U: She had a dimple

## **COUNTRY**

I: She washed the china

U: She washed the crystal

## **PLANE**

I: He had a fly U: He had a flea

## **OUT**

I: He paid the check U: He paid the bill

## **GLASS**

I: He was the pitcher U: He was the fielder

## **ANIMAL**

I: He helped to seal U: He helped to close

#### **ROB**

I: He used the mug U: He used the goblet

#### **CARDS**

I: He walked on the deck U: He walked on the tile

#### **IRON**

I: She expected the press U: She expected the media

#### **GAME**

I: She walked across the bridge U: She walked across the river

#### **SHIP**

I: She shuffled the deck U: She shuffled the papers

## **GIFT**

I: He lived in the present U: He lived in the future

#### DISHES

I: He went to China U: He went to France

## **FOOL**

I: She tried to jerkU: She tried to yank

## **DUCK**

I: She went to a quack U: She went to a dentist

## **FISH**

I: She sat on the perch U: She sat on the ledge

## **JELLO**

I: He grew some mold U: He grew some fungus

#### **NEWS**

I: He started to press U: He started to push

## **MONEY**

I: She wanted to check
U: She wanted to discover

#### **FIGHT**

I: She lifted the box U: She lifted the crate

## **SLIDE**

I: She wore the slip
U: She wore the nightgown

## **TOY**

I: She climbed to the top U: She climbed to the peak

#### CHEESE

I: She made a mold U: She made a pattern

#### GIRL

I: He ate a date U: He ate a plum

#### WART

I: He dug up the mole U: He dug up the gopher

#### CAR

I: She wanted the steer U: She wanted the bull

#### WRITE

I: He was the type

U: He was the kind

## **PAST**

I: She wrapped the presentU: She wrapped the package

## **FIRST**

I: She paused a second U: She paused a while

## **SHUT**

I: She helped the sealU: She helped the dolphin

## **KITCHEN**

I: She did not want to sink U: She did not want to trip

#### **PUT**

I: He had a set U: He had a bunch

## TIE

I: He shot with the bow U: He shot with a gun

#### **BRACELET**

I: He wanted to charm U: He wanted to smile

#### **FINGER**

I: He heard the ring U: He heard the sound

#### **CEREAL**

I: She used to bowl U: She used to ski

## **PORK**

I: He began to chop U: He began to saw

#### **OVER**

I: He had a roll U: He had a muffin

## WOOD

I: She began to shed U: She began to drop

#### **TIME**

I: He liked to watch U: He liked to see

## Fillers

ALL probe words are related to sentence and sentence-final word.

#### **ROSE**

She liked the flower

## **CONCEAL**

She had to hide

#### **DEBATE**

He prepared the argument

#### TAX

He calculated the income

## **SALSA**

She tried the dip

#### LATE

She waited for him

## **ASSAULT**

She had to attack

#### CLASS

She attended the school

#### DRIVE

He used the truck

#### **PRICE**

He paid for it

## **BREAK**

She dropped the platter

#### **TOURIST**

He was a traveler

#### **CURB**

She walked across the street

**SICK** 

He had the flu

**FORCE** 

She had the power

**SERMON** 

He began the speech

QUIT

She wanted to stop

**SHINE** 

She rubbed the shoe

**BUSH** 

He grew a plant

**CAB** 

She expected the taxi

**COOK** 

He fried the meat

**MEMBER** 

He joined the team

**TEXT** 

He left a book

**FEELING** 

He resisted the urge

PAL

He had a friend

REPLY

She had to answer

**PUZZLE** 

He solved the problem

LAUGH

He wanted to chuckle

**START** 

She asked to begin

**BUY** 

She went to shop

**OVEN** 

She cooked in the stove

**PET** 

He had a dog

**NAP** 

He liked to sleep

COLD

She began to shiver

**NYLONS** 

She washed the stockings

**ON** 

She turned the switch

**PEOPLE** 

She helped the poor

**ASSIGNMENT** 

He finished the homework

**GEM** 

He had the jewel

**PAPER** 

He prepared the report

**PRACTICE** 

He sharpened his skills

TRIAL

She went to court

HIKE

He walked on the trail

**BLUE** 

She felt sad

MIX

She turned on the blender

**TAKE** 

She tried to grab

**SPEAK** 

He talked to the boss

**SHOW** 

He had to display

**TROPHY** 

He wanted the award

**FILM** 

She hated the movie

**CHEW** 

He tried a bite

**THINK** 

She used to believe

**LIMB** 

She climbed the branch

**GARBAGE** 

She went to the dump

**SHOOT** 

He played pool

**IDEA** 

He played with the thought

**HOME** 

He lived in the house

**HEAR** 

He liked to listen

**BAKE** 

She made a cake

**PEPPER** 

He forgot the spice

**JOB** 

He went to the office

**FETCH** 

He helped to bring

**DONATE** 

She prepared to contribute

**SURF** 

He went to the beach

**BAD** 

He did it poorly

**ORANGE** 

She drank the juice

LIE

He wanted to fib

**MEAL** 

She went to lunch

WHIRL

She began to spin

**GOAL** 

He played soccer

**TOWN** 

He went to the village

**RAT** 

She wanted the rodent

**DEPART** 

He tried to leave

**POND** 

She liked the lake

**LAWN** 

He started the mower

**BROOK** 

He crossed the stream

**PICTURE** 

He shot with a camera

**ENTER** 

She walked through the door

**SING** 

He heard the opera

**COUCH** 

She sat on the sofa