

Spelling and Homonyms

A homonym is a word that has the same pronunciation as another. Homonyms can differ from each other in 1) meaning, 2) origin, and 3) usually spelling (words with the same pronunciation but different in meaning, such as *bore* and *boar*, *two* and *too*). Homonyms are spelled the same but have different means, such as *bow* meaning to bend or *bow* meaning a decorative knot.

Directions: *Proofread the following essay for spelling or homonym errors. Cross out the errors, and write the correct answers above the wrong words.*

(1) In 1989, Robert Crawford opened up a small business – making sailboats. (2) He makes a special kind, a too-person boat called a melonseed. (3) Over the passed several years, the popularity of the melonseed has slowly increased. (4) These boats are handmade, so there are only 127 of them in existence. (5) While few in number, there owners are very enthusiastic. (6) They even gather once a year for a reunion and to share sailing storys.

(7) Crawford has his melonseed shop in southern Massachusetts, where he receives several inquiries about the boat every day. (8) Crawford developes the boat from a design for a nineteenth century hunting boat. (9) Crawford usally takes about seventeen days to build a melonseed. (10) He starts simply enough with molds for the top and bottom of the hull. (11) Then he assembles the hundreds of pieces that go into the boat. (12) Crawford applys bronze hardware. (13) He also uses Teak wood for trimming. (14) The mast is shapped out of hardwood. (15) Then ate coats of varnish are applied. (16) The finished product is paticularly attractive. (17) Because of the labor involved, the melonseed costes about \$5,000.

(18) Crawford has come to no each owner and each boat, like a family. (19) In fact, Crawford likes to learn about customers before they by a boat. (20) Crawford looks forward to many more successful years of building melonseeds.