

Homonyms and Homophones

Introduction

Have you ever seen the word "**bat**" and wondered which meaning it has?

Or heard someone say "**flower**" but they meant "**flour**"?

Today, we learn about **homonyms** and **homophones** to help us understand English better.

HOMONYMS



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Definition:

Homonyms are words that are **spelled and pronounced the same** but have **different meanings**.

Examples:

- **bat**

The **bat** flies around at night.

- **bat**

Freddy uses a **bat** to play cricket.

- **rock**

The castle is built on a **rock**.

- **rock**

Some people enjoy to listen to **rock** music.

- **fair**

The whole family went to the **fair**.

- **fair**

All the questions should be **fair**.

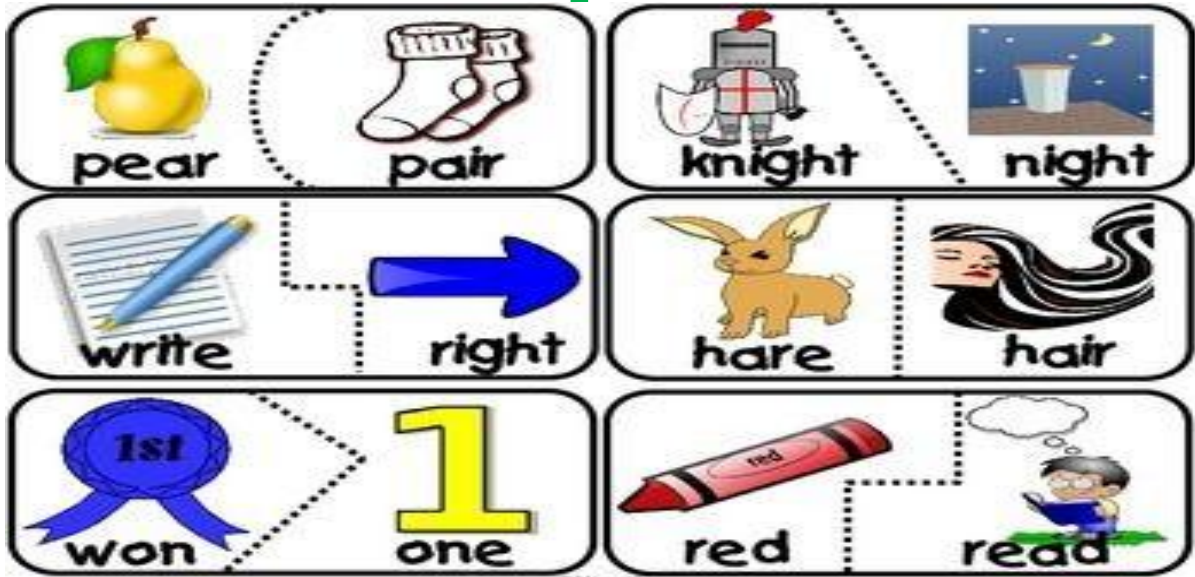
- **bark**

The **bark** of the tree was rough and thick.

- **bark**

Do not let the dogs **bark**.

Homophones



Definition:

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

Examples:

- **Flour**

We bake cookies with **flour**.

- **flower**

I picked a **flower** in the garden.

- **to**

John goes **to** town.

- **two**

Vusi has **two** brothers.

- **too**

The coat is **too** big for her.

- **sea**

The **sea** is calm.

- **see**

I can **see** the sea from my window.

- **pair**

He needs a new **pair** of socks.

- **pear**

She eats a **pear** for lunch.

A few tricky Homophones

- The teacher's **son** is a clever boy.
- The **sun** does not shine at night.
- We left **our** books at home.
- He waited for over an **hour**.
- **No**, I do not **know** her name.
- Tom **threw** a stone in the water.
- They followed a path **through** the forest.
- My parents **allowed** me to go with them.
- She whispered because she did not wish to speak **aloud**.
- A **knight** is loyal to the king.
- We sleep at **night**.

Remember:

- Homonyms are words that are **spelled and pronounced the same** but have **different meanings**.
- Homophones are words that **sound the same** but have **different meanings and spellings**.

Activity:

Choose the Correct Homophone

1. I can (see / sea) the mountains from my window.
2. Please (write / right) your name on the answer sheet.
3. The children left (their / there) bags in the classroom.
4. My father ate a (pear / pair) after lunch.
5. We heard the school (bell / belle).
6. The wind (blew / blue) the leaves away.
7. She put the (flour / flower) into the cake mixture.
8. The horse was wearing a new (bridle / bridal) saddle.
9. The (son / sun) is shining brightly today.
10. The driver had to (break / brake) suddenly.

Fill in the correct homophone.

Word Bank:

hear, here, hole, whole, one, won, knew, new, peace, piece

1. Please come _____.
2. Can you _____ the music?
3. There is a _____ in my sock.
4. I ate the _____ pizza.
5. Our team _____ the soccer match.
6. I have only _____ pencil left.
7. We bought a _____ school bag.
8. She _____ the answer immediately.
9. Everyone hopes for world _____.
10. I would like another _____ of cake.

Write two different sentences for each word below to show its two different meanings.

1. Bank
2. Watch
3. Light

MEMORANDUM

Choose the Correct Homophone

1. see
2. write
3. their
4. pear
5. bell
6. blew
7. flour
8. bridle
9. sun
10. brake

Fill in the correct homophone.

1. here
2. hear
3. hole
4. whole
5. won
6. one
7. new
8. knew
9. peace
10. piece

Write two different sentences for each word below to show its two different meanings.

1. We had a picnic on the river **bank**.
My mother went to the **bank** to deposit money.
2. I wear a **watch** every day.
Please **watch** the road before crossing.
3. Please switch on the **light**.
This bag is very **light** to carry.