

Homographs are words that are **spelled the same** but have **different meanings**.

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pen

A: A writing instrument



B: A place where tame animals live.



1. I used a **pen to write** to my grandma.
2. The pigs were **safe and well-fed** in their **pen**.

Non-example: see sea

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Which pair of sentences have homographs? Explain.

- A.**
1. The plane will **fly** to New York.
 2. The **fly** landed on my arm.
- B.**
1. Sam **ate** pizza for dinner.
 2. The pizza had **eight** slices.

Why are **see** and **sea** not examples of homographs? Explain.

In your own words, what is a homograph?

- 1 Read the **homographs** and their meanings.
- 2 Read the sentence.
- 3 Identify **clue** words to determine the meaning of the **homograph**. (underline)
- 4 Identify the meaning of the **homograph**. (write)

roll

A: To move by turning over and over, like a ball or wheel



B: A thin cake spread with jelly and rolled up



- 1 Our favorite baked good is a sweet **roll**. _____
- 2 I was able to **roll** two miles with my new skates. _____
- 3 Would you like a cinnamon **roll** at the fair? _____

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record

Rachel will **record her song** on the machine.



Adam set a new **record in the race**.



Non-example: The **rose** is a red flower. The garden is planted in **rows**.

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A



B



C



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bow

A: To bend down in thanks to an audience or teacher



B: A weapon for shooting arrows



- 4 The actors in the play took a **bow** at the end. _____
- 5 Robin Hood had to learn to string his **bow**. _____
- 6 The karate students always **bow** to their teacher before starting a match. _____

Skill Closure

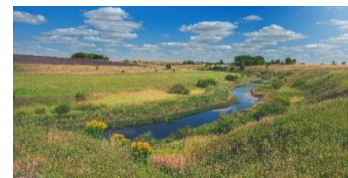
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bank

A: A place for lending and saving money



B: A slope on the side of a river



- 1 Jana walked down to the river **bank**. _____
- 2 Uncle Jim has five **bank** accounts for his money. _____
- 3 The beaver climbed up the **bank** to find a tree. _____

Concept Closure

Write a sentence for each homograph? Use the definitions below to write a sentence. Read the sentence.

rock



A hard mineral like stone



A type of music; short for rock 'n roll

Summary Closure

What did you learn today about determining homographs?

Word Bank

identify
homographs
words
meaning

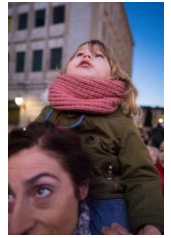
Read the sentences. Choose the correct homograph.

crane

A: A machine for lifting and moving heavy objects



B: To stretch out your neck to see over others' heads



- 1 Jack had to **crane** his neck in the theater. _____
- 2 The huge **crane** lifted the big round pipe. _____
- 3 The **crane** is swinging metal girders on the 50th floor of the skyscraper. _____

file

A: A folder or cabinet for organizing papers



B: A small tool for trimming and cleaning fingernails



- 4 John keeps his papers in a large 4-drawer **file**. _____
- 5 Emily used her **file** to fix a hangnail on her thumb. _____
- 6 Evan created a new **file** on his computer for all his email messages. _____



Speaking



Say a sentence using a homograph from the word bank.



Determine the meaning of the homograph.



Word Bank

- ▶ pen
- ▶ roll
- ▶ rock
- ▶ record
- ▶ file
- ▶ crane
- ▶ lie



Listening

Listen to the homograph and each meaning. Listen to each sentence and write A or B on whiteboards to match the meaning of the homograph.

Sentence	Which homograph meaning?
1	
2	
3	



Reading

Read the passage.
Use clues to determine the meaning of the homograph.

row



A A line of seats in a theater or classroom



B To move a boat with an oar or paddle

Rachel sat in **row** B at the theater. She wanted up to be front for the scary movie. _____

During the movie, the hero had to **row** his boat across the river that was full of alligators. _____

The hero made it across, but Rachel wondered if he would have to **row** back to where he started. _____



Writing

racket

A: A loud, disturbing noise



B: A light bat with an oval frame for striking a tennis ball



Write a sentence for each homograph.

A

B

Read the sentences. Choose the correct homograph.

sink

A: To fall below the surface of a body of water



B: A place in a kitchen or laundry for washing things



- 1 Will that piece of wood float or **sink** in water?
- 2 Sally watched her lucky coin **sink** in the fountain.
- 3 It is easier to wash your hands in a **sink** not with a hose.

train

A: A line of wagons hooked together and pulled by a locomotive



B: To guide or teach to do something, like exercise



Write a sentence for each homograph.

A

B
