

## HOMONYMS

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Homonyms are words that have the same spelling but different meanings.

### **Types of Homonyms:**

**Homographs:** Same spelling, different meanings (e.g., *lead* as in to guide vs. *lead* as in the metal).

**Homophones:** Same pronunciation, different spelling/meaning.

### **Examples:**

*Bat* (the animal) and *bat* (used in sports).

*Bank* (a financial institution) and *bank* (side of a river).

### Examples of Common Homonyms

#### **Lead**

*Lead* (to guide)

*Lead* (a type of metal)

#### **Tear**

*Tear* (to rip)

*Tear* (a drop of liquid from the eye)

#### **Bow**

*Bow* (a curved weapon)

*Bow* (to bend forward)

#### **Right**

*Right* (correct)

*Right* (a direction)

## Understanding Homophones

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

**Examples:**

*Pair* (two of something) and *Pear* (the fruit).

*Flour* (used in baking) and *Flower* (a plant).

*See* (to perceive with the eyes) and *Sea* (the ocean).

### Examples of Common Homophones

**To, Too, Two**

*To* (preposition)

*Too* (meaning also)

*Two* (number)

**Their, There, They're**

*Their* (possessive form)

*There* (place)

*They're* (contraction for "they are")

**Right, Write**

*Right* (correct or direction)

*Write* (to form letters or words)

### Identifying Homophones

**Pronunciation:** Homophones sound identical, so you must rely on context to determine the meaning and spelling.

**Example:**

*She went to the store to buy two apples.* (Here, *to* is a preposition, and *two* refers to

the number.)

*Their house is over there.* (Here, *their* shows possession, and *there* refers to a place.)

### Practice with Homonyms and Homophones

**Exercise 1:** Choose the correct homophone for the sentence:

*I can't wait to see the \_\_\_\_\_ (see, sea).*

**Exercise 2:** Fill in the blanks:

*I want \_\_\_\_\_ (to, too, two) go to the park.*