



LECTURE 4
ENGLISH WRITING : HOMOPHONE,
HOMONYMS AND HOMOGRAPH
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EACH BEGINS WITH THE ROOT WORD
HOMO

***Homo* means same.**

All of these words have to do with
sameness.

Homophones: sound alike

Homonyms: sound alike and are spelled alike

Homographs: have the same spelling



HOMOPHONE

Phone = sound

Telephone = across sound

Homophone = same sound

Words that sound the same but have different spellings are homophones.

Examples: petal / peddled or to / two / and too.

HOMONYM

Nym = name

Pseudonym = fake name

Homonyms = same name

Words that sound the same and have the same spellings are **homonyms.**

Examples: bear / bear or stalk / stalk

HOMOGRAPHHS

graph = writing

biography = life writing

homograph = same writing

Words that have the same spellings but sound different are **homographs.**

Examples: wind / wind or bass / bass

| | Same sound | Same spelling | Same meaning |
|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| Homophones | YES | MAYBE | MAYBE |
| Homonyms | YES | YES | NO |
| Homographs | MAYBE | YES | MAYBE |

| | Same sound | Same spelling | Same meaning |
|------------|---|--|--|
| Homophones | <p>YES</p> <p>air, heir, err</p> | <p>MAYBE</p> <p>No → air, heir, err Yes → a tire, to tire</p> | <p>MAYBE</p> <p>No → air, heir, err Yes → gases, gasses</p> |
| Homonyms | <p>YES</p> <p>a scale, to scale</p> | <p>YES</p> <p>a scale, to scale</p> | <p>NO</p> <p>a scale, to scale</p> |
| Homographs | <p>MAYBE</p> <p>Yes → a tire, to tire No → to lead, lead (metal)</p> | <p>YES</p> <p>a tire, to tire to lead, lead (metal)</p> | <p>MAYBE</p> <p>No → a tire, to tire Yes → been (“bin vs. “bean”)</p> |

MORE...

Homonyms sound the same and are spelled the same, and have different meanings. (EX: lying, lying)

Homophones sound the same, not spelled the same, and have different meanings. (EX: waste, waist)

Homographs are spelled the same , *do not* sound the same, and have different meanings. (EX: wind, wind)

HOMOPHONES

These words sound alike.

They may or may not be spelled differently.

(When they aren't, they are called homonyms! -- More on that later...)

- **Example:** the words "air" and "heir"
 - The prince is the queen's heir.
 - I love the fresh air.
- **Example:** the words "fire" and "fire"
 - The flames of the fire glowed brightly.
 - The boss will fire the bad employee.

OTHER EXAMPLE OF HOMOPHONES

Don't **waste** the remaining paper.

Tie a belt around your **waist**.

We need **rain** to end the drought.
The queen has had a long **reign**.
It was a starry **night**.

The **knight** never used his sword.

I ride the bus **to** school.

She does **too**!

It is **two** o'clock.

HOMOPHONE

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Ad | Add |
| Ball | Bawl |
| Caret | Carrot |
| Dual | Duel |
| Eye | I |
| Flew | Flu |
| Gorilla | Guerrilla |

| | |
|-------------|-------|
| Real | Reel |
| Sax | Sacks |
| Tail | Tale |
| Vain | Vane |
| Walk | Wolk |
| Yore | Your |

HOMOPHONE

Hour

Our

Knew

New

Mail

Male

Nice

Niece

Overdo

Overdue

Pain

Pane

Plain

Plane

WHAT IS A HOMONYM?

A **homonym** is a word that is the same as another in sound and/or spelling but different in meaning.

Example:

▪ **Ant and Aunt**

- An ant is an insect.
- An aunt is the sister of your mother or father.

HOMONYMS

These are a subtype of homophones. That's because they don't just sound alike, they also have the same spelling.

- **Example:** the word "bear"
 - The bear lived in the woods.
 - I can hardly bear the excitement!
- **Example:** the word "pen"
 - Pen the animals in the corral.
 - Write your name with a blue pen.

A FEW MORE EXAMPLES OF HOMONYMS

- I never wear a **watch** when I **watch** TV.
- The actors in the **play** will **play** chess.
- **Scale** the fish, then weigh it on the **scale**.
- Shut your mouth so a **fly** doesn't **fly** into it!
- I **tire** at the thought of changing a **tire**.
- Don't **park** the car near the **park** bench.
- Raise your **right** hand if you have the **right** answer.

ONE OF TWO OR MORE WORDS SPELLED AND PRONOUNCED THE SAME BUT HAVE DIFFERENT MEANINGS

EXAMPLES:

- **mean** (an average) and **mean** (nasty)
- **punch** (a drink) and **punch** (a hit)
- **dog** (an animal) and **dog** (to follow closely)
- **bat** (an animal) and **bat** (baseball equipment)

HOMOPHONE-TEST

Describe the definitions of the words “I” and “eye”.

Describe the definitions of the words “meet” and “meat”.

Describe the definitions of the words “mail” and “male”.

Describe the definitions of the words “hair” and “hare”.

Describe the definitions of the words “Sunday” and “sundae”.

HOMOGRAPHS

These words have the same spelling.

They may or may not have the same sound and meaning.

- **Example:** the words "lead" and "lead"
 - Lead us through the dark woods.
 - The package was as heavy as lead.
- **Example:** the word "been"
 - I have **been** [bin] tired lately. (*U.S. accent*)
 - I have **been** [bean] tired lately. (*Canadian accent*)

MORE HOMOGRAPHS

Please **close** the door.

We sat **close** to each other.



I want to **live** in Paris one day.

He likes to fish with **live** bait.



The **wind** blew the leaves away.

Wind up the toy and watch it go!



The white **dove** is a beautiful bird.

She **dove** into the swimming pool.



The **desert** is sandy, hot, and dry.

Don't **desert** a friend in need.

REMEMBER

- 1) **Homophones** sound alike.
- 2) **Homonyms** sound alike and are spelled alike.
- 3) **Homographs** have the same spelling.

Homonyms

Words that sound alike but have different spellings and meaning.

ate—eight

be—bee

cell—sell

flour—flower

knight—night

one—won

sea—see

there—their

would—wood

Synonyms

Words that have similar meaning.

above—over

below—under

cry—weep

fix—repair

hard—difficult

home—house

late—tardy

road—street

small—little

Antonyms

Words that have opposite meaning

asleep—awake

bad—good

close—open

false—true

happy—sad

left—right

more—less

over—under

sour—sweet



THANK YOU