

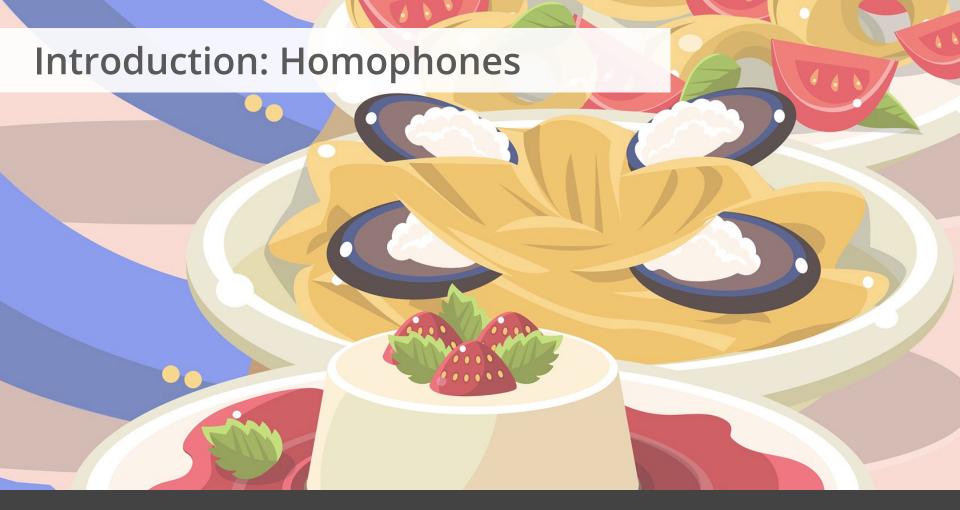
Vocabulary

Grade 3 Unit 3: The Human Body: Systems and Senses





Homophones



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

Let's look at the following homophones:

weak and week

Weak and week sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings.

weak: lacking strength

week: a seven day cycle beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday

Let's practice distinguishing homophones by filling in the blank using weak or week:

My school has one _____ of vacation.

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Stand up if you think the answer is weak.

Stay seated if you think the answer is week.

The answer is week.

My school has one week of vacation.



Look at the following homophones:

muscle and mussel

Turn to a partner and whisper the words.

Do they sound the same? Do they mean the same thing?

They sound the same, but their meanings are different.

Let's Try It Together!

muscles: body tissue made of long cells that can contract, or tighten, and relax to produce motion

mussels: sea mollusks that have a shell

Let's practice by filling in the blank using **mussels** or **muscles**:

I go to the gym to get stronger _____.

- Stand up if you think the answer is mussels.
- Stay seated if you think the answer is **muscles**.

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The answer is **muscles**.

I go to the gym to get stronger muscles.



Fill in the blank with the correct form of waist/waste:

It is a shame to _____ food.

Hold up one finger if you think the correct word for sentence one is **waste**.

Hold up five fingers if you think the correct word for sentence one is **waist**.



It is a shame to **waste** food.