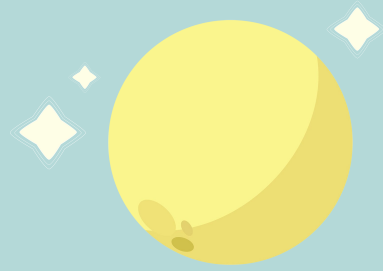


Vocabulary

Grade 5 Unit 1: Personal Narratives: Let Me Tell You a Story



Homographs

Introduction: Homographs



Homographs are words that are spelled the same but have different meanings. They may also have different pronunciations.

In order to pronounce homographs correctly you must read the sentence for context.

Let's look at the following homograph:

separate

Depending on the context it is used in, the word **separate** has different meanings and pronunciations.

separate: to break apart or divide (verb)

separate: individual items (noun)

Let's practice distinguishing homographs by reading the sentence for context:

I keep my vegetables **separate** from the rest of my dinner.

Stand up if you think the answer is *to break apart or divide (verb)*.

Stay seated if you think the answer is *individual items (noun)*.

The answer is *to break apart or divide (verb)*.

I keep my vegetables **separate** from the rest of
my dinner.

Let's Try It Together!



Look at the following homograph:

bow

Turn to a partner and whisper the word.

Does it have two pronunciations? Do they have the same meaning?

They look and sound the same
but their meanings are different.

bow: a type of knot tied with loops

bow: a device used for shooting arrows

Let's practice distinguishing homographs by reading the sentence for context:

My friend wore a pretty **bow** in her hair.

Stand up if you think the answer is a *type of knot tied with loops*.

Stay seated if you think the answer is a *device used for shooting arrows*.

The answer is a *type of knot tied with loops*.

My friend wore a pretty **bow** in her hair.

Now Try One by Yourself!



Read the following sentence:

There was a tear in my shirt after I tripped and fell.

Identify the homograph used in the sentence above by writing out the sentence and circling the homograph.

1. Write down the meaning of the homograph used in the sentence.
2. Write a sentence using a different meaning of the homograph.

Answer



Homograph = **tear**

1. **Tear** = ripped
2. Sentence examples may vary, but each sentence should include a different use of the word **tear**.