## Vocabulary

### Homonyms and homophones

1 Work on your own. What do these words mean?

right fine mean fan glasses park

- 2 19.9 Listen and write down the words you hear.
- **3** Work with a partner. Compare your answers to **1** and **2**. Do you have any differences? What are they?

#### **Homonyms**

- 4 Homonyms are words with the same spelling and more than one meaning.
  - · A bank in the High Street.
  - The bank of a river.

spare wheel.

· Don't bank on my support forever.

Complete the pairs of sentences with the same word used twice.

1	Grandma's leaving now. Come and		
	goodbye!		
	He was swept out to sea by a freak but he survived.		
2	Oh dear! We have a tyre and no		

- I'm renting a \_\_\_\_\_\_ near where I work.

  3 'What's today's \_\_\_\_\_?' 'The third.'
- I've got a \_\_\_\_\_\_ tonight. I'm going out with Carl.
- 4 He goes to the gym every day. He's very

The trousers are too small. They don't \_\_\_\_\_ you at all.

5 It's not \_\_\_\_\_\_. Everyone else is allowed to stay out till midnight.
She has beautiful \_\_\_\_\_\_ hair and blue

1) 9.10 Listen and check.

eyes.

**5** Think of two meanings for these words. Make sentences using them.

suit miss type kind point train cool

#### **Homophones**

**6** Homophones are words with the same pronunciation, but different spellings and different meanings.

/rəud/ It's the road to Oxford. I rowed across the river.

Write the word in phonetics in the correct spelling.

1	/həʊl/	the world	a in the ground
2	/pirs/	a of cake	war and
3	/ˈflauə(r)/	a rose is a	to make bread
4	/seɪlz/	a yacht has	buy clothes in the
5	/sel/	shops things	a prisoner lives in a

**7** Think of a word with the same pronunciation but a different spelling for these words.

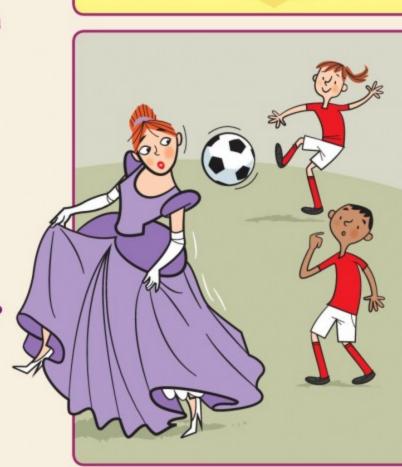
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# Children's jokes

8 19.11 A lot of children's jokes are made with **homonyms** and **homophones**. Read and listen to some. After each one say which words make the joke.

1 Why will you never starve in the desert? ... Because of the sand which is there.

- 2 Why is Sunday the strongest day?
  ... Because the others are weak days.
- 3 A Your battery's flat. That's why your car won't start.
  - B Oh dear! What shape should it be?
- 4 A Waiter! What's wrong with this egg?
  - B Don't ask me, sir. I only laid the table.
- 5 A What do you get when 5,000 strawberries try to go through a door at the same time?
  - B I don't know. What do you get?
  - A Strawberry jam!
- 6 A Waiter, this food tastes funny?
  - B So, why aren't you laughing?
- 7 What do you give to a sick lemon? ... Lemon aid!
- 8 What did one toilet say to the other? ... You look a bit flushed.
- 9 Why can't Cinderella play soccer? ... Because she's always running away from the ball.



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