


Vocabulary

Homonyms and homophones

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

right fine mean
fan glasses park

- 2  9.9 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.
- 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 spare wheel.
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 eyes.

-  9.10 Listen and check.

- 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.

/rəʊd/ **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 /pi:s/ a _____ of cake war and _____
3 /'flaʊə(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.


bored caught **hire** **pair** maid
plain **waist** **aloud** write seas

Children's jokes

- 8  9.11 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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