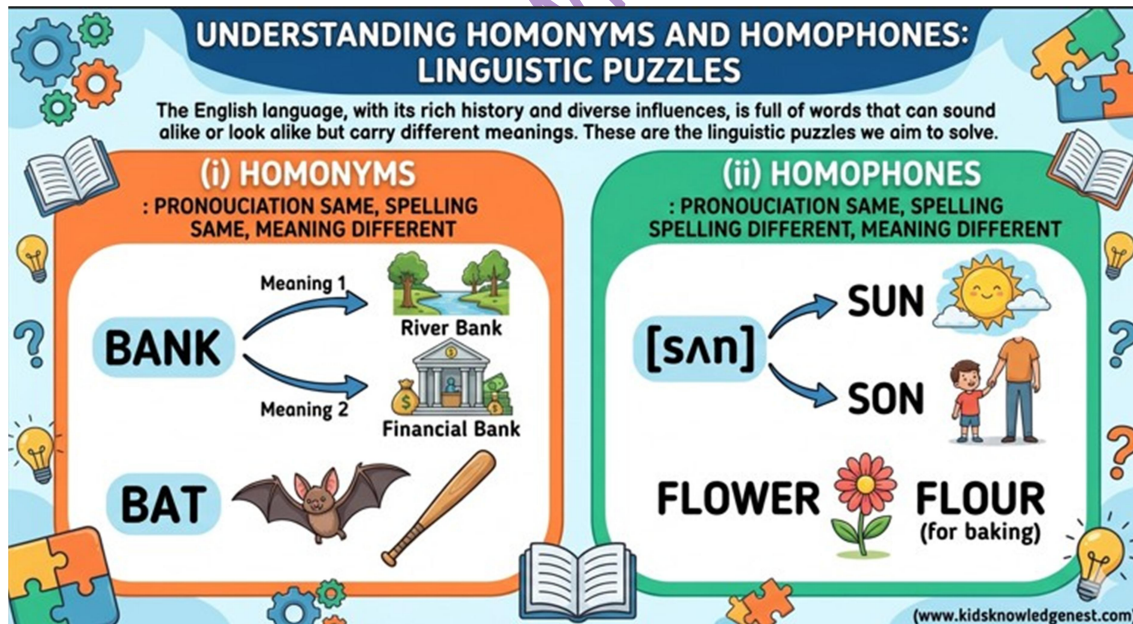


### **HOMONYMS & HOMOPHONES:**

Good morning, future linguistic champions! Today, we embark on a fascinating journey into the nuances of the English language, exploring words that often trick us with their similarities in sound or appearance. Precision in language is a hallmark of intellectual rigor, and mastering these distinctions will not only elevate your communication skills but also sharpen your critical thinking.

The English language, with its rich history and diverse influences, is full of words that **can sound alike or look alike but carry different meanings. These are the linguistic puzzles we aim to solve.**

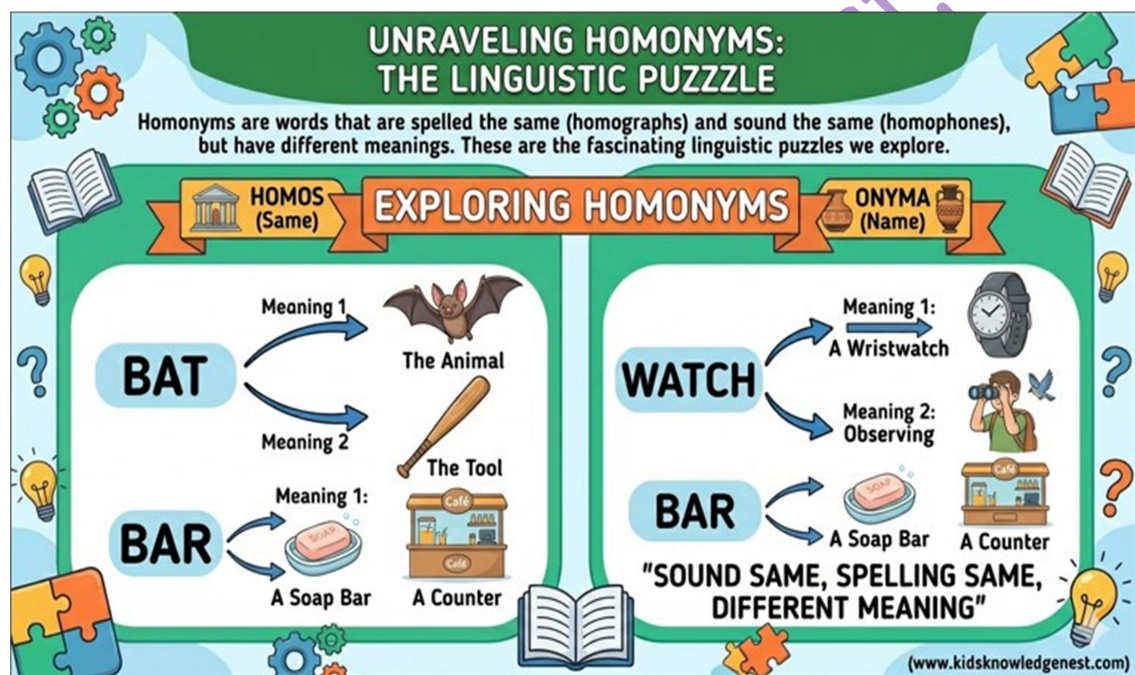
- (i) **HOMONYMS** : PRONOUCIATION SAME, SPELLING SAME, MEANING DIFFERENT
- (ii) **HOMOPHONES**: PRONOUNCIATION SAME, SPELLING DIFFERENT, MEANING DIFFERENT



**Homonyms:****Definition:**

Homonyms are words that are **spelled the same (homographs)** and **sound the same (homophones)**, but have **different meanings**. These Homonyms made from Greek "homos" meaning 'same' and "onyma" meaning 'name') are words that are **spelled the same** and **sound the same**, but have completely different meanings. Their identical form can sometimes lead to ambiguity, requiring context for proper understanding.

***"sound same, spelling same, different meaning"***




**Detailed Examples of Homonyms:**

S. No.	Homonyms	Pronunciation	Meaning	Examples
1.	Bank	/bæŋk/ बैंक	बैंक A Financial Institution	A place where money is kept and financial transactions are conducted. Ex: "I need to visit the <b>bank</b> before it closes to deposit this cheque"
	Bank	/bæŋk/ बैंक	किनारा, तट Land alongside a River or lake	The slope or ground bordering a body of water Ex: "The children built sandcastles on the river <b>bank</b> , enjoying the sunny day"
2.	Bat	/bæt/ बैट	बल्ला Sports Equipment	A equipment made of wood used for hitting a ball in sports like baseball or cricket. Ex: "He swung the <b>bat</b> with all his might, hoping to hit a home run."
	Bat	/bæt/ बैट	चमगादड़ Flying Mammal	A nocturnal flying mammal often associated with caves. Ex: "As dusk fell, a small <b>bat</b> fluttered out from under the bridge."
3.	Bear	बीयर	An Animal	A large, heavy mammal with thick fur and a short tail. Ex: "A grizzly <b>bear</b> was spotted foraging for berries in the forest."
	Bear	बीयर	To tolerate/carry	To endure or accept a difficult situation. Ex: "I simply cannot <b>bear</b> the thought of losing this competition."
4.	Right	बीयर	सही Correct/Proper	Factually true or correct; morally good or justifiable. Ex: "You got the answer <b>right</b> , excellent work!"
	Right	/raɪt राइट्/	दायाँ Direction	The direction opposite to left. <b>Ex:</b> "Turn <b>right</b> at the traffic lights and the school will be on your left."
	Right	/raɪt राइट्/	अधिकार Entitlement	Something that a person is entitled to have or do. Ex: "Every citizen has the <b>right</b> to freedom of speech."



## DEEP DIVE INTO HOMONYMS: LINGUISTIC PUZZLES RESOLVED

Homonyms are words that are spelled the same (homographs) and sound the same (homophones), but have different meanings. These are the fascinating linguistic puzzles we explore.

S. No.	Homonym	Pronunciation	Meanings	Illustrated Example
1	<b>BANK</b> /bæŋk/ /bæŋk/ बैंक	/bæŋk/ बैंक	 <p><b>A: A Financial Institution</b> (Place where money is kept)</p> <p><b>B: Land alongside a River or Lake</b> (Slope bordering water)</p>	<p>Ex: "I need to visit the bank... to deposit this cheque"</p> <p><b>Meaning 2:</b> Ex: "The children built sandcastles on the river bank..."</p>
2	<b>BAT</b> /bæt/ /bæt/ बैट	/bæt/ बैट	<p><b>Meaning A:</b> Sports Equipment (Tool used for hitting a ball)</p> <p><b>Meaning B:</b> Flying Mammal (Nocturnal mammal, caves)</p>	<p><b>Meaning 1:</b> Ex: "He swung the bat... hit a home run."</p> <p><b>Meaning 2:</b> Ex: "As dusk fell, a small bat fluttered..."</p>
3	<b>BEAR</b> (बीयर) /bear/ /bear/	बीयर (बीयर) /bear/ /bear/	<p><b>Meaning 1:</b> An Animal (Large heavy mammal)</p> <p><b>Meaning 2:</b> To Tolerate/Carry (Endure difficult situation)</p>	<p>Ex: "A grizzly bear was spotted foraging..."</p> <p>Ex: "I simply cannot bear the thought..."</p>
4	<b>RIGHT</b> /raɪt राइट/ /raɪt राइट/	/raɪt राइट/ /raɪt राइट/	<p><b>A: Correct/Proper</b> (Factually true)</p> <p><b>B: Direction</b> (Opposite to left)</p> <p><b>Meaning 2:</b> "Turn right at the traffic lights..."</p>	<p><b>Meaning C: Entitlement</b> (Rights to do)</p> <p><b>Meaning 3:</b> Ex: "Every citizen has the right to..."</p>

**"SOUND SAME, SPELLING SAME, DIFFERENT MEANING"**

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**HOMONYMS – PRACTICE SET**

**A. Identify the Meaning (Read the sentence and choose the correct meaning)**

**Q1.**

The bat flew out of the cave.

“bat” means:

- A) A stick used in cricket
  - B) A flying animal
  - C) A ball
  - D) A bird
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**Q2.**

He kept his money in the bank.

“bank” means:

- A) Side of a river
  - B) Place to keep money
  - C) A hill
  - D) A park
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**B. Correct Usage (Choose the correct sentence)**

**Q3.**

- A) The crane is flying in the sky.
  - B) The crane lifted the heavy box.
  - C) The crane is cooking food.
  - D) The crane is reading a book.
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**Q4.**

- A) She wore a ring on her finger.
  - B) She wore a ring loudly.
  - C) She wore a ring quickly.
  - D) She wore a ring happily.
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**C. Fill in the Blanks (Use the SAME word in both sentences)**

**Q5.**

He can \_\_\_ very fast.  
She will \_\_\_ a company one day.

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**Q6.**

The leaves \_\_\_ from the tree.  
My favorite season is \_\_\_.

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**D. Match the Word with Correct Meanings**

**Q7. Match "light"**

Column A

1. Light (a)
2. Light (b)

Column B

- A. Not heavy
  - B. Brightness
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**E. Choose the Correct Meaning in Each Sentence**

**Q8.**

She has a kind heart.

"kind" means:

- A) Type
  - B) Caring
  - C) Shape
  - D) Size
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**Q9.**

What kind of toy do you want?

"kind" means:



- A) Caring
  - B) Type
  - C) Soft
  - D) Hard
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**F. Identify the Homonym Word in the Sentence**

**Q10.**

The match was very exciting.  
Write the homonym word: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Q11.**

He struck a match to light a candle.  
Write the homonym word: \_\_\_\_\_

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**G. Choose the Correct Pair of Meanings**

**Q12.**

“Match” has which two meanings?  
A) Game and fire stick  
B) Food and drink  
C) Animal and bird  
D) Color and size

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**H. Fill in the Blank (Choose correct meaning word)**

**Q13.**

The \_\_\_ is shining brightly in the room.  
A) light  
B) light (not heavy)

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**Q14.**



This bag is very \_\_\_\_.

- A) light (brightness)
  - B) light (not heavy)
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**I. True or False**

**Q15.**

The word "bat" has more than one meaning.  
True / False

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**Q16.**

The word "run" has only one meaning.  
True / False

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**J. Odd One Out (Based on meanings of same word)**

**Q17.**

Which is NOT a meaning of "ring"?

- A) Circle
  - B) Sound
  - C) Jewelry
  - D) Jump
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**K. Sentence-Based Meaning Selection**

**Q18.**

He sat on the bank and watched the water.

"bank" means:

- A) Money place
  - B) River side
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**L. Short Answer**

**Q19.**



Write two meanings of the word “run”.

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**M. Make Your Own Sentences**

**Q20.**

Use the word “bat” in two sentences with different meanings.

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## **HOMONYMS – DETAILED ANSWERS & EXPLANATIONS**

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**Q1.**

**Correct Answer: B) A flying animal**

**Explanation:**

The word “**bat**” is a homonym.

- In this sentence, it is described as *flying out of a cave*, which matches the **animal** meaning.
  - The other meaning (sports bat) does not fit the context.
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**Q2.**

**Correct Answer: B) Place to keep money**

**Explanation:**

The word “**bank**” has two common meanings:

1. A place where money is kept
2. The side of a river

Here, the sentence talks about **keeping money**, so it clearly refers to a **financial bank**.

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**Q3.**

**Correct Answer: B) The crane lifted the heavy box**

**Explanation:**

The word “**crane**” can mean:

- A **bird**
- A **machine used to lift heavy things**

Only option B correctly uses “crane” as a **machine**, which matches the idea of lifting a heavy box.

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Q4.

**Correct Answer: A) She wore a ring on her finger**

**Explanation:**

The word “**ring**” here means a **piece of jewelry**.

- Option A makes proper sense.
  - The other options use incorrect or meaningless combinations.
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Q5.

**Correct Answer: run**

**Explanation:**

The same word must fit both sentences:

- “He can **run** very fast” → run = move quickly
- “She will **run** a company” → run = manage

This shows how **one word has two different meanings**.

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Q6.

**Correct Answer: fall**

**Explanation:**

- “Leaves **fall** from the tree” → fall = drop down
- “Season is **fall**” → fall = autumn

Same spelling, different meanings → correct homonym usage.

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Q7.

**Correct Matching: 1-B, 2-A**

**Explanation:**

The word “**light**” has two meanings:

- **Brightness** (e.g., sunlight, lamp)
- **Not heavy** (e.g., a light bag)



So:

- Light (a) → Brightness
  - Light (b) → Not heavy
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**Q8.**

**Correct Answer: B) Caring**

**Explanation:**

In "kind heart," the word "**kind**" means **gentle, caring, and helpful**.  
It does not mean type or category in this sentence.

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**Q9.**

**Correct Answer: B) Type**

**Explanation:**

In this sentence, "kind" refers to **category or type**.  
Example: kind of toy = type of toy.

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**Q10.**

**Correct Answer: match**

**Explanation:**

The word "**match**" is the homonym.

- In this sentence, it means a **game or competition**.
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**Q11.**

**Correct Answer: match**

**Explanation:**

Here, "match" means a **small stick used to start fire**.  
Same spelling as Q10, but different meaning.

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Q12.

**Correct Answer: A) Game and fire stick**

**Explanation:**

The word “**match**” has two meanings:

1. A sports game
2. A stick used to light fire

This is a perfect example of homonyms.

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Q13.

**Correct Answer: A) light (brightness)**

**Explanation:**

“Shining brightly” clearly shows that “light” means **brightness**, not weight.

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Q14.

**Correct Answer: B) light (not heavy)**

**Explanation:**

The sentence talks about a **bag**, so “light” describes **weight**, meaning **not heavy**.

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Q15.

**Correct Answer: True**

**Explanation:**

The word “**bat**” can mean:

- A flying animal
- A sports stick

So, it definitely has **more than one meaning**.

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Q16.

**Correct Answer: False**

**Explanation:**

The word **“run”** has many meanings:

- To move fast
- To manage
- To flow (like water)

So it does **not have only one meaning.**

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Q17.

**Correct Answer: D) Jump**

**Explanation:**

The word **“ring”** can mean:

- A circle
- Jewelry
- A sound

But **“jump”** is NOT a meaning of ring, so it is the odd one out.

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Q18.

**Correct Answer: B) River side**

**Explanation:**

“Watched the water” gives a clue that “bank” means **side of a river**, not a money bank.

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Q19.

**Sample Answer:**

The word **“run”** has two meanings:

1. To move fast (He runs every morning.)
2. To manage (She runs a shop.)



**Explanation:**

Same word, different meanings → homonym.

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**Q20.**

**Sample Answer:**

1. The bat flew in the night. (animal)
2. He hit the ball with a bat. (sports equipment)

**Explanation:**

This question checks if the student can **use both meanings correctly in sentences.**

\*\*\*\*\* **THANK YOU** \*\*\*\*\*

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