

# Introduction to Linguistics (CL1.102)

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## Relations

We have noted that we cannot study language in terms of non-linguistic entities, and therefore only talk about relationships among linguistic units.

### Sense Relations – Words

These are paradigmatic relations.

1. Homonymy (or homophony): Two or more words with the same phonetic form but having unrelated meaning. Homonyms are actually words which have the same spelling, but it is a fine distinction.

Partial homonymy occurs when forms are identical but other conditions may not be satisfied, *e.g. find and found; or leave and leaf.*

Types of homonyms are

- (i) same syntactic category and same spelling: *lap*;
- (ii) same syntactic category and different spelling: *sun* vs *son*;
- (iii) different categories and same spelling: *keep*;
- (iv) different categories and different spellings: *not* vs *knot*.