

Homonyms — Words That Sound the Same but Mean Different Things

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child discovers that some words sound the same but have different meanings (and sometimes different spellings). Using picture cards and sentence context, the child learns to distinguish homonyms like bat/bat, bark/bark, and bear/bear.

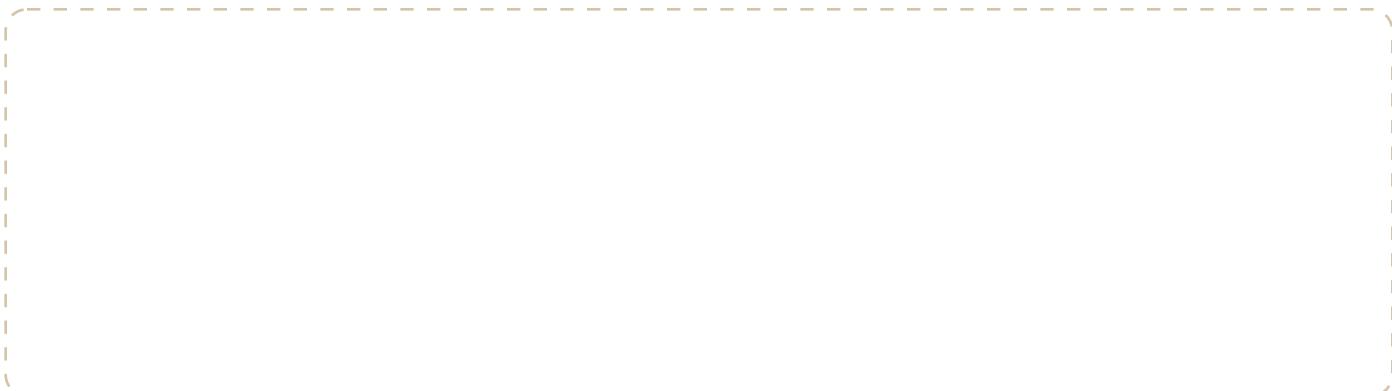
What You Need:

- Homonym picture cards (pairs showing both meanings)
- Drawing paper folded in half (for dual illustrations)
- Pencil and colored pencils
- Sentence strips with homonyms in context

Steps:

1. 'Listen to this sentence: The bat flew out of the cave. Now listen to this one: She swung the bat and hit the ball. The word BAT sounds the same but means something totally different!'
2. Show picture cards for both meanings of 'bat'.
3. 'Words that sound the same but mean different things are called HOMONYMS.'
4. Explore more homonyms:
 - bark (dog's sound / tree covering)
 - ring (jewelry / phone sound)
 - light (not heavy / brightness)
 - bear (animal / to carry)
 - left (direction / past tense of leave)
5. For each pair, show pictures and use in sentences.
6. Child draws both meanings of 3 homonym pairs.
7. 'How do you know which meaning someone intends? You look at the CONTEXT — the words around it!'

Work Space:

A large, dashed rectangular frame occupies the bottom half of the page, intended for the child to draw or write in.

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