# HOMONYMS - SAME WORD, DIFFERENT MEANING

A homonym is a single word (same spelling and pronunciation) that has two or more different meanings depending on the context. These meanings can be completely unrelated (true homonyms) or related in origin (polysemy).

## COMMON HOMONYMS WITH DIFFERENT MEANINGS

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| Word | Meaning 1 | Meaning 2 |
| Bat | A flying mammal | A stick used in cricket/baseball |
| Bark | Sound a dog makes | Outer covering of a tree |
| Spring | Season of the year | A coiled piece of metal |
| Park | An area of land for recreation | To stop and leave a vehicle |
| Watch | A small timepiece worn on the wrist | To look at something attentively |
| Match | A stick for making fire | A contest/game |
| Light | Opposite of heavy | Something that makes things visible |
| Right | Correct | Opposite of left |
| Nail | A small metal spike | Part of the tip of your finger |
| Ring | A circular piece of jewelry | The sound of a bell |
| Seal | A sea animal | To close tightly |
| Well | A deep hole to get water | In good health |
| File | A collection of documents | A tool to smooth surfaces |
| Date | A fruit from a date palm | A social/romantic meeting |
| Bank | A financial institution | Land alongside a river |
| Tie | A piece of clothing worn around the neck | To end a game with the same score |
| Current | Flow of water or electricity | Happening now |
| Fair | Just and honest | An event with rides and games |
| Jam | A fruit spread for bread | A traffic blockage |
| Key | A tool to open locks | A crucial or important element |
| Letter | A character in the alphabet | A written message to someone |
| Palm | Part of the hand | A tropical tree |
| Wave | Move one’s hand in greeting | A moving ridge on the surface of water |
| Rock | A solid piece of mineral matter | A style of popular music |
| Trip | A journey | To stumble or lose balance |

## TIPS TO UNDERSTAND HOMONYMS

* Read the full sentence to determine the correct meaning.
* Look for context clues (nearby words or topic).
* If the meaning does not fit logically, try another definition.
* Practice with sentences to strengthen understanding.

## EXAMPLE SENTENCES

* The bat flew out of the cave. / He hit the ball with the bat.
* The dog’s bark was loud. / The bark of the tree is rough.
* Spring is my favorite season. / The mattress has a strong spring.
* We parked the car near the park.
* Please watch the movie carefully. / My watch is not working.
* She struck the match to light the candle. / The football match ended in a tie.