

Homographs

Homographs (A)

Homographs examples that start with A.

Absent

- *If you're **absent** more than five times, you fail the course.*
- *He had **absented** himself from the office for the day.*

Abstract

- *The research shows that preschool children are capable of thinking in **abstract** terms.*
- ***Abstracts** of about 300 words should be submitted to the conference committee who will decide which papers to accept.*

Accent

- *In the word 'dinner' the **accent** is on the first syllable.*
- *The women **accent** their eyes with makeup.*

Address

- *I can give you the **address** of a good attorney.*
- *That letter was **addressed** to me.*

Advocate

- *Those who **advocate** for doctor-assisted suicide say the terminally ill should not have to suffer.*
- *She's a passionate **advocate** of natural childbirth.*

Attribute

- *Some economists **attribute** much of the rising wage inequality in this country to the shift in favor of the most skilled workers.*

- *She spent most of the interview describing the company's **attributes** to me.*

Homographs (B)

Homographs examples that start with B.

Back

- *I'll be **back** in a minute.*
- *She was the one who had fired him from his first job **back** in South Africa.*
- *Anna stood with her **back** to the window.*

Ball

- *Bounce the **ball** and try and hit it over the net.*
- *My hands were **balled** into fists.*

Band

- *The **band** was playing old Beatles songs.*
- *She always ties her hair back in a **band**.*
- *Many insects are **banded** black and yellow.*

Bank

- *I worked for a **bank**.*
- *He jumped in and swam to the opposite **bank**.*

Bar

- *She was sitting at the **bar**.*
- *I ate three **bars** of chocolate.*

Bass

- *I play **bass** in a jazz band.*
- *Fresh sea **bass** is a great delicacy.*

Bat

- *I am afraid of **bats**.*
- *It's his first time at **bat** in the major leagues.*

Blessed

- *I can't see a **blessed** thing without my glasses.*
- *They brought the children to Jesus and he **blessed** them.*

Bow

- *This is done with a formal **bow** to the king or queen.*
- *She had a red **bow** in her hair.*

Homographs (C)

Homographs examples that start with C.

Can

- *Gabriella **can** speak French fluently.*
- *We drank a **can** of Coke each.*

Capital

- *Cairo is the **capital** of Egypt.*
- *You should write your name in **capital letters**.*

Capture

- *The robbery was **captured** on police video cameras.*
- *The two soldiers somehow managed to avoid **capture**.*

Chest

- *Her heart was pounding in her **chest**.*
- *In our family, we should have a medicine **chest**.*

Clip

- *They are **clips** from the new James Bond film.*
- *The wire is held on with a metal **clip**.*

Cock

- A **cock** crowed as morning approached.
- He **cocked** a quizzical eyebrow at her.

Commune

- She lives in a **commune**.
- It is a place to **commune** with other women.

Compact

- The students' rooms were **compact**, with a desk, bed, and closet built in.
- A **compact** was negotiated between the company and the union.

Compound

- Sulphur dioxide is a **compound** of Sulphur and oxygen.
- A **compound** sentence contains two or more clauses.

Compress

- Snow falling on the mountainsides is **compressed** into ice.
- Apply a cold **compress** to the injury.

Conduct

- We are **conducting** a survey of consumer attitudes towards organic food.
- The Senator's **conduct** is being investigated by the Ethics Committee.

Conflict

- Marx points out the potential **conflicts** below the surface of society.
- In other ways the activities of the councils tend to **conflict** with regional policy and weaken its effects.

Conscript

- Young Frenchmen were **conscripted** into the army and forced to fight in Algeria.

- *The average number of **conscripts** in training has fallen from 80,000 to about 15,000.*

Consort

- *Both can take new **consorts** but only their daughter can be the new Everqueen.*
- *He is known to have **consorted** with prostitutes.*

Construct

- *They **constructed** a shelter out of fallen branches.*
- *The list of **constructs** can be endless.*

Content

- *The **content** of the media course includes scripting, editing, and camera work.*
- *Andy was a good husband, and Nicky was clearly very **content**.*

Contest

- *Stone decided to hold a **contest** to see who could write the best song.*
- *His wife is **contesting** a seat on the council.*

Contrast

- *While there are similarities in the two cultures, there are also great **contrasts**.*
- *Her actions and her promises **contrasted** sharply.*

Convert

- *The stocks can be easily **converted** to cash.*
- *She is a **convert**.*

Convict

- *She was **convicted** of shoplifting.*
- *There was a report on the news about an escaped **convict**.*

Cool

- *She swam out into the **cool** water.*
- *When tempers had **cooled**, he apologized.*

Court

- *Four people will appear in **court** today, charged with fraud.*
- *His campaign team has assiduously **courted** the media.*

Homographs (D)

Homographs examples that start with D.

Date

- *The **date** on the letter was 30th August 1962.*
- *She and Ron go to the park to **date**.*

Dear

- *His sister was very **dear** to him.*
- *Come along, my **dear**, take a seat.*

Default

- *The company is in **default** on its loan agreement.*
- *He **defaulted** on his child support payments.*

Desert

- *This area of the country is mostly **desert**.*
- *The village was **deserted**.*

Dice

- *We played **dice** all night.*
- *You move forward according to the number on the **dice**.*

Digest

- *Most babies can **digest** a wide range of food easily.*
- *If you'd rather receive your mail in large batches than have it trickle through, request a **digest** where available.*

Discharge

- *Sewage is **discharged** directly into the sea.*
- *Nurses visit the mother and baby for two weeks after their **discharge** from the hospital.*

Discount

- *Employees can buy books at a **discount**.*
*We cannot **discount** the possibility of further strikes.*

Do

- *You need to **do** more exercise.*
- *We're having a **do** to celebrate his 30th birthday.*

Down

- *The sun was going **down** and it would soon be dark.*
- *He **down** the coffee in one gulp.*

Drop

- *The apples are beginning to **drop** from the trees.*
- *A single **drop** of blood splashed onto the floor.*

Duck

- *Every afternoon they went to the park to feed the **duck**.*
- *He had to **duck** as he came through the door.*

Homographs (E)

Homographs examples that start with E.

Effect

- *My parents' divorce had a big **effect** on me.*
- *Many parents lack confidence in their ability to **effect** change in their children's behavior.*

Exploit

- Opposition leaders were quick to **exploit** government embarrassment over the incident.
- His courage and **exploit** were legendary.

Extract

- They used torture to **extract** information about their families.
- I've only seen short **extract** from the film.

Homographs (F)

Homographs examples that start with F.

Fall

- September had come and the leaves were starting to **fall**.
- The area is beautiful in the **fall**.

Fan

- He's a big **fan** of Elvis Presley.
- He is turning on the electric **fan**.

Fast

- I'm early—my watch must be **fast**.
- Gandhi drank some orange juice to break his three-week **fast**.

File

- Every **file** on the same disk must have a different name.
- We began to **file** out into the car park.

Finance

- The project will only go ahead if they can raise the necessary **finance**.
- He took a job to **finance** his stay in Germany.

Fine

- If you want to use cheese instead of chicken, that's **fine**.

- *Offenders will be liable to a heavy **fine**.*

Fit

- *His clothes did not **fit** him very well.*
- *You must be very **fit** if you do so much running.*

Float

- *I wasn't sure if the raft would **float**.*
- *We stood and watched the Carnival **float** drive past.*

Fly

- *The pilot was instructed to **fly** the plane to Montreal airport.*
- *A **fly** was buzzing against the window.*

Foot

- *My **foot** hurts.*
- *Once again it will be the taxpayer who has to **foot** the bill.*

Frequent

- *She was a **frequent** visitor to the house.*
- *We met in a local bar much **frequented** by students.*

Firm

- *I'm working for a **firm** of accountants.*
- *These peaches are still **firm**.*

Fly

- *A **fly** was buzzing against the window.*
- *Let's **fly** a kite.*

Homographs (H)

House

- *Let's have the party at my **house**.*
- *The museum is **housed** in the Old Court House.*

Homographs (I)

Homographs examples that start with I.

Impact

- *The report assesses the **impact** of AIDS on the gay community.*
- *The company's performance was **impacted** by the high value of the pound.*

Implant

- *Prejudices can easily become **implanted** in the mind.*
- *The history of **implants** has been equally painful; implants can shift or turn themselves upside down.*

Incense

- ***Incense** burned in a corner of the room.*
- *The decision **incensed** the workforce.*

Incline

- *I **incline** to the view that we should take no action at this stage.*
- *The council houses followed the curve of the road, which wound up a slight **incline**.*

Increase

- *The population has **increased** from 1.2 million to 1.8 million.*
- *There has been a marked **increase** in the use of firearms.*

Insert

- *They **inserted** a tube in his mouth to help him breathe.*
- *These **inserts** fit inside any style of shoe.*

Insult

- *I have never been so **insulted** in my life!*
- *The crowd was shouting **insults** at the police.*

Interchange

- *The new program should help solve some of the problems of data **interchange** between companies with different computer systems.*
- *There were two identical copies of each object that were **interchanged** regularly between trials.*

Intimate

- *We're not on **intimate** terms with our neighbors.*
- *He was a wartime minister and **intimate** of Churchill.*

Intrigue

- *There was something about him that **intrigued** her.*
- *The young heroine steps into a web of **intrigue** in the academic world.*

Invalid

- *The treaty was declared **invalid** because it had not been ratified.*
- *She had been a delicate child and her parents had treated her as an **invalid**.*

Invite

- *They have **invited** me to go to Paris with them.*
- *Thanks for your **invite**.*

Homographs (L)

Homographs examples that start with L.

Lead

- *She took the **lead** in the second lap.*
- ***Lead** exposure can be harmful to everyone, especially young children and babies.*

Learned

- *We all have different **learned** responses to anger.*
*I **learned** a lot from my father.*

Leaves

- *The plane **leaves** at 12.30.*
- *Add a few **leaves** of fresh basil to the salad.*

Left

- *Look **left** and right before you cross the road.*
- *The plane **left** for Dallas last night.*

Letter

- *There's a **letter** for you.*
*'B' is the second **letter** of the alphabet.*

Live

- *We used to **live** in London.*
- *The club has **live** music most nights.*

Homographs (M)

Homographs examples that start with M.

Manifest

- *For the character to know and demonstrate their doom, their body must physically **manifest** the flaw through an impairment.*
- *And I can't help seeing the **manifest** in any case, I've always been interested in it.*

Match

- *If you suspect a gas leak do not strike a **match** or use electricity.*
- *Her fingerprints **match** those found at the scene of the crime.*

Mean

- *What does this sentence **mean**?*

- *He needed to find a **mean** between frankness and rudeness.*

Might

- *He said he **might** come tomorrow.*
- *I pushed the rock with all my **might**.*

Mind

- *There were all kinds of thoughts running through my **mind**.*
- *I hope you don't **mind** the noise.*

Minute

- *I'll be back in a few **minutes**.*
- *You'd better **minute** that point.*

Moped

- *There was hardly any traffic, just a few parked cars and a cluster of **mopeds** around the door of the bar opposite.*
- *The week he died, we all sat around and **moped**.*

Homographs (N-O)

Homographs examples that start with N & O.

Nail

- *The key was hanging on a **nail** by the door.*
- *I've broken my **nail**.*

Novel

- *I read a lot of **novels**.*
- *What a **novel** idea!*

Number

- *My phone **number** is 266998.*
- *I **number** her among my closest friends.*

Object

- *The **object** of the game is to improve children's math skills.*
- *His supporters will certainly **object** if he is fired.*

Offense

- *The new law makes it a criminal **offense** to drink alcohol in public places.*
- *He played **offense** for the Chicago Bulls.*

Homographs (P)

Homographs examples that start with P.

Palm

- *He held the bird gently in the **palm** of his hand.*
- *The tropical tree which grows near beaches or in deserts, with a long straight trunk and large pointed leaves at the top, is coconut **palm**.*

Park

- *We went for a walk in the **park**.*
- *They had a sheet showing a car **park** and also cars to cut out.*

Pen

- *Write your essays in **pen** not pencil.*
- *You should **pen** a letter to the local paper.*

Perfect

- *Well, I'm sorry—but nobody's **perfect**.*
- *Mock trials help students **perfect** their legal skills.*

Perfume

- *She was wearing too much **perfume**.*
- *One bloom has the power to **perfume** a whole room.*

Pet

- *They have a **pet** a dog.*
- *He did not **pet** it, or stroke it: he stood staring.*

Plain

- *The **plain** fact is that nobody really knows.*
- *The grassy **plain** gave way to an extensive swamp.*

Play

- *You'll have to **play** inside today.*
- *On the next **play**, Johnson ran 15 yards for a touchdown.*

Point

- *He's just saying that to prove a **point**.*
- *Everything seemed to **point** in one direction.*

Polish

- *I give it a **polish** now and again.
Your essay is good; you just need to **polish** it a bit.*

Pop

- *The eight compilations range from teen **pop** to classical.*
- *I'll **pop** over and see you this evening.*

Present

- *What can I get him for a birthday **present**?*
- *You've got to forget the past and start living in the **present**.*

Produce

- *They were unable to **produce** any statistics to verify their claims.*
- *The shop sells only fresh local **produce**.*

Progress

- *We have made great **progress** in controlling inflation.*
- *The course allows students to **progress** at their own speed.*

Project

- *The final term will be devoted to **project** work.*
- *They sought advice on how to **project** a more positive image of their company.*

Punch

- *These bullets can **punch** a hole through 20 mm steel plate.*
- *I managed to land a **punch** on his chin.*

Homographs (Q-R)

Homograph examples that start with Q & R.

Quarter

- *It's a **quarter** past twelve.*
- *I peel and **quarter** an apple.*

Race

- *There is a **race** between the two best runners of the club.*
- *We **race** each other back to the car.*

Read

- *Some children can **read** and write before they go to school.*
- *I was having a quiet **read** when the phone rang.*

Rebel

- *Some parts of the country fell into **rebel** hands.*
- *Most teenagers find something to **rebel** against.*

Recall

- *She could not **recall** his name.*
- *She has amazing powers of **recall**.*

Research

- *He has carried out extensive **research** into renewable energy sources.*

- We have to **research** how the product will actually be used.

Resume

- She hopes to **resume** work after the baby is born.
- He gave a **resume** of the year's work and wished the Society another successful year.

Retake

- Government forces moved in to **retake** the city.
- We had to do a **retake** before we got it right.

Right

- I'm sure I'm **right**.
- Take a **right** turn at the intersection.

Ring

- What a beautiful **ring**!
- The children sat on the floor in a **ring**.

Rock

- Komuro formed a **rock** band with some friends while in college.
- To build the tunnel, they had to cut through 500 feet of solid **rock**.

Rose

- She has a **rose** garden.
- They **rose** from the table.

Row

- We sat in a **row** at the back of the room.
- A **row** has broken out over education.

Ruler

- I have a 12inch **ruler**.
- King Priam was a firm, but just **ruler**.

Homographs (S)

Homograph examples that start with S.

Saw

- *Saw* is a tool that has a long blade with sharp points along one of its edges.
- *Last night, I saw a lovely girl.*

Scale

- *They entertain on a large scale.*
- *He somehow managed to scale the sheer outside wall of the tower.*

Second

- *This is the second time it's happened.*
- *The water flows at about 1.5 meters per second.*

Separate

- *The school is housed in two separate buildings.*
- *Stir the sauce constantly so that it does not separate.*

Ship

- *There are two restaurants on board ship.*
- *The company continues to ship more computer systems than its rivals.*

Sign

- *Headaches may be a sign of stress.*
- *You forgot to sign the cheque.*

Sink

- *The ships sink to the bottom of the sea.*
- *I felt chained to the kitchen sink.*

Slide

- *You can slide the front seats forward if necessary.*
- *The economy is on the slide.*

Spoke

- *He drew every **spoke** in the wheels, and the whole affair looked as if it had been instantaneously petrified or arrested.*
- *I **spoke** to her last Wednesday.*

Spring

- *I'm sorry to **spring** it on you, but I've been offered another job.*
- *He was born in the **spring** of 1944.*

Stalk

- *He ate the apple, **stalk** and all.*
- *Snatching up my bag, I **stalk** out of the room.*

State

- *He was in a **state** of permanent depression.*
- *The Queen is on a **state** visit to Moscow.*

Stick

- *Don't **stick** your fingers through the bars of the cage.*
- *The boys were throwing **sticks** and stones at the dog.*

Subject

- *I have nothing more to say on the **subject**.*
- *Biology is my favorite **subject**.*

Suspect

- *If you **suspect** a gas leak, do not strike a match or even turn on an electric light.*
- *He is the prime **suspect** in the case.*

Homographs (T-W)

Homograph examples that start with T & W.

Tie

- *He had to **tie** her hands together.*
- *I wear a shirt and **tie** at work.*

Tear

- *I'll **tear** the package open.*
- *She left the room in **tears**.*

Toast

- *I'd like to propose a **toast** to the bride and groom.*
- *I had a piece of **toast** for breakfast.*

Too

- *He's far **too** young to go on his own.*
- *"I'm feeling hungry." – "Me **too**."*

Trip

- *We went on a **trip** to the mountains.*
- *Someone will **trip** over that cable.*

Type

- *There are three main **types** of contracts.*
- *This letter will need to be **typed** again.*

Watch

- *I like **watching** TV every night.*
- *I glanced at my **watch**.*

Wave

- *Huge **waves** were breaking on the shore.*
- *The people on the bus **waved** and we waved back.*

Well

- *The conference was very **well** organized.*
- *The dog fell down a **well**.*

Wind

- *The **wind** is blowing from the south.*
- *Give the handle another couple of **winds**.*

Wound

- *He died from the **wounds** he had received to his chest.*
- *He had been **wounded** in the arm.*