

## Writing Mechanics and Grammar → Homophones, Homonyms, Homographs

Level: Elementary School

*Homophones are words that all have the same sound, but they might not have the same spelling or meaning. If they do happen to also have the same spelling -- but different meaning -- they are **homonyms**, a subset of homophones. Words that always have the same spelling -- but might not sound the same, and might not have the same meaning either -- are called **homographs**.*

Circle the word that fits into the blank in the sentence:

- ( pear / pair ) I decided to eat a \_\_\_\_\_ after I had lunch.
- ( bear / bare ) The movie was so tense, I couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ to watch.
- ( plain / plane ) I flew on a \_\_\_\_\_ for the very first time.
- ( raise / rays ) I get so sleepy in the sunshine, I can hardly \_\_\_\_\_ my head.
- ( paws / pause ) She made me \_\_\_\_\_ and wait, before I went in.
- ( toad / towed ) They \_\_\_\_\_ away my dad's car by mistake.

Check each correct definition. Then circle the type(s) of word each is:

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| <b>ball</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> a round sphere, often used in playing games.     | <b>Homophone</b> <b>Homonym</b> <b>Homograph</b> |
|              | <input type="checkbox"/> a large, formal dance                            |  |
| <b>lives</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> finds pleasant or attractive                     | <b>Homophone</b> <b>Homonym</b> <b>Homograph</b> |
|              | <input type="checkbox"/> the complete time periods when people exist      |  |
| <b>bow</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> the shape of a knotted tie in a ribbon or string | <b>Homophone</b> <b>Homonym</b> <b>Homograph</b> |
|              | <input type="checkbox"/> incline and bend in politeness toward someone    |  |
| <b>tear</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> to rip something                                 | <b>Homophone</b> <b>Homonym</b> <b>Homograph</b> |
|              | <input type="checkbox"/> a drop of water that falls from the eyes         |  |
| <b>close</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> nearby, in time or space                         | <b>Homophone</b> <b>Homonym</b> <b>Homograph</b> |
|              | <input type="checkbox"/> garments that people wear                        |  |

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