

Oral Homograph and Homophone Differentiation Activity

Directions: Read each pair of sentences aloud to students. Explain that they are to listen closely to determine if the two sentences exemplify the use of homophones or homographs. Remind students that homographs are spelled differently and have different meanings, and homophones are spelled alike but have different meanings.

Glen was so hungry, he ate the whole pizza.

My dog dug a huge hole in the backyard.

(Answer: homophones)

I had to study the multiplication table to prepare for the math test.

When my family eats dinner, we sit together at the table.

(Answer: homographs)

In science class, we made a solution of chemicals.

The solution to my tiredness was to go to bed a little earlier.

(Answer: homographs)

Forgetting to do your homework could have a negative effect on your grade.

It would probably affect your health if you went on a chocolate cake diet.

(Answer: homophones)

The sporty, red car raced down the road.

Abbey rode the horse all around the farm.

(Answer: homophones)

The tires of the car began to sink into the mud.

I washed my dishes in the sink.

(Answer: homographs)

Did you place your library book on the shelf?

"This is a nice place!" Renee said when she saw my new house.

(Answer: homographs)

The fly buzzed all around the kitchen.
I'm going to fly to Ohio to visit my Uncle Steve.
(Answer: homographs)

The new edition of the school newspaper will come out on Friday.
The addition of two new students will fill our class to capacity.
(Answer: homophones)

Have you ever guessed the answer to a question on a test?
My mother brought a guest home from church on Sunday.
(Answer: homophones)

I hope you will like the present I got you for your birthday!
At the present time, I don't need to buy any more peanut butter.
(Answer: homographs)

I must cite my text evidence when answering the questions.
"My sight is not getting any better," sighed my Grandmother.
(Answer: homophones)

My uncle was a colonel in the army.
I had to pick up every kernel of popcorn off the floor.
(Answer: homophones)

Did you ever find the remote control?
It is important to control your temper, or it could lead to trouble.
(Answer: homographs)

I went on a field trip to the state capitol.
You should always start a proper noun with a capital letter.
(Answer: homophones)

The teacher had to check all the history reports.
My mother wrote a check to pay for my lunches.
(Answer: homographs)