

Homophones, Homonyms, and Homographs

Homophones:

Homophones are words that sound the same and may be spelled differently but have different meanings.

heal - I hope the cut will heal quickly.

heel - The heel of Jane's shoe was worn.

Other common homophones:

cent, scent	cell, sell	be, bee	eye, I	hear, here
mail, male	pair, pear	sew, so	to, two, too	

Homonyms

Homonyms are words that sound the same and are spelled the same, but have different meanings. They are also known as multiple meaning words.

shed - Please put the shovel in the shed.

shed - Snakes shed their skin as they get bigger.

Other common homonyms:

fair, scale, suit, left, band, fine, pound, row, well, band

Homographs

Homographs are words that are spelled alike but may have different pronunciations and different meanings. Some are pronounced the same, while others have different pronunciations.

present - Anna will present the award to the winner.

present - Jake bought a present for his friend.

Other common homographs:

conduct, project, desert, minute, content, subject, produce