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## Vocabulary – Word Groups

### 100 Common English Homonyms

**Homonyms** are words which have the same **sounds** and **spelling**, but different **meanings**, for example, 'bat' (cricket) and 'bat' (animal). It is good to be aware that the same word can have two or more meanings.

'Homonym' comes from the Greek words *homos* (same) + *ónoma* (name).

Homonym:	Meaning 1:	Meaning 2:
address	place	speech
back	body part	return
band	music group	ring
bark	tree	dog
bat	e.g. cricket	animal
bear	animal	put up with
board	wooden panel	directors
book	read	reserve
bow	ribbon	violin
box	container	hit
bright	light	intelligent
can	metal container	modal verb
cast	bandage	stage group
chair	furniture	chairperson
change	difference	small money
chip	food	computer
club	tool	organisation
cool	cold	trendy
crane	bird	machine
dance	waltz	action
duck	bird	crouch down
fair	blonde	pleasure park
fall	trip	autumn
fat	overweight	butter
film	movie	record
fine	good	punishment
fire	flames	sack
firm	company	hard
flat	horizontal	apartment
fly	insect	e.g. plane
foot	measurement	body part
fudge	confectionery	compromise
general	unspecific	army rank
glass	drinking	material
grand	impressive	a thousand
grave	ground	very serious
hide	skin	conceal
hip	body part	trendy
hit	successful	beat
iron	clothes	material
jam	food	problem
jerk	idiot	movement
jet	plane	water
just	adverb	fair
kid	child	baby goat
kind	nice	type
lap	seated	overtake
lark	bird	prank
leave	work holiday	go out
left	direction	past of leave

Homonym:	Meaning 1:	Meaning 2:
lie	recline	not true
light	not heavy	not dark
long	lengthy	yearn
match	football	light
may	modal verb	fifth month
mean	unkind	signify
mine	workplace	belongs to me
mole	animal	informant
mouse	animal	computer
musical	adj. of music	theatre
orange	fruit	colour
paper	printer	newspaper
park	green space	leave a car
peer	look closely at	aristocrat
pen	for writing	for animals
phone	mobile	call somebody
pick	choose	tool
play	sport	theatre
pop	music genre	fizzy drink
pound	currency	beat
printer	computer	business
racket	for tennis	scam
remote	far	TV
right	correct	direction
ring	jewellery	call somebody
rock	music	stone
rocket	spaceship	plant
rose	flower	got up
row	a boat	spreadsheet
saw	tool	past of see
seal	animal	official stamp
short	petite	alcohol
show	TV	let sby see sth
sick	unwell	fantastic
sink	furniture	move down
skate	fish	on a rink
space	place for sth	solar system
spring	season	metal coil
square	shape	not cool
stalk	follow	plant stem
suit	clothes	be suitable
taxi	car	plane
tie	clothing	fasten
tongue	body part	meat
trip	holiday	stumble
trunk	elephant	suitcase
watch	time	TV
wave	beach	say hello
well	adverb	water hole
yard	back garden	measurement