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Vocabulary – Word Groups

6 Important Word Groups in English

Homonyms: same **sounds** and **spelling** but different **meanings**; cause problems with **reading**:

Homonym:	Meaning 1:	Meaning 2:
bright	light	intelligent
can	metal container	modal verb
fly	insect	e.g. plane
glass	drinking	e.g. window
lie	recline	not true

Homonym:	Meaning 1:	Meaning 2:
mouse	animal	computer
orange	fruit	colour
play	sport	theatre
watch	time	TV
wave	beach	say hello

Homophones: same **sounds** but different **spellings** and **meanings**; cause problems with **spelling**:

Word 1:	Word 2:
aren't	aunt
ate	eight
buy	bye
eye	I
flour	flower

Word 1:	Word 2:
hear	here
hole	whole
hour	our
it's	its
knew	new

Word 1:	Word 2:
meat	meet
one	won
plain	plane
red	read
right	write

Word 1:	Word 2:
sea	see
son	sun
wait	weight
weather	whether
wood	would

Homographs: same **spelling** but different **sounds** and **meanings**; cause problems with **pronunciation**:

Homograph:	Noun:	Verb:
insult	abuse	offend
invite	invitation	request
present	gift	show
record	vinyl disc	note
transport	vehicle	move

Homograph:	Word 1:	Word 2:
close	adj. near	v. shut
live	adj. broadcast	v. exist
read	v. infinitive	v. 3 rd form
tear	n. crying	v. rip
use	n. e.g. single	v. consume

Using **synonyms** helps to make our **writing** more interesting and raise the level:

Word 1:	Word 2:
big	large
bus	coach
but	however
by	beside
coat	jacket

Word 1:	Word 2:
eat	consume
find	discover
good	decent
hot	boiling
long	extended

Word 1:	Word 2:
loud	noisy
nearly	almost
on	upon
party	gathering
slowly	gradually

Word 1:	Word 2:
soon	shortly
under	below
usually	normally
walk	stroll
work	job

Learning words and their **antonyms** together allows us to increase our **vocabulary** twice as fast:

Adjectives:	
best	worst
easy	difficult
good	bad
hot	cold
quiet	loud

Nouns:	
day	night
floor	ceiling
man	woman
question	answer
work	rest

Adverbs:	
always	never
before	after
fast	slow
more	less
now	then

Verbs:	
buy	sell
give	get
go	come
open	close
start	finish

A **minimal pair** is a set of two words that have the same sounds apart from one different sound:

Vowel Sound (Middle):	
ball	bowl
get	got
mat	met
ship	shop
will	wool

Initial Con. Sound:	
bed	head
feet	meat
fun	done
learn	burn
rose	toes

Middle Con. Sound:	
eaten	even
hobby	hockey
meaning	meeting
pedal	petal
simple	symbol

Final Con. Sound:	
card	cars
gate	gave
made	make
rice	right
yes	yet