



Homonyms (also known as homographs)

Homonyms are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. They can be nouns, adjectives or verbs. The context gives their meaning.

Homonym	Examples
second	He came second in the backstroke race. Wait a second while I grab my bag. I second that motion Councillor.
jam	I prefer apricot jam on my toast. There was a tremendous traffic jam on the F3. Don't jam your finger in the car door.
present	I gave her an expensive birthday present . Have you been present in class all week? Please write your story in the present tense.
spring	Spring is my favourite season. I will spring into action when the fire alarm goes off. The sofa spring was sticking through the cloth. I used a spring onion in my salad.
tip	I prefer a fine tip on my pen. He gave me a tip for the Melbourne Cup. Don't tip the water on the floor. You gave the waiter a generous tip .
range	The Great Dividing Range is an Australian mountain range . Her singing voice had a large range . The new summer range of clothing was in the boutique.