

Lesson 3

Homographs

▪ A **homograph** is a word that has the same spelling as another word but a different meaning and sometimes a different pronunciation.

EXAMPLE: saw, meaning "have seen," and saw, meaning "a tool used for cutting"

A. Circle the letter for the definition that best defines each underlined homograph.

- Sara jumped at the bangs of the exploding balloons.
 - fringe of hair
 - loud noises
- She grabbed a stick to arm herself against the threat.
 - part of the body
 - take up a weapon
- The dog's bark woke the family.
 - noise a dog makes
 - outside covering on a tree
- Mix the pancake batter for three minutes.
 - person at bat
 - mixture for cooking

B. Use the homographs in the box to complete the sentences below. Each homograph will be used twice.

- Pieces of a board game are _____ .
People who are cashiers are _____ .
- A water bird is a _____ .
To lower the head is to _____ .
- A metal container is a _____ .
If you are able, you _____ .
- To get down from something is to _____ .
If something is on fire, it is _____ .

duck
alight
can
checkers

C. Write the homograph for each pair of meanings below. The first letter of each word is given for you.

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| 1. a. building for horses | b. delay | s _____ |
| 2. a. a metal fastener | b. a sound made with fingers | s _____ |
| 3. a. to crush | b. a yellow vegetable | s _____ |
| 4. a. to stop eating | b. quickly | f _____ |
| 5. a. to strike | b. a party fruit drink | p _____ |