

Homographs

Answer Key

Homographs are words with the same spelling but different meanings. The pronunciation may or may not be different.

Write sentences to illustrate two meanings for each homograph.

(Answers may vary.)

1)

minute

It took Morgan less than a minute to style his hair.

Ms. Evans paid attention to minute details in the report.

2)

lead

Kevin auditioned for the lead role in the school play.

Lead is used in car batteries.

3)

fine

Charlie had to pay a fine because he was speeding.

Mom says the cabinets must be redone, but they look fine to me.

4)

waves

Little Pauline politely waves her hand when she greets people.

The waves were particularly wild the day we went to the beach.

5)

ball

The goalkeeper had to dive left to stop the ball.

The company is organizing a ball for Christmas.