



Homonyms

CAPS: Grade 6, Term 3

Language Structures & Conventions

Vocabulary in context: Homonyms

(Words that are pronounced and spelled alike but have different meanings.)

Note

Homonyms

Homonyms are words that sound the same and are spelled the same, but have different meaning. E.g. I **saw** Dad cut the wood with a **saw**.

Activity 1

Help Themba choose the correct meaning for the word used in each sentence.

Example

She has a pretty **bow** in her hair.
strip of folded material for tying

The hunter used a wooden **bow** and arrow.
weapon for shooting arrows

- ① Mr Ndlovu paid a **fine** after he was caught speeding in his car.

Gogo was sick last night but she looks **fine** this morning.

A. Feeling okay.

B. Money owed as punishment for breaking a rule.

B

A

- ② The DJ only played two **rock** songs at the party last night.

The clever monkey used a **rock** to crack the nut.

A. A big stone.

B. Type of music.

- ③ We use candles for **light** when there is no electricity.

This box is **light** not heavy.

A. Having not much mass.

B. Illumination.

- ④ Themba went to the **bank** to ask for a loan.

I sat on the **bank** of the river while I was fishing.

A. The side or edge.

B. Place where money is kept.



Activity 2

Write sentences for each pair of homonyms showing two different meanings. The first ones have been done for you.

① well: Gogo got some water from the well.

well: I was sick but now I am well.

② watch: _____

watch: _____

③ back: _____

back: _____

④ match: _____

match: _____

⑤ bark: _____

bark: _____

Teacher Tip

Homonyms (same sound/spelling) are often confused with *homophones* (same sound/different spelling). Ensure a good understanding of one before proceeding to the next.

