

Homonyms

Homonyms are words that are spelled the same but have different meanings. For example, think about the word 'bank'. How many different meanings does it have?

A bank could be a place to keep money, or a grassy hill, or it could mean 'to tilt', 'to store', or even 'to depend on'. The word bank has lots of different meanings!

In the questions below, you are given two 'categories' of words separated into two sets of brackets. Then, out of a list of five options, you need to pick the homonym that fits equally well with both categories.

Take a look at this example...

(dance, party) (globe, sphere)
circle disco **ball** world waltz



The correct answer is 'ball' because a ball could be another word to mean a dance or a party, but it could also mean a round, spherical object. None of the other options fit with **both** categories.

See if you can circle the right option for each of the questions below...

1. (spike, nib) (crux, conclusion)
pen point basis stick sharp

2. (canine, dog) (hoarse, gruff)
bark foal wolf husky rough

3. (block, plug) (conserve, preserve)
protect clog stuck jam bath

4. (playground, field) (station, position)
park train move slide common

5. (flower, plant) (climbed, ascended)
stem trail stair leave rose

6. (answer, solution) (tone, pitch)
tune correct key bass tick

7. (fair, right) (only, merely)
moral just sole one soul

8. (lower, curtsy) (loop, knot)
bow duck tuck ribbon tie

9. (joist, plank) (grin, smile)
shaft wood cheer beam support

10. (bounce, leap) (geyser, fountain)
water jump spring hop bound



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Answers

1. point
2. husky
3. jam
4. park
5. rose
6. key
7. just
8. bow
9. beam
10. spring