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Homographs

Focus

Homographs are words that are spelled the same but have different meanings and different origins and sometimes have different pronunciations. Sometimes homographs have different pronunciations, because the stress is placed on a different syllable. Homographs are frequently different parts of speech as well. For example, one might be a noun, and another might be a verb.

Practice

The homographs in the following sentences are underlined. Write a definition for the homograph based on how it is used in the sentence.

1. While looking in the forest for deer, we saw several does with their young fawns.

2. We decided to tear the old shirts into strips to make rags.

3. I could tell she was sad, because I saw one tear trickle down her face.

4. Everyone brought a present to my birthday party.

5. She gave a speech to present her ideas to the entire staff.
