

Homophone Detectives

Use sentence clues to choose the right homophone.

4.2.B.ii "spelling homophones;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

CORRECT

This sentence uses the homophone that matches its meaning. Read the whole sentence for clues.

The mail came early.

WRONG

This sentence has a homophone that does not match its meaning. Another spelling would make sense.

I can sea the mountains.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle CORRECT or WRONG for each sentence, then pick two items and explain which word meaning helped you decide.

1. Please put the books over there.

CORRECT

WRONG

2. We can hear the birds sing.

CORRECT

WRONG

3. I ate too pieces of toast.

CORRECT

WRONG

4. Our class will write a play.

CORRECT

WRONG

5. The dog wagged it's tail.

CORRECT

WRONG

6. Mia wore a blue pare of gloves.

CORRECT

WRONG

7. The knight rode a horse.

CORRECT

WRONG

8. I want to no the answer.

CORRECT

WRONG

2

PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence for CORRECT and one new sentence for WRONG.

CORRECT _____

WRONG _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-sentence riddle about something. Use and underline at least two homophones that are spelled correctly.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Please put the books over there.	CORRECT	There names a place.
2	We can hear the birds sing.	CORRECT	Hear means to listen with your ears.
3	I ate too pieces of toast.	WRONG	Two means the number 2.
4	Our class will write a play.	CORRECT	Write means to make words with letters.
5	The dog wagged it's tail.	WRONG	Its shows that the tail belongs to the dog.
6	Mia wore a blue pare of gloves.	WRONG	Pair means two things that belong together.
7	The knight rode a horse.	CORRECT	Knight names a person who rode and fought in armor.
8	I want to no the answer.	WRONG	Know means to understand or have information.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **CORRECT:** I rode my bike to school.
- **WRONG:** Please brake the cookie in half.

Challenge: I have a _bow_, but I do not shoot arrows. I _sail_ on the _sea_.

For Part 2, students should name the meaning clue, such as saying that two means a number or that its shows belonging. Part 3 and the challenge may have different correct answers if the homophone spellings fit the sentence meanings.