

Homophone Detectives

Use sentence clues to check each sound-alike word.

4.3 "Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

WORD FITS

The word matches the clues in the sentence. It may sound like another word, but it has the right meaning.

The class will [meet] after lunch.

WORD DOES NOT FIT

The word does not match the sentence clues. A homophone that sounds the same may have the needed meaning.

The puppy chewed a [peace] of rope.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle FITS or NOT FIT for each sentence, then choose two items and explain which sentence clue showed whether the bracketed homophone fit.

1. The gray clouds may bring [rain] this afternoon.

FITS

NOT FIT

2. The queen's [reign] lasted twenty years.

FITS

NOT FIT

3. Please [write] your answer on the line.

FITS

NOT FIT

4. The farmer lifted a [bail] of hay.

FITS

NOT FIT

5. The [deer] leaped over the fence.

FITS

NOT FIT

6. Be careful not to [brake] the glass jar.

FITS

NOT FIT

7. The sailor raised the [sale] on the boat.

FITS

NOT FIT

8. Can you [hear] the bells from here?

FITS

NOT FIT

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 FITS sentence with a correctly used homophone and one new NOT FIT sentence with a homophone that does not match the sentence clues.

FITS _____

NOT FIT _____

CHALLENGE

Choose a homophone pair, write two sentences that use each word correctly, then explain how the meanings differ.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The gray clouds may bring [rain] this afternoon.	FITS	Rain is water that falls from clouds.
2	The queen's [reign] lasted twenty years.	FITS	Reign means the time a ruler rules.
3	Please [write] your answer on the line.	FITS	Write means to put words on paper.
4	The farmer lifted a [bail] of hay.	NOT FIT	A bale is a large bundle of hay. Bail has a different meaning.
5	The [deer] leaped over the fence.	FITS	A deer is an animal.
6	Be careful not to [brake] the glass jar.	NOT FIT	Break means to crack or smash. Brake means to slow or stop.
7	The sailor raised the [sale] on the boat.	NOT FIT	A sail is cloth that catches wind. A sale is when items are sold.
8	Can you [hear] the bells from here?	FITS	Hear means to notice a sound.

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)

- **FITS:** We ate [cereal] for breakfast.
- **NOT FIT:** The librarian read a [cereal] mystery.

Challenge: The wind blew the leaves across the yard. Jay wore a blue hat. Blew means moved by wind, and blue names a color.

The bracketed word is the word students sort. For Part 2, accept explanations that name a useful context clue and connect it to the correct homophone meaning.