

Spring 1 – Literacy Focus
Homophones and Homonyms

Homophone

Use your knowledge of the ancient Greek language in order to break down the meaning of this word:

Homosexuals are attracted to people of the **same** gender as themselves.

Homogamous plants have stamens and pistils which mature at the **same** time.

Homochromous things are the **same** colour as each other.

A **microphone** allows people to hear the **sound** of your voice more clearly.

A **telephone** enables **sound** to be carried across long distances.

Xylophones and **saxophones** create beautiful musical **sounds**.

So... what does the word **Homophone** mean?

Words which sound the same as each other, but have different spellings and different meanings, such as sea/see

JUST WAITING FOR THE BUS



CAUSE MY CAR GOT TOAD

**IF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE COULD STOP INVENTING
WORDS THAT SOUND THE SAME BUT ARE SPELLED
DIFFERENT**



THAT'D BE GRATE

A close-up, front-facing shot of Morpheus from the movie The Matrix. He is wearing his signature black sunglasses and has a serious, intense expression. The background is a blurred, dark greenish-grey color.

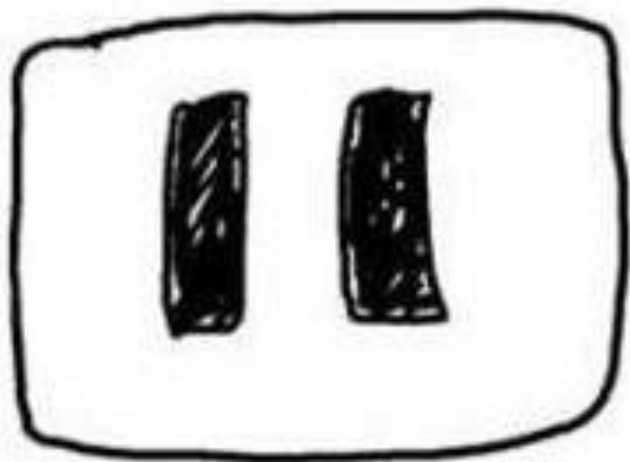
WHAT IF I TOLD YOU

'ARE' AND 'OUR' ARE TWO DIFFERENT WORDS

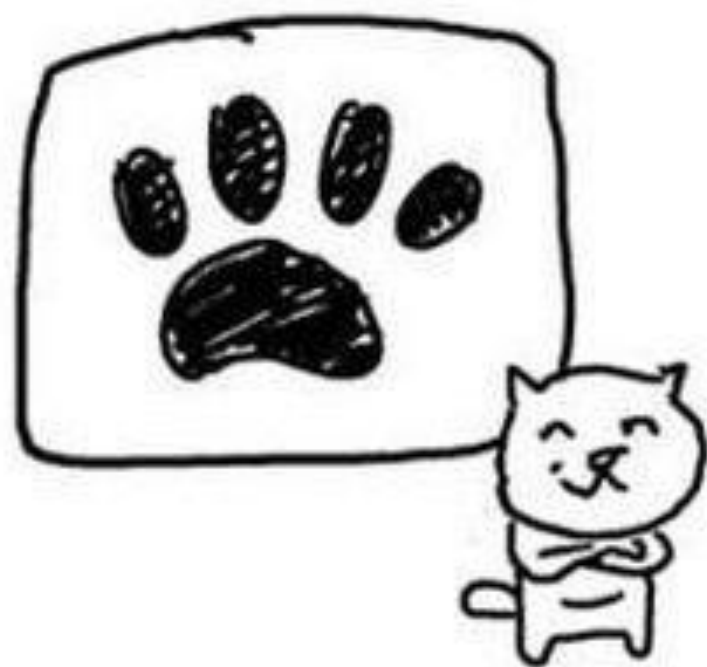
THIS JOB ISN'T FOR EVERYONE



BUT HAY....ITS IN MY JEANS



PAUSE BUTTON



PAWS BUTTON

Homophones

Knowing how much you all love a grammar song, here's a few to rock along to:

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Homophones



way

Which way should I go?



stairs

Use the stairs to go up and down.



flower

A rose is a beautiful flower.



bored

The man was very bored.



one

The first number is one.



weigh

I weigh fruit at the supermarket.



stares

The cat stares at the mouse.



flour

Flour is used in baking.



board

A carpenter cuts a board.



won

I won the race!



hair

I dry my hair.



son

Dad helped his son to read.



eight

Six, seven, eight, nine.....



deer

The deer ran through the forest.



eye

Dust blew into my eye.



hare

A rabbit is also called a hare.



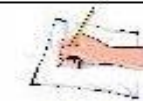
sun

The sun shined brightly.



ate

Sally ate a sandwich.



dear

Dear Max. How are you?



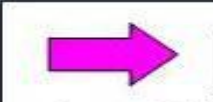
I

'I' is another way of saying 'me'.



feat

A heroic act is called a feat.



forth

To go forth is to go forward.



hear

I hear with my ears.



hole

The man climbed out of the hole.



groan

When I feel sick I groan.



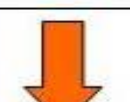
feet

You walk on your feet.



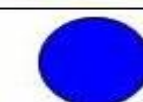
fourth

After third comes fourth.



here

Here it is!



whole

All parts together equal a whole.



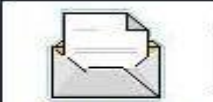
grown

The plant has grown.



knight

The knight rode his horse.



mail

Mail is delivered by a postman.



sew

Use a needle and thread to sew.



waist

Mary measured her waist.



write

I can write my name.



night

The moon comes out at night.



male

A man is called a male.



so

So? What is the answer?



waste

Put all of your waste in the bin.



right

That is correct! You are right.

Homonym

Back to our study of ancient Greek:

Synonyms are different words for the same thing e.g. tiny, miniscule, small

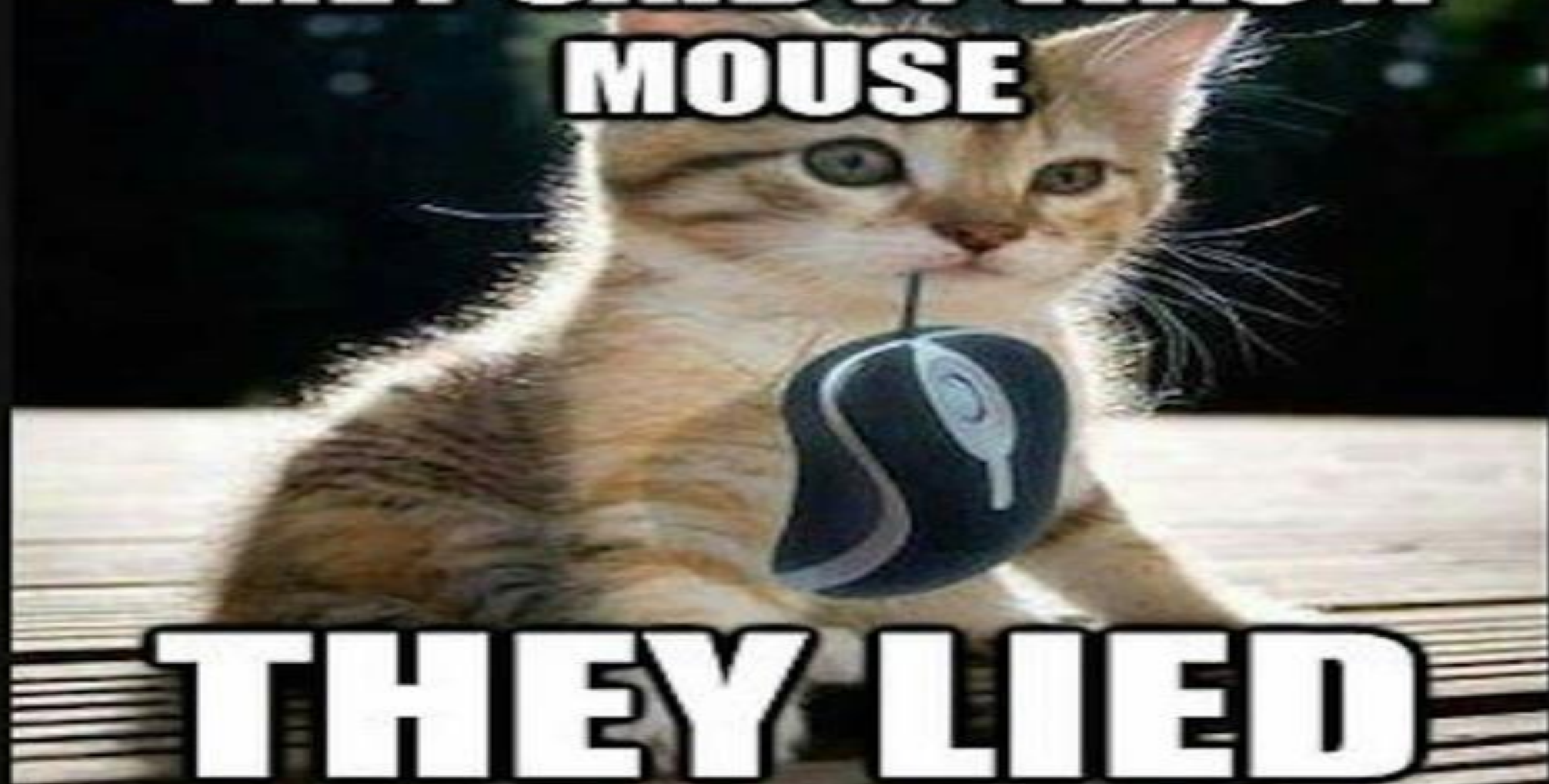
Antonyms are words which have opposite meanings to each other e.g. clever, stupid

A pseudonym is a fake name used by an author to publish their work under.

So... what does the word Homonym mean?

Words which sound and are spelt the same as each other, but which have different meanings, such as rose.

**THEY SAID IT WAS A
MOUSE**



THEY LIED

A photograph of Barack Obama in a dark suit and blue tie, shaking hands with a large, silver, wire-mesh electric fan. The fan is positioned on the right side of the frame, and Obama is on the left, facing the fan. The background is a dark blue wall with some green text visible in the upper right corner. Two white speech bubbles are overlaid on the image. The first speech bubble is above Obama, and the second is below the fan. The floor is red.

**Mister
President! I'm so
glad to meet you...**

...I'm a huge fan.

bear	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. a large furry animal2. to carry
bat	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A flying rodent2. a wooden stick
cold	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. a common illness2. very chilly
bowl	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. a dish for eating2. to knock pins over
cast	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. people in a movie2. to throw
hide	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. the skin of an animal2. to disappear from view

How many of these homonyms do you know the meanings of?

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_true_homonyms