

## Lesson Plan: Homonyms

**Level:** Intermediate (B1–B2)

**Time:** 60 minutes

**Objective:**

Students will be able to identify and correctly use common homonyms in spoken and written English.

**Materials Needed:**

- Whiteboard/markers
- Handouts with exercises
- Flashcards (optional)
- Audio or video clip with homonyms in context (optional)

## Lesson Outline

### 1. Warm-Up (10 mins)

**Activity: Word Match Game**

Write a few homonyms on the board in two columns (e.g., *bark*, *bat*, *spring*). Ask students to match the words with two different meanings:

- *bark (tree) vs bark (dog sound)*
- *bat (animal) vs bat (sports equipment)*

**Discussion Prompt:**

"What do you notice about these words? Do they have more than one meaning?"

## 2. Presentation (15 mins)

### Definition:

Explain that **homonyms** are words that sound the same or are spelled the same but have different meanings.

### Types of Homonyms:

- **Homophones:** Same sound, different spelling/meaning (e.g., *pair / pear*)
- **Homographs:** Same spelling, different meaning (e.g., *lead metal / lead a group*)

### Examples on the board:

- Right / Write
- Bank (money) / Bank (river)
- Watch (verb) / Watch (noun)

## 3. Practice (20 mins)

### A. Matching Exercise (Worksheet)

Match homonyms with their correct meanings using pictures or definitions.

### B. Fill-in-the-Blanks

Provide sentences with blanks; students choose the correct homonym.

Example: I can't bear the noise. / A bear lives in the forest.

### C. Pair Work

Give pairs of students a list of homonyms. They write two sentences for each one, using each meaning.

## 4. Production (10 mins)

### Activity: Homonym Skits

In pairs or small groups, students create a short skit using at least three homonyms in context. Then perform for the class.

## 5. Wrap-Up and Review (5 mins)

- Recap: Ask students to share one homonym they learned.

- Homework: Write a short paragraph using five different homonyms.

### **Optional Extensions**

- Use a song or video with homonyms for listening practice.
- Homonym bingo game for review.