

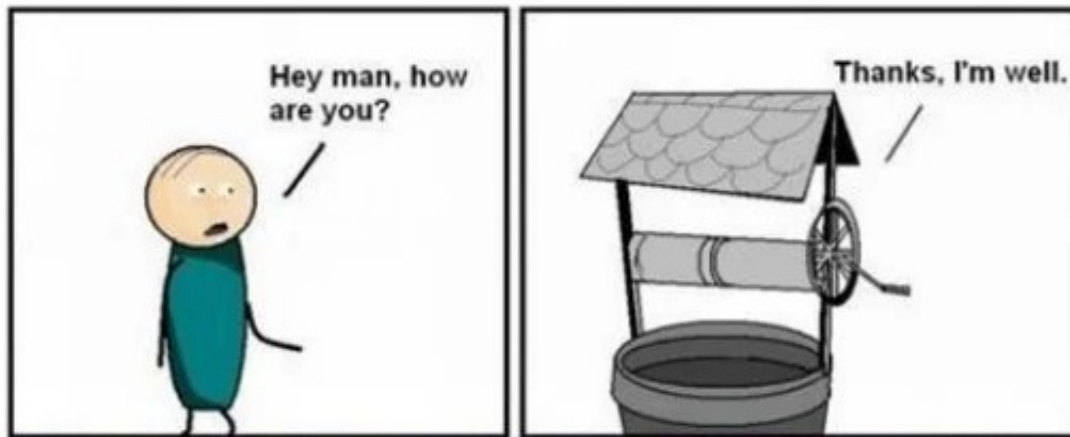
Homonyms - One word, two meanings

(from Latin: "homo"="same", "nym"="name")

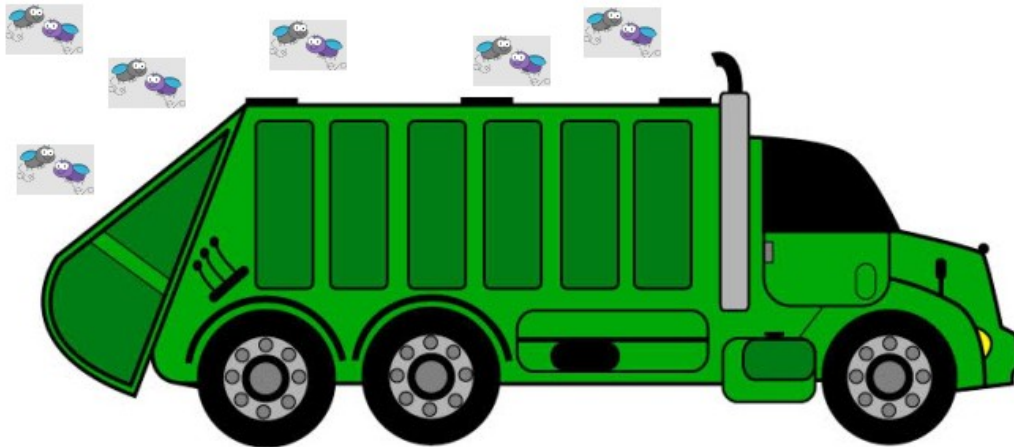
Homonyms are words that are written the same and sound the same but have different meanings. In other words, a homonym is a word that has two or more meanings, even though it looks and sounds the same. Here are some examples:

Homonym	Meaning 1	Meaning 2
address	to deal with	street location
band	a musical group	a ring
bark	the outside part of a tree	the sound a dog makes
bat	a wooden stick used to hit a ball	a nocturnal flying mammal
book	something to read	to make a reservation
brilliant	smart or intelligent	strong light
current	up to date	flow of water or electricity
die	to stop living	a cube marked one to six (plural: dice)
express	a fast version of something	to describe your thoughts
fair	just	a small market
fan	cooling machine	somebody who likes something a lot
flies	flying insects	third person present simple of 'to fly'
kid	a child	a baby goat
kind	a type of something	gentle
lie	to recline	to say something not true
match	a sports game	a stick to make fire
mean	to signify	average
metal	hard substance	a genre of music
miss	to feel sad in someone's absence	to not attend a commitment
pen	a writing instrument	a holding area for animals
pole	a piece of metal that holds a flag	extreme point on a planet
right	correct	opposite of left
rock	a genre of music	a big stone
rose	the past simple of 'to rise'	a flower
spend	to buy something with money	to pass time
stalk	the strong part of a flower	to follow or harass someone
tire	to become weary	part of a wheel
well	in good health	a source of water in the ground

Some homonym jokes:



Q: What has six wheels and flies? A: A garbage truck.



Some Portuguese examples of homonyms (homônimos):

Caminho

- Eu sei qual o **caminho** para chegar até lá.
- Eu **caminho** cerca de meia hora para chegar.

Cedo

- Saí mais **cedo** do que nos demais dias.
- Sempre **cedo** quando sou pressionado.

Leve

- Esta caixa está **leve**.
- Você quer que eu **leve** estas caixas?
- **Leve** a vida **leve**!

Manga

- Eu adoro **manga**. É deliciosa!
- A **manga** esquerda da minha jaqueta está rasgada.

Morro

- Eu sempre subo um **morro** para chegar ao trabalho.
- Eu **morro** de medo de ratos.

Rio

- Na trilha visitamos um belo **rio**.
- Eu **rio** demais das piadas que ele faz.

São

- Ele está **são** e salvo!
- Vocês dois **são** impossíveis!

Torta

- Adoro **torta** de chocolate.
- A peça está **torta**.

Vão

- Nunca diga o nome do Senhor em **vão**.
- Eles **vão** ao parque todo dia.
- Há um grande **vão** entre os pilares.

Verão

- Vou viajar durante o **verão**.
- Não sei se eles **verão** quando eu chegar.