

Heteronyms

A heteronym is a word having a different pronunciation and meaning as another word, but the same spelling. Sometimes the stress is on a different syllable and sometimes the stress remains the same, but only the pronunciation of the vowel changes.

You will find fruits and vegetables in the **produce** section. (adjective)
Many factories **produce** too much pollution. (verb)

He was a famous **Polish** actor in the 1960's. (adjective)
We need to **polish** all of the furniture and silverware. (verb)

It's very dangerous to use **lead** paint. (adjective)
The cowboys **lead** the cattle to the ranch. (verb)

The boy received a **present** from his grandmother. (noun)
We are going to **present** our idea at the meeting. (verb)

This TV show is always broadcast **live**. (adjective)
Where do kangaroos and koalas **live**? (verb)

A **dove** is a white bird that symbolizes peace. (noun)
The swimmers **dove** into the pool several times. (verb)

The treasure hunter discovered a valuable **object** in the tomb. (noun)
Lawyers often **object** to questions during a trial. (verb)

What was your favorite **subject** in school? Math, science, history? (noun)
New drugs are **subject** to many tests before they are approved. (verb)

They had been lost in the **desert** for almost a week. (noun)
The soldier decided to **desert** the army one day. (verb)

She is very **close** to finishing her essay for literature class. (adjective)
Please **close** the door and windows when you leave. (verb)

Are you going to **read** the sports section of the newspaper? (verb - present tense)
I've already **read** this book three times. (verb - past tense)

The little girl wore a pretty pink **bow** in her hair. (noun)
The dancers always **bow** after their performances. (verb)

She must have been sad because I saw a **tear** on her cheek. (noun)
Be careful not to accidentally **tear** the paper. (verb)

