

Homographs

prune

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grouse

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A **HOMOGRAPH** IS A WORD THAT IS SPELLED THE SAME AS ANOTHER WORD BUT HAS A DIFFERENT MEANING AND SOMETIMES A DIFFERENT PRONUNCIATION.

A **prune** is a dried plum.

When you **prune** something, you trim it.

If you **desert** someone, you leave that person.

A **desert** is a region with little rainfall.

A **grouse** is a kind of bird.

A **bass** is a kind of fish.

The low singing voice of a man is a **bass**.

Someone who sews is a **sewer**. / A **sewer** is a pipe for carrying away waste.



If you **grouse**,
you complain.

A. Read each sentence. Then circle the correct word.

1. This lake has a lot of bass .	a. bas	b. bās
2. This cactus grows in the desert .	a. de' zert	b. di 'zert
3. A sewer made this dress.	a. sō' er	b. soo' er
4. We hoped the guide wouldn't desert us.	a. dez' ert	b. di 'zurt
5. The sewer in our town runs beneath the ground.	a. sō' er	b. soo' er
6. The bass singer in the chorus was good.	a. bas	b. bās

B. Write a vocabulary word for each underlined word or words.

1. The gardener will clip the bushes. _____
2. We saw a bird flying overhead. _____
3. The boys will grumble if they miss the show. _____
4. A dried plum is a good snack. _____

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A. Use what you know. Write the best word to complete each sentence.

1. It's not fair to _____ the team now.
2. If you _____ the tree, you'll have a better view.
3. No one wants to hear you _____ all the time.
4. It's usually very warm in the _____ during the day.
5. Every street has a _____ for waste.
6. Nelson caught a _____ in the river.
7. A musical instrument with low tones is the _____ fiddle.
8. Look at all the _____ on the branches of that tree.
9. Mom is a good _____ and will make my costume.
10. If you want some fruit, there is one _____ left in the box.

B. Read each question. Choose the best answer.

1. Can a grouse grouse?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
2. Does a bass sing bass?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
3. Can you desert a desert?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
4. Does a sewer need a sewer?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

	COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3
1.	sewer	a dry region	a dried fruit
2.	grouse	a plump bird	to flee from something
3.	desert	a large underground channel	to grumble and fuss
4.	bass	to cut back plants	a person who uses a needle and thread
5.	prune	a fish that is good to eat	a drum with a low tone