

Exercise 1

Read the information. Then read the sentences. Choose the correct definitions of the underlined words and phrases. Use the context to help you.

Some words in English have more than one meaning. These words are called *homonyms*. Homonyms are words that are spelled or pronounced the same but have different meanings. *True homonyms* are words that are both spelled and pronounced the same. It is important to look at the word in context to work out the meaning. For example:

True homonym: **park**

1. a large area of land with grass and trees
2. to put a vehicle in a place where it can stay for a period of time

*You are only allowed to **park** there between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.*

In the sentence above, the context tells us that *park* means *to put a vehicle in a place where it can stay for a period of time*.

1. We have seen huge advances in the field of 3-D technology in recent years, with engineers now able to print custom-made surgical tools.
 - money paid to a person before they start working on a project
 - specially made for a particular person or group
 - the development or progress made in a field of study
2. It is evident that the digital divide between rich and poor countries is getting bigger and bigger.
 - the different types of technology available to a person
 - the gap between those with regular access to technology and those without it
 - the process of separating different technologies into groups
3. The company is renowned for its innovative products, which are unlike any other products on the market.
 - high-quality
 - newly developed and original
 - reliable

4. The concept of energy used by a wide variety of scientific disciplines dates back to the seventeenth century.

- a particular area of study or knowledge
- a person who has specialist knowledge in a particular area of study
- the ability to control yourself or other people

5. Even though the group agreed that more funding was needed for the new research project, they were unable to reach a consensus on exactly how the money should be spent.

- a conclusion based on statistical data
- an agreement among a group of people
- a person who makes a decision

6. It wasn't until the discovery was published in the monthly scientific journal that the team received global recognition for all their hard work.

- a formal document used for writing notes about an experiment
- a serious newspaper or magazine that deals with a particular subject
- a written private record of what you have done each day