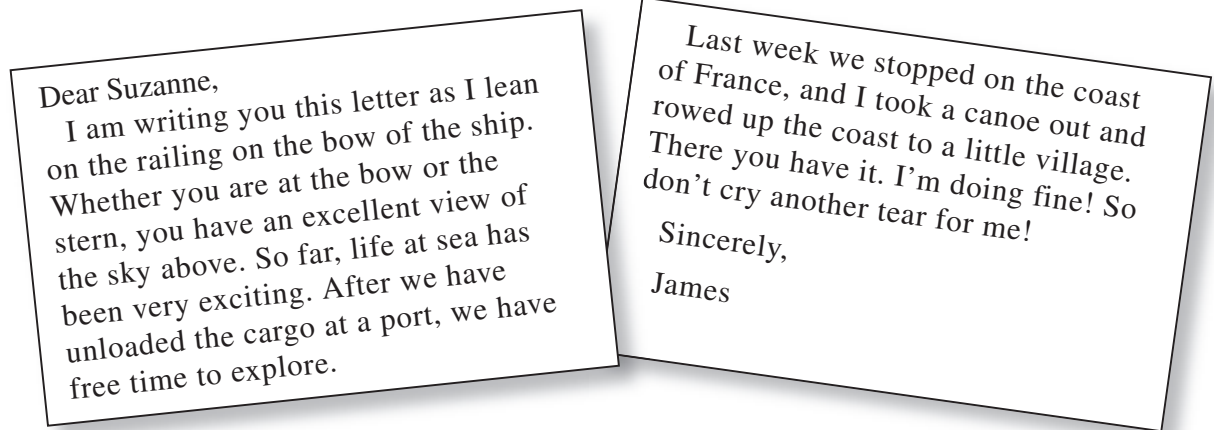


Vocabulary • Context Clues

- **Homonyms** are words that are spelled and pronounced the same but have different meanings. **Homographs** are words that are spelled the same but have different meanings and pronunciations.
- Use **context clues** to help you figure out the meaning of homonyms and homographs.

Directions Read the following letter. Then answer the questions below.



1. How do you know that the word *stern* does not mean “firm” in this letter?

2. Which words from the passage tell you whether the homonym *lean* means “thin” or “to rest on something or someone for support”?

3. What context clue helps you know the meaning of *tear* in this letter?

4. How is the word *bow* a homonym?

5. Are the words *days* and *daze* homographs? Why or why not?



Home Activity Your child identified the meanings of homographs and homonyms by using context clues. Make a list of all the homographs and homonyms that you can think of. After each word, draw a picture that shows the different meanings of each word.