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Vocabulary • Context Clues

- A **homonym** is a word with different meanings but only one spelling.
- Sometimes you can use the words and sentences around a **homonym** to figure out its meaning.

Directions Read each sentence. Use context clues to figure out the meaning of the underlined word. Circle the meaning of the underlined word that fits the sentence.

1. The girl stoops to pick up the book she dropped.
   bends down porches
2. I was a bit late for the beginning of the movie.
   took a bite little
3. Did the server use a pitcher to fill our water glasses?
   baseball player container with a spout
4. The apple I had for lunch tasted tart.
   sour fruit pie
5. I had to take a rest after I ran five miles.
   what is left be inactive
6. The boy climbed four flights to his apartment on the top floor.
   groups of stairs in a building airplane trips
7. The best man made a toast at the wedding.
   slices of heated bread wish for good fortune
8. The pitcher threw a fast ball and struck out the batter.
   container with a spout baseball player
9. We saw a school of minnows in the ocean.
   large group of fish a place for learning
10. The rain cannot last all day!
    end continue

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Home Activity Your child has identified and used context clues to figure out the meaning of homonyms. Read a story together and encourage looking for words that are homonyms. Help your child use context clues to understand the meaning of unfamiliar words.