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**Answer Key**

# Puzzling Puns

**Homophone:** Two or more words that have the same pronunciation but different meanings or spellings.

**Homonym:** Two or more words that have the same spelling and different meanings.

**Pun:** A joke that uses a homonym or homophones for their humor.

*Ex. A sign on the road said, "Frog parking only. All others will be toad."*

**Part 1:** Finish this list of homophones by writing words that share the same pronunciation, but have different meanings or spellings.

1. Aunt / Ant
2. Ball / Bawl
3. Bear / Bare
4. Bee / Be
5. Billed / Build



**Part 2:** Choose two of the homophone word pairs to write your own pun.

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary

**Part 3:** Read each pun. Identify if a homophone or homonym was used. Explain how you know.

*Ex. A sign on the road said, "Frog parking only. All others will be toad."*

*The word "toad" is a homophone. I know this because "toad" is a kind of animal and "towed" means that a vehicle is moved by another vehicle. They sound the same but have different spellings and different meanings.*

1. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

The word "flies" is a homonym. I know this because flies refers to the verb to fly and also the noun meaning a small insect. Both have the same spelling and pronunciation, but different meanings.

2. Look out the window. The landscape is really bear.

The word "bear" is a homophone. I know this because "bare" and "bear" are pronounced the same, yet have different spellings and meanings. "Bare" refers to an empty landscape and "bear" refers to an animal.