

Homographic Puns

A **pun** is a humorous play on words where the word's meaning, or the way the word sounds, is used to create a joke. A **homographic pun** uses a word that has two different meanings to make a joke.

Example: The experienced carpenter really nailed it, but the new guy **screwed** everything up.

- Word used for the pun: *screwed*
- First meaning of word: *screw used with screwdrivers*
- Second meaning of word: *messed up*
- What makes it a pun? *Using "carpenter," "nailed it," and "screwed everything up" helps show that the new guy messed up the construction.*

Directions: Read the pun and analyze the meaning. Then, record the information below.

1. A cross-eyed teacher couldn't control his pupils.

A. Word used for the pun:

B. First meaning:

C. Second meaning:

D. What makes it a pun?

2. I used to be afraid of hurdles, but I got over it.

A. Word used for the pun:

B. First meaning:

C. Second meaning:

D. What makes it a pun?

3. My friend made a joke about a TV controller. It wasn't remotely funny.

A. Word used for the pun:

B. First meaning:

C. Second meaning:

D. What makes it a pun?



Your turn! Write a homographic pun. Circle your word used for the pun.