

## Information

The sentences used to practice homophones and homographs in these games are from *Sarah, Plain and Tall*. I designed these games to be ink-friendly with most of the color limited to the other edges of the game boards. I recommend sliding the printed game boards into page protectors. This not only protects the game boards from messy fingers, but makes for easy storage.

## Setting Up the Game for Play

This game may be played with two to four players.

## The Object of the Game

To be the last person to cover a sentence in the center of the game board.

## Rules for Playing

1. Roll a die or spin a spinner to determine which player goes first.
2. When it is a player's turn, s/he rolls the die and moves the indicated number of spaces. The player then reads the word. If there is a sentence that uses the same meaning of the word in the center of the game, the player covers the sentence with a marker. If the sentence is already covered **OR** if the sentence uses a different meaning of the word, the player simply does nothing until his/her next turn.
3. If a player lands on a "Free Space," s/he may cover any sentence.
4. Play continues until all the sentences in the center of the game board are covered. The person to cover the **last sentence** is the winner.



Games may be printed using just black ink on colored paper or in full color.



wave



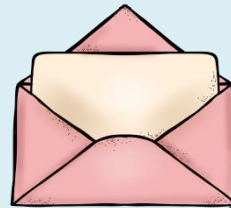
spring



trip



saw

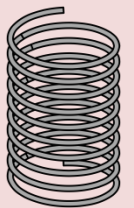


letter



chest

Free  
Space



spring

Free  
Space

But I've touched seals. They are cool and slippery and they slide through the water like fish. They can cry and sing. And sometimes they **bark**, a little like dogs.

Caleb stood by the stall door and folded his arms across his **chest**.

The package was small, wrapped in brown paper with a rubber **band** around it.

"**Well**, Papa doesn't sing anymore," said Caleb very softly.



bark

Free  
Space

No one else **saw**, but I found him behind the barn, tossing the pieces of hair into the wind for the birds.

A homograph is a word that has the **same spelling** as another but a **different meaning**.

Papa got up early for the long day's **trip** to the train and back.



well



band

We climbed the **bank** and dried ourselves and lay in the grass again.

Papa reached into his pocket and unfolded a **letter** written on white paper.

Sarah came in the **spring**. She came through green grass fields that bloomed with Indian paintbrush, red and orange, and blue-eyed grass.

"The sea is salt," said Sarah. "It stretches out as far as you can see. It gleams like the sun on glass. There are **waves**."

Free  
Space



well

ABC

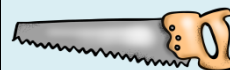
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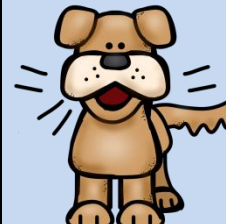
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trip



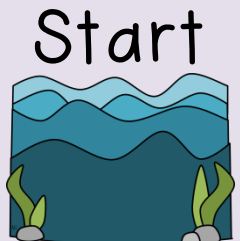
saw



bark



band



wave

Start

Free  
Space



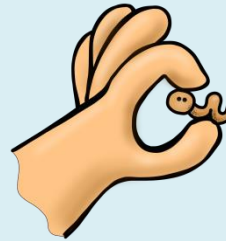
close



whoop



row



putting



does

Free  
Space



wind



putting

I held my breath and floated at last, looking up into the sky, afraid to speak. Crows flew over, three in a **row**.

Sarah stood with us on the porch, watching their wagon **wind** up the road, two horses pulling it and one tied in back.

The cows moved **close** to the pond, where the water was cool and there were trees.

Papa took the reins and Sarah climbed down from the wagon. Caleb burst into **tears**. "Seal was very worried!" he cried.



tear

Free  
Space

One morning, early, Papa and Caleb and I were cleaning out the horse stalls and **putting** down new bedding.

A homograph is a word that has the **same spelling** as another but a **different meaning**. Heteronyms are homographs that are **pronounced differently** from each other.

"Woolly ragwort!" Caleb **whooped**. He made up a song. "Woolly ragwort all around, Woolly ragwort on the ground."



row



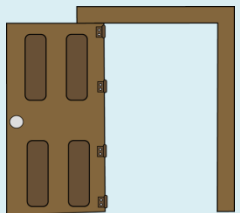
tear

Caleb and I went inside to **close** the windows.

I sank like a bucket filled with water and came up sputtering. But Caleb lay on his back and **learned** how to blow streams of water high in the air like a whale.

She lay down in the field beside them and sang "Sumer Is Icumen in," her voice drifting over the meadow grasses, carried by the **wind**.

He catches flounder and sea **bass** and bluefish. Sometimes he sees whales.



close



a learned  
man



does



wind



bass

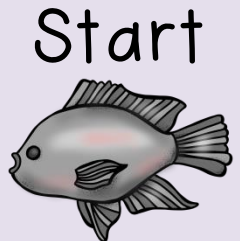
Free  
Space



learned



whoop



bass





ate

Free  
Space



ball



hare



pair



flour

Free  
Space



hair



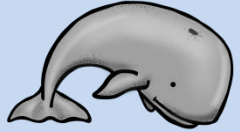
knight

Then the door  
opened and wind  
[**blue or blew**] in  
with Papa, and I  
went to stir the stew.

"Clear day, Bess,"  
said Papa, rubbing  
her [**knows or**  
**nose**].

We planted the  
[**flours or flowers**]  
by the porch, turning  
over the soil and  
patting it around  
them, and watering.

I held the bread  
dough up in a round  
pale [**ball or bawl**].



whale

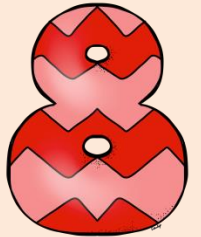


blew

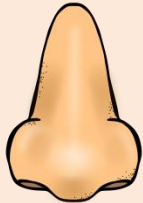
He catches flounder  
and sea bass and  
bluefish. Sometimes  
he sees [**wells or**  
**whales**].

A homophone is a word that  
**sounds the same** as another  
but has a **different meaning** and  
**often a different spelling**.

We slept in the hay  
all [**knight or**  
**night**], waking when  
the wind was wild,  
sleeping again when  
it was quiet.



eight



nose

We [**eight or ate**]  
Sarah's stew, the  
late light coming  
through the  
windows.

In the morning,  
Sarah dressed in a  
[**pear or pair**] of  
overalls and went to  
the barn to have an  
argument with Papa.

My favorite colors  
are the colors of the  
sea, [**blue or blew**]  
and gray and green,  
depending on the  
weather.

Sarah with wisps of  
[**hair or hare**] around  
her face, her mouth  
full of nails, overalls  
like Papa's.



knows



blue



well

Free  
Space

Free  
Space



pear



flower



night

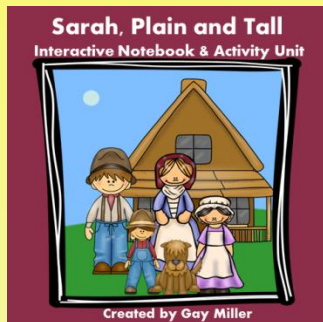
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bawl

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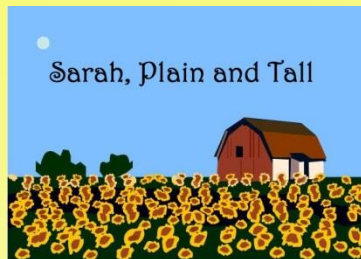
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