

Homonyms!



Homographs

Words that are spelled the same but differ in meaning, derivation, or perhaps pronunciation.

- My personal assistant typed "andandand" instead of "and and and". I told her, "There should be a space between, and and and, and and and and".
- They were too close to the door to close it.
- If the head navigator has a head, he should head this way.
- If fish can hear, would, to a bass, bass be deep?

Homophones

Words that sound alike but with different meanings and spellings.

- In matters of principle, the deans and principal of the school set the guidelines for teachers and students.
- I saw your eye after you found out I hit you in your eye.
- There has to be an explanation for their actions—they're painted in guilt!

Homographs

- Bass—Bass
- Present—Present
- Bow—Bow
- Dove—Dove
- Minute—Minute
- Wound—Wound
- Bat—Bat
- Bark—Bark
- Tear—Tear
- Ratchet—Ratchet

Homophones

- Effect—Affect
- Brake—Break
- Buy—By—Bye
- But—Butt
- Fact—Fax
- Dew—Do—Due
- There—Their—They're
- Ate—Eight
- Bare—Bear

Is "*Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo*" a valid sentence?

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Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo.

is a grammatically correct sentence used as an example of how homonyms and homophones can be used to create complicated constructs. The sentence is unpunctuated and uses three different readings of the word "buffalo." In order of their first use, these are:

- The city of Buffalo, New York.
- The animal "buffalo," in the plural (equivalent to "buffaloes"), in order to avoid articles.
- The verb "buffalo," meaning to confuse, deceive or intimidate.



Homonym = a word form that has two or more distinct meanings

Homophone = a word which is pronounced the same as another word but differs in meaning



Substituting the synonym "bison" for "buffalo" (animal), "bully" for "buffalo" (verb) and leaving "Buffalo" to mean the city, yields:

Buffalo bison, whom other Buffalo bison bully, themselves bully Buffalo bison.



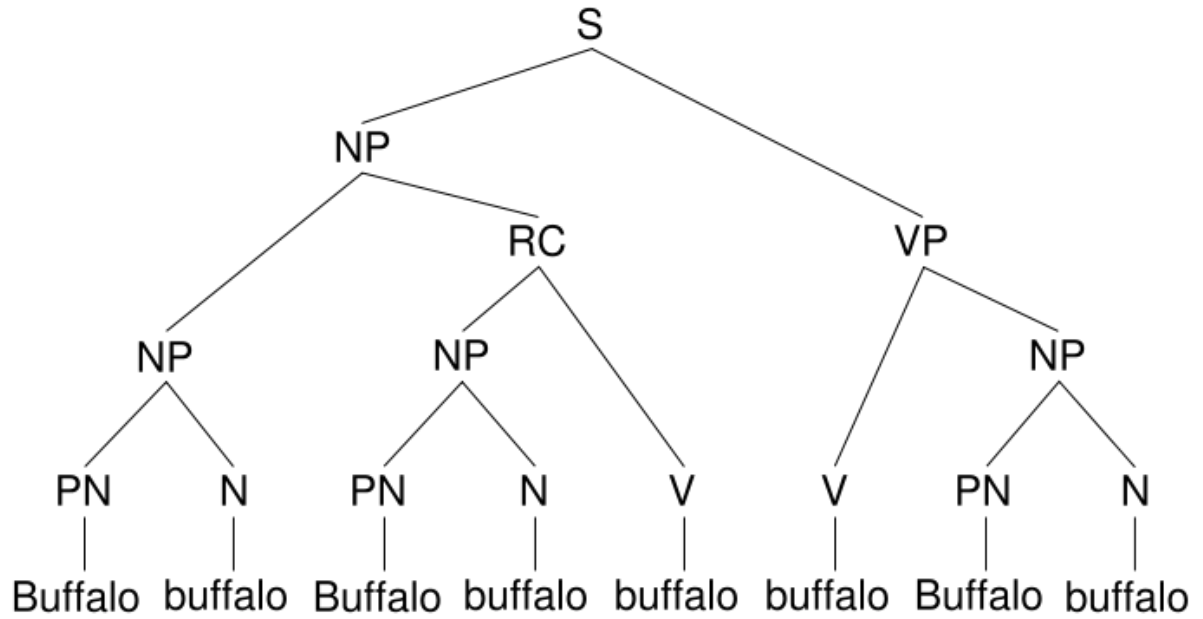
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- Buffalo buffalo (buffalo from Buffalo, NY) [that] Buffalo buffalo buffalo (whom buffalo from Buffalo NY bully) buffalo Buffalo buffalo (are bullying buffalo from Buffalo, NY)

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