Homonym Examples

Homonyms are words that have the same spelling and pronunciation but different meanings. Here are some common homonym examples:

Atmosphere - the gases surrounding the earth / the mood of a situation Bail - to clear out water / to release a prisoner Band - a ring, sometimes symbolizing eternity / a musical group Beat - to overcome something / to feel exhausted Capital - the chief city of a state / a crime punishable by death Cleave - to split or sever / to adhere to Dive - to go down quickly / an unpleasant place Employ - to put into use / to hire someone for a job File - to store computer data / to make a formal request Fine - being of high quality / sum of money used as a penalty Grave - something very serious / a place to bury the dead Hide - to keep something secret / the skin of an animal Iron - to press or smooth / silvery-gray metal Jade - a hard, green stone / a hardened or bad-tempered woman Lark - a small bird / something done for fun Objective - not being influenced by prejudice / the lens of a microscope or camera Plaque - an ornamental plate or slab that commemorates a person or event / a deposit on teeth prone to bacteria Refrain - to stop oneself from doing something / a repeated line in music or poetry Reticule - at a distance or disconnected / an unlikely possibility Tender - sensitive or painful to the touch / soft food i.e. a chicken tender