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Have you read about the greatest music festival in the animal kingdom? The bass plays the bass, the seals wind up their Victrola and blow crawfish out their wind instruments, and the perfect fan club tries to perfect their appearance. This music festival is filled to the brim with homographs: words that are spelled the same but pronounced differently and have different meanings. See if you can spot them all!

In The Bass Plays the Bass, author and illustrator Gene Barretta includes twenty-five pairs of homographs that readers young and old will enjoy. The context of the book (an animal music festival) is an intriguing way for children to learn about these tricky pairs of words. The book would also be a great introduction for children beginning to recognize homographs. Adults as well as children will enjoy seeking out the homographs in this silly, whimsical book!