Homograph Exercises

Homographs are those words which have one spelling but two different meanings or usages. In the following sentences, underline the homograph that matches the meaning shown.

Example: The coal mine is mine. Belongs to me

Answer: The coal mine is mine.

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