

Fun with Words
Haggis and Tank Unleashed—All Paws on Deck Wordplay

Homophones:

Waggin’/Wagon
See/Sea
Sail/Sale
Sew/So
I/Aye/Eye
Not/Knot
Pale/Pail
“T”/Tea
Piece/Peace
Tale/Tail
Pair/Pear
Here/Hear

Almost Homophones:

Bored/Aboard
Dessert/Desert
Paused/Paws

More wordplay:

Em-barks
Rrruff-est
Scallywags
At the end of her rope

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Haggis and Tank Unleashed—Digging for Dinos Wordplay

Homophones:

Days/Daze
Knew/New
Herd/Heard
Know/No
Won/One
Ate/Eight

Homographs:

Left/left

Almost Homographs:

Leaves/leave

More Wordplay:

Adventure calls
Back-tracking
I do smell good
Hatch who
Egg-stra
Egg-cellent
It’s a piece of cake
Not all it’s cracked up to be
Dino-score
Awesome Paw-some
Dino-sore
Dino-s’more
Dino-snores
Lava
We’re toast
Lucky dogs
No bones about it

Haggis and Tank Unleashed Activities

1. All Paws on Deck Homophone Hunt:

Printable activity sheet at: <http://www.scholastic.com/branches/haggisandtank.htm>

Homophones are words that sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings, like “sail” and “sale.” How many homophone pairs can you find in *All Paws on Deck*? Circle the homophone pairs in the word search.

2. Homophone Zone:

Homophones are words that sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings, like “sail” and “sale.” Pick a homophone pair and write a sentence that includes the homophones.

See Sea
Sail Sale
Sew So
I Eye
Not Knot
Pale Pail

Pause Paws
Piece Peace
Tale Tail
Pair Pear
Here Hear
Days Daze

Knew New
Herd Heard
Know No
Won One
Ate Eight

My sentence:

Draw a picture illustrating your sentence.

3. Awesome Paw-some

Haggis and Tank are two friends who are very different. But they have some things in common, too. Draw two overlapping circles to create a Venn Diagram. Write “Haggis” above one circle and “Tank” above the other circle. Write words that describe Haggis in the circle below his name. Write words that describe Tank in the circle below her name. Write words that describe both Haggis and Tank in the space where the two circles overlap.

Do you have a friend who is different than you? List some of the ways you are different and some of the ways you are the same.

Ways we are different:

Ways we are the same:

4. Let’s Be Pirates!

Printable activity sheet at: <http://www.scholastic.com/branches/haggisandtank.htm>

In *All Paws on Deck*, Haggis and Tank’s ship is called *The Golden Biscuit*. If you had a pirate ship, what would you name it? Draw your flag.

5. Treasure Hunt

In *All Paws on Deck*, Haggis and Tank pretend to be pirates. If you were a pirate, what treasure would you hunt for? Draw what would be inside your treasure chest, and make a trail to your treasure on a map. Be sure to make an “X” to mark the spot where it’s buried!

6. Dino Games

In *Digging for Dinos*, Haggis and Tank play games with a triceratops. If you had a dinosaur for a friend, what games would you play?

7/ What's My Line?

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Look at the picture and think up your own story. What might be happening, and what might the characters be saying? Fill in the speech bubbles to create a scene that's different than the one in the book!

8/ Message in a Bottle

Draw a small picture of a treasure chest and hide it at home or in your classroom. Write a message that includes directions for a treasure hunt. See if a family member or friend can follow your directions and find the treasure! Use words from the following list to help make your directions:

turn	under	next to
up	above	on
down	over	between
right	behind	towards
left	in front of	away from
inside	near	through

9/ A Different Story

Read the back of one of the *Haggis and Tank Unleashed* books. The short summary, called "flap copy," tells what the story is about. See if you can write a short summary for a new *Haggis and Tank* book. Make sure to include the characters' names and a brief description of what happens. What imaginary adventure will Haggis and Tank dream up? Is there a goal they're trying to reach, or something they're trying to get? What problems do they have to solve along the way?

10/ Readers Theater

Assign students different roles for a class reading of one of the *Haggis and Tank Unleashed* books. Roles can include narrator, Haggis, Tank, sound effects/props, and director. Students can perform their roles all the way through the book, or switch roles after each chapter (students can share roles and the whole class can participate).

11/ Haggis and Tank Theme Song

Write a short theme song for the *Haggis and Tank Unleashed* series. Tell about the characters and how they use their imaginations and go on adventures!

12/ Write a Review

Write a review of one of the *Haggis and Tank Unleashed* books. Describe the characters and what happens in the book. What parts stood out to you?

13/ What's That Noise?

Onomatopoeia is a very long word for “sound” words—words that sound like the thing or action that makes them. Including sound words in a story can make it fun to read and help readers imagine what’s happening in the story. These words can include animal sounds, too.

Here’s a list of common sound words. See how many you can add. Try using several sound words in a story of your own!

Buzz	Bam	Squish
Beep	Boom	Squeak
Hum	Bump	Pop
Whoosh	Kapow	Hiss

14/ **Packing Light**

In *All Paws on Deck*, Haggis and Tank pack chew toys, life jackets, a compass, a telescope, a bailing bucket, and a whistle. If you could pack five things to take on a sailing adventure, what would they be?

What would you pack on a hiking trip to a mountaintop? What about a journey across the desert? If you had to leave two things behind, which ones would you choose, and why?

15/ **Full Speed Ahead**

In *All Paws on Deck*, Haggis and Tank hitch a ride with a sea serpent. If they had to get home as quickly as possible in their ship, what are some other things they could try?

16/ **Please, Please, Pretty Please . . .**

Write a short letter to Haggis persuading him to join you on an exciting adventure. Think about where you will go, and make some points that might convince Haggis to go with you.

17/ **After-Reading Guide**

Detailed comprehension questions in the back of each Haggis and Tank book and printable activity sheet at: <http://www.scholastic.com/branches/haggisandtank.htm>