

## New Activity

*Today there are three parts to the new content.*

### PART 1 – word practise

Yesterday we looked at words that sound the same but have different spelling and meaning.

These are called homophones. This interesting word comes from the Greeks. *Homo* meaning ‘same’ and *phone* meaning ‘voice’ or ‘utterance’. So ‘same sound’ is what homophone means.

Today I would like you to think of your own examples of homophones.

So think of two words, like ‘blue’ and ‘blew’, with a brief explanation of what they mean (like we did yesterday).

See how many pairs (or triplets or quadruplets) you can come up with.

At least 3 sets would be good. You might have a lot of ideas come to you once you get started, so keep going...

Do this in your draft book.

I would love to see what you think of – you can take a photo of your work and email it to me.

### PART 2 – story

I am going to tell you a story about a woman, Rosa Parks, who lived in Alabama, which is in America. At the time, in the nineteen-hundreds, there was what’s called ‘segregation’ between African American and white people. During her childhood, Rosa experienced discrimination because she was African American, and this inspired her to be active in creating racial equality.

Imagine walking down the street and seeing a cafe with a sign that says, “We cater to white trade only,” or going to a park that has a sign that says, “This public premises and amenities have been reserved for the exclusive use of white people”. Imagine going to a shopping centre and not being allowed to use the elevator because of your race. Segregation of facilities included schools, hotels, hospital, toilets, libraries, and restaurants, as well as public transport.

Rosa Parks attended segregated schools. Her school often lacked adequate school supplies such as basic things like desks. African American students were forced to walk to school, while the city council provided bus transportation as well as a new school building for white students.

At nineteen years old, Rosa married a barber called Raymond. Rosa worked at a department store as a seamstress. In their spare time Rosa and Raymond became involved in civil rights issues, working for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

One day, after a long day at work, Rosa got on the bus to travel home. She took a seat in the first few rows which were designated for ‘coloured’ people. The bus started to fill on its journey, and soon there were white people standing in the aisle. The bus driver decided to move the sign that

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segregated the two sections, to free up some seating for the standing white people. This meant that four African American people had to give up their seats. Rosa was one of them. But Rosa remained seated.

The driver asked Rosa, "Why won't you stand up?"

Rosa said, "I don't think I should have to stand up."

The driver called the police and had Rosa arrested. She was released on bail later that night.

This event sparked something bigger than Rosa could have imagined. Members of the African American community were asked to stay off the buses, as a form of protest. This caused the buses to stand idle for months. The protest lasted for 381 days and ended with racial segregation on public transport being outlawed by the Supreme Court.

When asked about that day in an interview, Rosa said, "I don't remember feeling anger... I did feel determined to let it be known that I did not want to be treated in that manner." Rosa's spontaneous decision to act on her wish to be treated fairly, changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of African Americans.

### PART 3 – draft writing

For your draft writing today, I want you to think about these things, and jot down any ideas that come to mind:

What is your wish for:

- the world or the earth
- the whole class
- the classmate I have emailed you

We will work with these more tomorrow.

Have a lovely afternoon.

Love Larissa

*"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."*

*- Anne Frank*