

HOMONYMS

In English, the word *firm* is used not only as an adjective but also as a noun and verb. The noun *firm*, the verb *firm* and the adjective *firm* are all **homonyms (homographs)**. **Homographs** are words that have the same spelling but are different in some other way. They may have a different pronunciation, meaning or origin. In the dictionary, homographs are shown as separate headwords, and each one is indicated by a number preceding the headword itself, as in

▷ **1.flock** /flɒk/ n. **1** (of sheep, goats) gregge m.; (of birds) stormo m. **2** (of people) folla f., stuolo m.; *in-s* a frotte **3 U** RELIG. gregge m. (di fedeli).

▷ **2.flock** /flɒk/ intr. [*animals*] riunirsi; [*people*] affollarsi, accalcarsi (around attorno; into in); *to ~ to do* riunirsi per fare; *to ~ together* riunirsi ♦ *birds of a feather ~ together* PROV. chi si assomiglia si piglia o Dio li fa e poi li accoppia.

3.flock /flɒk/ n. **1** TESS. fiocco m., bioccolo m.; *wool* ~ fiocco di lana **2** (*fleecy tuft*) ciuffo m.

4.flock /flɒk/ tr. (*fill with flock*) imbottire.

1.tasso /'tasso/ m. **1** ECON. rate; ~ *fisso, forfettario* fixed, flat rate; ~ *medio, mensile* average, monthly rate; *obbligazioni a ~ variabile* variable-rate bond; *finanziamento a ~ zero* 0% finance, free finance, interest-free loan **2** STATIST. rate, figure, percentage; ~ *di disoccupazione, criminalità* unemployment, crime figures o rate; ~ *di sindacalizzazione* percentage of the workforce belonging to unions **3** MED. level, count; ~ *di colesterolo* cholesterol level o count; ~ *di insulina* insulin level; ~ *di alcol, di zucchero* blood alcohol level, blood sugar level ♦♦ ~ *d'ammortamento* depreciation rate; ~ *base* basic rate; ~ *di cambio* exchange rate, conversion rate; ~ *di crescita* growth rate, rate of expansion; ~ *di dividendo azionario* dividend yield; ~ *di fecondità* fertility rate; ~ *d'inflazione* inflation rate, rate of inflation; ~ *d'interesse* interest (rate); ~ (*d'interesse*) *ipotecario* mortgage rate; ~ *di interesse monetario* money rate; ~ *massimo* ceiling rate; ~ *minimo di sconto* → ~ *primario*; ~ *di mortalità* mortality rate, death rate; ~ *di natalità* birthrate; ~ *primario* minimum lending rate BE, prime rate AE; ~ *di sconto* discount rate, bank rate.

2.tasso /'tasso/ m. **1** ZOOLOG. badger, brock BE **2** (*pelo*) *un pennello di* ~ a badger's-hair brush ♦ *dormire come un ~* to sleep like a log ♦♦ ~ *malese* teledu.

3.tasso /'tasso/ m. BOT. **1** (*albero*) yew (tree) **2** (*legno*) yew.