

Homophones



What are homophones?

pair



Many commonly confused words are homophones.

Homophones are two (or more) words that sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings.



Recognizing and learning homophones can make a big difference to your spelling.



Can you think of any more homophones?



pear

Which homophone?





Decide which homophone matches each definition.

A group of animals

heard

herd









Correct the homophones



Test your knowledge of homophones. Read this passage and press on all the incorrect homophones. The correct words will then appear.

Ben was board. He didn't know weather to go out or knot, because the whether forecast had predicted rein. He wanted to practice with his knew soccer ball, but he new his mom wood get mad if he got covered in mud again.

He decided to call Gary and sea if he was aloud to come over. Perhaps he mite be able too help with his English homework. He'd bean trying to understand homophones all weekend!









There, their and they're



There can be used to show place:

It's over there.

There can also be used with a verb:

There is no point.

Their shows possession:

It's their car.

They're is a contraction of 'they are':

They're going on vacation.

There is a word for direction – just remember it has here in it: there.





They're is short for they are. Remember, the apostrophe shows us something is missing.



There, their and they're quiz



Choose the correct homophones to complete these sentences.

- 1. I wish I were ? ▼ already.
- **2**. Yes, **?** ▼ coming.
- 3. ? ▼ bus was late.
- **4**. Is **?** any point in waiting?













Your and you're



Your shows that something belongs to you:

Your electric guitar is awesome.

You're is the abbreviated form of 'you are':

You're very good at spelling.

You're is short for you are.
Remember, the apostrophe shows us something is missing.



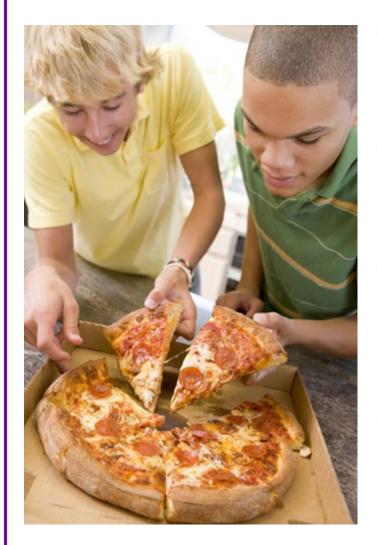
If you're unsure about which homophone to use, try replacing it with 'you are'. If the sentence still makes sense, the correct homophone is **you're**. If it doesn't make sense, the correct homophone is **your**.





Two, to and too





Two refers to the number 2:

They ate two slices of the pizza.

To can show direction:

She went to the store.

To also makes the infinitive form of a verb, e.g. 'to be':

It was going to be difficult.

Too can mean also or too much:

She's too chatty. He is too.





Complete the sentences





Choose the correct homophones to complete these sentences.

- going to be very late for school.
- sneakers are really cool. going to make everyone jealous.
- 3. Do what
- spelling has really improved.
- 5. In the last game, he scored goals.
- 6. He had see the principal. go
- 7. She watched much television.
- 8. She was angry say anything.
- **9**. It rained every day for weeks.



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Homophones wordsearch



Homophones of these words are in the wordsearch: tail, piece, flour, night, no, hear, right, reed. Can you find them all?

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U	R	В	0	Р	Α	Κ	R	R	Т
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show







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Heteronyms



Heteronyms are words that are spelled the same but are pronounced differently and have different meanings.

For example:

It will be ready in one minute.

The green frog was minute.





Do you know the different pronunciations and meanings of these heteronyms?











Other commonly confused words



Do these pairs of words ever puzzle you?

quietacceptaffectlosequiteexcepteffectloose

chose

principle

choose

principal

Some words are confused because, while not homophones, they do sound or look very similar.

Look at the different meanings of 'quiet' and 'quite'.

An adverb meaning 'fairly or completely'.

The librarian was quite angry that no one was being quiet.

An adjective meaning 'silent'.





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Commonly confused words



A preposition meaning 'not including'.

I'm sorry I gave everyone a present except you. Please accept my apology.

A verb meaning 'receive/believe'.

A verb meaning 'to influence or change'.

Working too hard can affect your health. But the effect of my hard work was a really good exam grade!

A noun meaning 'a result'.





Commonly confused words



Rhymes with 'truce'. An adjective meaning 'not tight'.

This bracelet is really loose. I hope I don't lose it.

Rhymes with 'whose'. A verb meaning 'to misplace'.



Rhymes with 'shoes'. Present tense of the word.

I can't decide which chocolate to choose!
I was going to pick the last strawberry
one but mom already chose that one.





Rhymes with 'those'. Past tense of the word.



Commonly confused words



Choose the correct words to complete the passage below.

It was a close call but he - ▼ to the case. He was - ▼ sure that solving
the mystery was not going to have a positive
- ▼ on his wallet, but it was the

of the matter he was concerned with. No, he didn't want to - ▼ this case, even though he didn't know whether his chances of solving it were any good.







