

## HOMOPHONES

Words which have same sound but different spellings and meanings are called **homophones**.

Stair- Stare

Root- route

Maid- made

Witch- which

No-know

Their- there

Ear-year

Deer- dear

Principal- principle

Loose- lose

Desert- dessert

right- write

Piece- peace

meet- meat

Mail- male

week- weak

Pray- prey

sent- scent- cent

Wait- weight

due- dew

One- won

board- bored

To- too- two

sea- see

Tail- tale

Storey- story

Break- brake

Steal- steel

Sell- cell

Waste- waist

Great- grate

Die- dye

Some- sum

Whole- hole

Pain- pane

Plain- plane

Rode- road

Wood- would

Hear- here

Buy- by

Sale- sail

Seen- scene

Fair- fare

new- knew

accept- except

idol- idle

cereal- serial

sew- sue

Here's a comprehensive list of 40 common homophones with their meanings:

1. accept/except

- accept: to receive
- except: to exclude

2. advice/advise

- advice: recommendation (noun)
- advise: to recommend (verb)

3. affect/effect

- affect: to influence (verb)
- effect: result (noun)

4. allowed/aloud

- allowed: permitted
- aloud: out loud

5. altar/alter

- altar: a sacred table
- alter: to change

6. band/banned

- band: a group of musicians
- banned: prohibited

7. brake/break

- brake: to stop
- break: to separate into pieces

8. capital/capitol

- capital: main city
- capitol: government building

9. cereal/serial

- cereal: breakfast food
- serial: in sequence

10. complement/compliment

- complement: to complete
- compliment: to praise

11. council/counsel

- council: a group that makes decisions
- counsel: advice

12. desert/dessert

- desert: dry, sandy place
- dessert: sweet treat after meal

13. die/dye

- die: to stop living
- dye: to color

14. fair/fare

- fair: just or carnival
- fare: cost of travel

15. forth/fourth

- forth: forward
- fourth: number 4

16. hear/here

- hear: to listen
- here: in this place

17. higher/hire

- higher: more elevated
- hire: to employ

18. knight/night

- knight: medieval warrior

- night: dark time

19. knows/nose

- knows: understands

- nose: part of face

20. mail/male

- mail: letters and packages

- male: boy or man

21. meat/meet

- meat: animal flesh

- meet: to encounter

22. morning/mourning

- morning: early part of day

- mourning: grieving

23. peace/piece

- peace: tranquility

- piece: a portion

24. plain/plane

- plain: simple

- plane: aircraft

25. principal/principle

- principal: school head
- principle: rule or belief

26. profit/prophet

- profit: financial gain
- prophet: someone who predicts

27. rain/reign/rein

- rain: water from sky
- reign: rule
- rein: horse control

28. role/roll

- role: character part
- roll: to move by turning

29. scene/seen

- scene: view or setting
- seen: observed

30. sole/soul

- sole: bottom of foot/only
- soul: spirit

31. stair/stare

- stair: steps
- stare: to look fixedly

32. steal/steel

- steal: to take wrongfully
- steel: strong metal

33. tale/tail

- tale: story
- tail: rear appendage

34. their/there/they're

- their: belonging to them
- there: in that place
- they're: they are

35. threw/through

- threw: tossed
- through: passing from end to end

36. wait/weight

- wait: to stay for
- weight: heaviness

37. way/weigh

- way: path
- weigh: to measure mass

38. weak/week

- weak: not strong
- week: seven days

39. weather/whether

- weather: climate conditions
- whether: if

40. wood/would

- wood: material from trees
- would: auxiliary verb

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Each of these pairs (or triplets) sounds identical but has different meanings and spellings. Understanding these differences helps in using them correctly in writing and speaking.