

# Homophones

<http://www.st-marys-pri.suffolk.sch.uk/homophones.htm>

***Homophones are words that sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings.***

hey – hay	tie – tye	blue – blew	ate – eight	hi - high
red – read	low – lo	been – bean	pear – pair	beech - beach
nose – knows	whine – wine	steel – steal	in – inn	Mane – main
reign – rain	here – hear	new – knew	no – know	where – wear
hole – whole	threw – through	night – knight	weight – wait	be – bee
flea – flee	sun – son	break – brake	steak – stake	Tea – tee
flour – flower	hair – hare	sail – sale	pail – pale	die – dye
mail – male	tail – tale	board – bored	berry – bury	fair – fare
sell – cell	fate – fete	mist – missed	war – wore	pane – pain
made – maid	plain – plane	time – thyme	heard – herd	peace – piece
wood – would	write – right	toe – tow	stare – stair	but – butt
our – hour	bear – bare	great – grate	see – sea	deer – dear
which – witch	way – weigh	owe – oh	some – sum	I – eye
slay – sleigh	road – rode	days – daze	fur – fir	meet – meat
weather – whether		read - reed		
their – there – they’re	for – four – fore		flew – flu – flue	
I’ll – isle – aisle	your – you’re – yore		by – buy – bye	
to – too – two	So – sow – sew		you – yew – ewe	
We – wee – whee	or – oar – ore			

No wonder making spelling choices is so difficult!

## Homonyms

***A homonym is defined as one of two or more words that have the same sound and often the same spelling but differ in meaning, such as too (also) and two (the number).***

by Leonard C. Duncan, [www.phonicsandspelling.com](http://www.phonicsandspelling.com)

acts – ax	ad – add	aid – aide	ail – ail
ant – aunt	ate – eight	bald – bawled	ball - bawl
bear – bare	base – bass	be – bee	beat – beet
build – billed	blue – blew	brake – break	bread - bred
but – butt	by – bye – buy	cell – sell	cent – scent - sent
scents – sense	cheap – cheep	chews – choose	clause – claws
close – clothes	coarse – course	creak – creek	crews – cruise
dear – deer	do – dew – due	die – dye	dough - doe
earn – urn	eye – I	facts – fax	fair - fare
feat – feet	find – fined	fir – fur	flea – flee
flew – flu	flour – flower	for – four	forth - fourth
foul – fowl	gait – gate	grate – great	groan - grown
hail – hale	hair – hare	hall – haul	halve – have
hey – hay	heal – heel	hear – here	heard - herd
hi – high	him – hymn	hole – whole	hoarse – horse
hour – our	in – inn	knew – new	knight – night
knot – not	know – no	knows – nose	lead – led
loan – lone	maid – made	male – mail	main – mane
meat – meet	none – nun	oar – or - ore	oh – owe
one – won	pail – pale	pain – pane	pair – pear
paws – pause	peace – piece	peak – peek	plain – plane
pray – prey	prints – prince	rain – reign – rein	rap – wrap
read – red	read – reed	real – reel	right – write
ring – wring	road – rode – rowed	role – roll	root – route
rose – rows	rung – wrung	sail – sale	scene – seen
sea – see	sew – so	shoe – shoo	side – sighed
sighs – size	slay – sleigh	soar – sore	soared – sword
some – sum	son – sun	stair – stare	steak – stake
steal – steel	tail – tale	teas – tease	their – there
threw – through	throne – thrown	tide – tied	to – two – too
toad – towed	toe – tow	wade – weighed	waist – waste
wait – weight	wear – where	way – weigh	weak - week
which – witch	wood - would		

## Homographs

***Homographs are words that are spelled the same, but have different pronunciations and meanings.***

created by A. Terry Bahill and colleagues

The dove dove into the deep grass.

I could close the door, because I was close to it.

I will wind my watch when the wind blows.

I will present my present wife with a present.

I did not object to that object.

The tourniquet was wound above the wound.

The landfill was so full it had to refuse refuse.

Being alone in the desert, the soldier decided to desert.

The hunter does devious things to attract bucks, but not does.

A farm can produce produce.

You may resume writing your résumé.

I will lead you to the lead mine.

At the house where the cat with nine lives lives, the servants who are Polish polish the silverware best.

(Some other candidates: bass, bow, do, read, row, sow, tear.)

**Homographs should not be confused with the more common homophones. Homophones are words that are pronounced the same, but have different spellings or derivations.**

Good night my brave knight.

Which doctor is the witch doctor?

Your prints of the prince will be developed tomorrow.

Principal engineers should have good principles (Patrick Harris).

In the fall, the leaves leave their branches.

In the fall, when the leaves begin to fall, I will leave on vacation (Pitu Mirchandani)

How much wood would a woodchuck chuck, if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

Time flies like an arrow and fruit flies like a banana.

# **Antonyms**

[www.paulnoll.com/Books/Clear-English/English-antonyms](http://www.paulnoll.com/Books/Clear-English/English-antonyms)

***Antonyms are words that mean the opposite.***

after – before	all – none	asleep – awake	beautiful – ugly	behind – in front
below – above	best – worst	black – white	bright – dull	city – country
clever – foolish	closed – open	come – go	dark – light	day – night
dead – alive	dirty – clean	dull – sharp	early – late	easy – difficult
empty – full	fat – skinny	few – many	find – lose	front – back
give – take	go – stay	happy – sad	hard – soft	healthy – sick
heavy – light	high – low	husband – wife	kind – mean	king – queen
last – first	laugh – cry	least – most	left – right	little – big
lock – unlock	long – short	man – woman	morning – night	near – far
new – used	new – old	no one – everybody	noisy – quiet	off – on
often – seldom	out – in	poor – rich	push – pull	right – wrong
sick – well	simple – complex	slow – fast	small – large	smart – dumb
take – bring	top – bottom	ugly – pretty	under – over	up – down
wet – dry	work – play	young – old	absent – present	against – for
bitter – sweet	borrow – lend	brave – scared	buy – sell	careful – careless
cheerful – sad	crooked – straight	cruel – kind	deep – shallow	different – same
enemy – friend	exciting – dull	exit – entrance	expensive – cheap	fancy – plain
finish – begin	floor – ceiling	foolish – wise	forget – remember	forward – backward
graceful – clumsy	guilty – innocent	increase – decrease	lead – follow	loose – tight
lower – raise	part – whole	polite – rude	quick – slow	reward – punishment
rough – smooth	send – receive	sharp – dull	sink – float	tame – wild
thick – thin	true – false	war – peace	whisper – yell	wide – narrow

## Synonyms

*Synonyms are words that have the same meaning.*

[larae.net/write/synonyms.html](http://larae.net/write/synonyms.html)

**Amazing**- incredible, unbelievable, fabulous, wonderful, fantastic, astonishing, astounding, extraordinary

**Anger**- enrage, infuriate, exasperate, madden

**Angry**- mad, furious, enraged, excited, indignant, exasperated, aroused, inflamed

**Answer**- reply, respond, retort, acknowledge

**Ask**- question, inquire of, seek information from, put a question to, demand, request, expect, inquire, query, interrogate, examine, quiz

**Awful**- dreadful, terrible, abominable, bad, poor, unpleasant

**Bad**- evil, immoral, wicked, corrupt, sinful, depraved, rotten, spoiled, tainted, harmful, injurious, unfavorable, defective, inferior, imperfect, substandard, faulty, improper, inappropriate, unsuitable, disagreeable, unpleasant, cross, nasty, unfriendly, horrible, atrocious, outrageous, scandalous, infamous, wrong, noxious, sinister, putrid, snide, deplorable, dismal, gross, heinous, obnoxious, detestable, despicable, contemptible, foul, rank, ghastly

**Beautiful** - pretty, lovely, handsome, attractive, gorgeous, dazzling, splendid, magnificent, comely, fair, ravishing, graceful, elegant, fine, exquisite, aesthetic, pleasing, delicate, stunning, glorious, heavenly, radiant, glowing, blooming, sparkling

**Begin** - start, open, launch, initiate, commence, inaugurate, originate

**Big** - enormous, huge, immense, gigantic, vast, colossal, gargantuan, large, sizable, grand, great, tall, substantial, mammoth, astronomical, ample, broad, expansive, spacious, stout, tremendous, titanic, mountainous

**Brave** - courageous, fearless, dauntless, intrepid, plucky, daring, heroic, valorous, audacious, bold, gallant, valiant, doughty, mettlesome

**Break** - fracture, rupture, shatter, smash, wreck, crash, demolish, atomize

**Bright** - shining, shiny, gleaming, brilliant, sparkling, shimmering, radiant, vivid, colorful, lustrous, luminous, incandescent, intelligent, knowing, quick-witted, smart, intellectual

**Calm** - quiet, peaceful, still, tranquil, mild, serene, smooth, composed, collected, unruffled, level-headed, unexcited, detached, aloof

**Come** - approach, advance, near, arrive, reach

**Cool** - chilly, cold, frosty, wintry, icy, frigid

**Crooked** - bent, twisted, curved, hooked, zigzag

**Cry** - shout, yell, howl, scream, roar, bellow, weep, wail, sob, bawl

**Cut** - gash, slash, prick, nick, sever, slice, carve, cleave, slit, chop, crop, lop, reduce

**Dangerous** - perilous, hazardous, risky, uncertain, unsafe

**Dark** - shadowy, unlit, murky, gloomy, dim, dusky, shaded, sunless, black, dismal, sad

**Decide** - determine, settle, choose, resolve

**Definite** - certain, sure, positive, determined, clear, distinct, obvious

**Delicious** - savory, delectable, appetizing, luscious, scrumptious, palatable, delightful, enjoyable, toothsome, exquisite

**Describe** - portray, characterize, picture, narrate, relate, recount, represent, report, record

**Destroy** - ruin, demolish, waste, kill, slay, end, extinguish

**Difference** - disagreement, inequity, contrast, dissimilarity, incompatibility

**Do** - execute, enact, carry out, finish, conclude, effect, accomplish, achieve, attain

**Dull** - boring, tiring, tiresome, uninteresting, slow, dumb, stupid, unimaginative, lifeless, dead, insensible, tedious, wearisome, listless, expressionless, plain, monotonous, humdrum, dreary

**Eager** - keen, fervent, enthusiastic, involved, interested, alive to

**End** - stop, finish, terminate, conclude, close, halt, cessation, discontinuance

**Enjoy** - appreciate, delight in, be pleased, indulge in, luxuriate in, bask in, relish, devour, savor, like

**Explain** - elaborate, clarify, define, interpret, justify, account for

**Fair** - just, impartial, unbiased, objective, unprejudiced, honest

**Fall** - drop, descend, plunge, topple, tumble

**False** - fake, fraudulent, counterfeit, spurious, untrue, unfounded, erroneous, deceptive, groundless

**Famous** - well-known, renowned, celebrated, famed, illustrious, distinguished, noted, notorious

**Fast** - quick, rapid, speedy, fleet, hasty, snappy, mercurial, swiftly, rapidly, quickly, snappily, speedily, lickety-split, posthaste, hastily, expeditiously, like a flash

**Fat** - stout, corpulent, fleshy, beefy, paunchy, plump, full, rotund, tubby, pudgy, chubby, chunky, burly, bulky

**Fear** - fright, dread, terror, alarm, dismay, anxiety, scare, awe, horror, panic, apprehension

**Fly** - soar, hover, flit, wing, flee, waft, glide, coast, skim, sail, cruise

**Funny** - humorous, amusing, droll, comic, comical, laughable, silly

**Get** - acquire, obtain, secure, procure, gain, fetch, find, score, accumulate, win, earn, rep, catch, net, bag, derive, collect, gather, glean, pick up, accept, come by, regain, salvage

**Go** - recede, depart, fade, disappear, move, travel, proceed

**Good** - excellent, fine, superior, wonderful, marvelous, qualified, suited, suitable, apt, proper, capable, generous, kindly, friendly, gracious, obliging, pleasant, agreeable, pleasurable, satisfactory, well-behaved, obedient, honorable, reliable, trustworthy, safe, favorable, profitable, advantageous, righteous, expedient, helpful, valid, genuine, ample, beneficial, splendid, great, noble, worthy, first-rate, top-notch, grand, sterling, superb, respectable

**Great** - noteworthy, worthy, distinguished, remarkable, grand, considerable, powerful, much, mighty

**Gross** - improper, rude, coarse, indecent, crude, vulgar, outrageous, extreme, grievous, shameful, uncouth, obscene, low

**Happy** - pleased, contented, satisfied, delighted, elated, joyful, cheerful, ecstatic, jubilant, tickled, gratified, glad, blissful, overjoyed

**Hate** - despise, loathe, detest, abhor, disfavor, dislike, disapprove, abominate

**Have** - hold, possess, own, contain, acquire, gain, maintain, believe, bear, beget, occupy, absorb, fill, enjoy

**Help** - aid, assist, support, encourage, back, wait on, attend, serve, relieve, succor, benefit, befriend, abet

**Hide** - conceal, cover, mask, cloak, camouflage, screen, shroud, veil

**Hurry** - rush, run, speed, race, hasten, urge, accelerate, bustle

**Hurt** - damage, harm, injure, wound, distress, afflict, pain

**Idea** - thought, concept, conception, notion, understanding, opinion, plan, view, belief

**Important** - necessary, vital, critical, indispensable, valuable, essential, significant, primary, principal, considerable, famous, distinguished, notable, well-known

**Interesting** - fascinating, engaging, sharp, keen, bright, intelligent, animated, spirited, attractive, inviting, intriguing, provocative, though-provoking, challenging, inspiring, involving, moving, titillating, tantalizing, exciting, entertaining, piquant, lively, racy, spicy, engrossing, absorbing, consuming, gripping, arresting, enthralling, spellbinding, curious, captivating, enchanting, bewitching, appealing

**Keep** - hold, retain, withhold, preserve, maintain, sustain, support

**Kill** - slay, execute, assassinate, murder, destroy, cancel, abolish

**Lazy** - indolent, slothful, idle, inactive, sluggish

**Little** - tiny, small, diminutive, shrimp, runt, miniature, puny, exiguous, dinky, cramped, limited, itsy-bitsy, microscopic, slight, petite, minute

**Look** - gaze, see, glance, watch, survey, study, seek, search for, peek, peep, glimpse, stare, contemplate, examine, gape, ogle, scrutinize, inspect, leer, behold, observe, view, witness, perceive, spy, sight, discover, notice, recognize, peer, eye, gawk, peruse, explore

**Love** - like, admire, esteem, fancy, care for, cherish, adore, treasure, worship, appreciate, savor

**Make** - create, originate, invent, beget, form, construct, design, fabricate, manufacture, produce, build, develop, do, effect, execute, compose, perform, accomplish, earn, gain, obtain, acquire, get

**Mark** - label, tag, price, ticket, impress, effect, trace, imprint, stamp, brand, sign, note, heed, notice, designate

**Mischievous** - prankish, playful, naughty, roguish, waggish, impish, sportive

**Move** - plod, go, creep, crawl, inch, poke, drag, toddle, shuffle, trot, dawdle, walk, traipse, mosey, jog, plug, trudge, slump, lumber, trail, lag, run, sprint, trip, bound, hotfoot, high-tail, streak, stride, tear, breeze, whisk, rush, dash, dart, bolt, fling, scamper, scurry, skedaddle, scoot, scuttle, scramble, race, chase, hasten, hurry, hump, gallop, lope, accelerate, stir, budge, travel, wander, roam, journey, trek, ride, spin, slip, glide, slide, slither, coast, flow, sail, saunter, hobble, amble, stagger, paddle, slouch, prance, straggle, meander, perambulate, waddle, wobble, pace, swagger, promenade, lunge

**Moody** - temperamental, changeable, short-tempered, glum, morose, sullen, mopish, irritable, testy, peevish, fretful, spiteful, sulky, touchy

**Neat** - clean, orderly, tidy, trim, dapper, natty, smart, elegant, well-organized, super, desirable, spruce, shipshape, well-kept, shapely

**New** - fresh, unique, original, unusual, novel, modern, current, recent

**Old** - feeble, frail, ancient, weak, aged, used, worn, dilapidated, ragged, faded, broken-down, former, old-fashioned, outmoded, passe, veteran, mature, venerable, primitive, traditional, archaic, conventional, customary, stale, musty, obsolete, extinct

**Part** - portion, share, piece, allotment, section, fraction, fragment

**Place** - space, area, spot, plot, region, location, situation, position, residence, dwelling, set, site, station, status, state

**Plan** - plot, scheme, design, draw, map, diagram, procedure, arrangement, intention, device, contrivance, method, way, blueprint

**Popular** - well-liked, approved, accepted, favorite, celebrated, common, current

**Predicament** - quandary, dilemma, pickle, problem, plight, spot, scrape, jam

**Put** - place, set, attach, establish, assign, keep, save, set aside, effect, achieve, do, build

**Quiet** - silent, still, soundless, mute, tranquil, peaceful, calm, restful



**Right** - correct, accurate, factual, true, good, just, honest, upright, lawful, moral, proper, suitable, apt, legal, fair

**Run** - race, speed, hurry, hasten, sprint, dash, rush, escape, elope, flee

**Say/Tell** - inform, notify, advise, relate, recount, narrate, explain, reveal, disclose, divulge, declare, command, order, bid, enlighten, instruct, insist, teach, train, direct, issue, remark, converse, speak, affirm, suppose, utter, express, verbalize, voice, articulate, pronounce, deliver, convey, impart, assert, state, allege, mutter, mumble, whisper, sigh, exclaim, yell, sing, yelp, snarl, hiss, grunt, snort, roar, bellow, thunder, boom, scream, shriek, screech, squawk, whine, philosophize, stammer, stutter, lisp, drawl, jabber, protest, announce, swear, vow, content, assure, deny, dispute

**Scared** - afraid, frightened, alarmed, terrified, panicked, fearful, unnerved, insecure, timid, shy, skittish, jumpy, disquieted, worried, vexed, troubled, disturbed, horrified, terrorized, shocked, petrified, haunted, timorous, shrinking, tremulous, stupefied, paralyzed, stunned, apprehensive

**Show** - display, exhibit, present, note, point to, indicate, explain, reveal, prove, demonstrate, expose

**Slow** - unhurried, gradual, leisurely, late, behind, tedious, slack

**Stop** - cease, halt, stay, pause, discontinue, conclude, end, finish, quit

**Story** - tale, myth, legend, fable, yarn, account, narrative, chronicle, epic, anecdote, record, memoir

**Strange** - odd, peculiar, unusual, unfamiliar, uncommon, queer, weird, outlandish, curious, unique, exclusive, irregular

**Take** - hold, catch, seize, grasp, win, capture, acquire, pick, choose, select, prefer, remove, steal, lift, rob, engage, bewitch, purchase, buy, retract, recall, assume, occupy, consume

**Tell** - disclose, reveal, show, expose, uncover, relate, narrate, inform, advise, explain, divulge, declare, command, order, bid, recount, repeat

**Think** - judge, deem, assume, believe, consider, contemplate, reflect, mediate

**Trouble** - distress, anguish, anxiety, worry, wretchedness, pain, danger, peril, disaster, grief, misfortune, difficulty, concern, pains, inconvenience, exertion, effort

**True** - accurate, right, proper, precise, exact, valid, genuine, real, actual, trustworthy, steady, loyal, dependable, sincere, staunch

**Ugly** - hideous, frightful, frightening, shocking, horrible, unpleasant, monstrous, terrifying, gross, grisly, ghastly, horrid, unsightly, plain, homely, evil, repulsive, repugnant, gruesome

**Unhappy** - miserable, uncomfortable, wretched, heart-broken, unfortunate, poor, downhearted, sorrowful, depressed, dejected, melancholy, glum, gloomy, dismal, discouraged, sad

**Use** - employ, utilize, exhaust, spend, expend, consume, exercise

**Wrong** - incorrect, inaccurate, mistaken, erroneous, improper, unsuitable