

## Homophones

Definition: homophone n. One of two or more words that have the same sound, but differ in spelling and meaning.

Those troublesome little homophones. My how often they seem to confuse us! When we choose the wrong word in writing it will confuse or destroy the sense of our intended meaning, perhaps even leaving our readers wondering what we meant, or where we went to school. The most commonly misused seem to be: their, there, and they're, with to, two, and too running a close second, and your, you're, right in there for top honors. Unfortunately, spell checkers don't pick up on these as they are not misspelled, but misused. Here is more:

accede, exceed	blew, blue	cell, sell	die, dye	in, inn
acclamation,	bloc, block	censer, censor,	dine, dyne	ha, haw, hah
acclimation	blond, blonde	sensor	discreet, discrete	hail, hale
accrue, ecru	body, bawdy	chard, charred	done, dun	have, halve
ad, add	bogey, bogie	cheep, cheap	dough, doe, do	hay, hey
addition, edition	boll, bowl, bole	chic, sheik	droop, drupe	hair, hare
aid, aide	bored, board	chock, chalk	dust, dost	haul, hall
air, err, heir, ere	bore, boar	choose, chews	dual, duel	heart, hart
ant, aunt	born, borne,	choral, coral	equestrian,	heel, heal
appose, oppose	bourn	chord, cord	equestrienne	here, hear
ascent, assent	bot, bought, bott	chute, shoot	eye, aye, I	herd, heard
ate, eight	bow, beau	clack, claque	fail, faille	heroin, heroine
auger, augur	bowl, bole, boll	clause, claws	faint, feint	hew, hue
awe, ah, aw	brae, bray	click, clique	fakir, faker	high, hie, hi,
awl, all	brake, break	clime, climb	fare, fair	heigh
awn, on	braze, braise	close, clothes	fate, fete	hoar, whore, hor
ball, bawl	breech, breach	clue, clew	fawn, faun	hoarse, horse
bang, bhang	bruit, brute	coal, cole, kohl	faze, phase	hock, hawk
bard, barred	brunet, Brunette	coat, cote	feet, feat	hoe, ho
baron, barren	bread, bred	coarse, course	fey, fay	hole, whole
base, bass	bur, burr	cock, caulk, calk	fiancee, fiancé	hoop, whoop
bask, Basque	bus, buss	coco, cocoa	fir, fur	horde, hoard
bat, batt	but, butt	coin, quoin	flee, flea	hour, our
bate, bait	bye, buy, by	come, cum	floe, flow	I'll, isle, aisle
bay, bey	calendar,	con, khan	flue, flew	in, inn
bail, bale	calender	coo, coup	forth, fourth	its, it's
baud, bawd	callus, callous	coop, coupe	foul, fowl	jam, jamb
bawdy, body	came, kame	cor, core, kor	four, fore, for	jest, gest, geste
be, bee	canon, cannon	cot, caught, khat,	fort, forte	jive, gyve
beach, beech	cant, can't	kat	freeze, frieze	karat, carrot,
bear, bare	canvas, canvass	creak, creek	friar, fryer, frier	caret, carat
beau, bow	carat, carrot,	crummy, crumby	gaff, gaffe	kernel, colonel
been, bin	karat	currant, current	gait, gate	key, quay
beet, beat	carpal, carpel	dam, damn	gaud, god	knight, night
bin, been	cart, kart	dawn, don	gel, jell	knit, nit
bit, bitt	cash, cache	day, dey	gene, jean	lac, lack
bite, bight	cast, caste	days, daze	gib, jib	lade, laid
bell, belle	caster, castor	deer, dear	got, ghat	lain, lane
berth, birth	cede, seed	dew, do, due	grate, great	lam, lamb

lama, llama	mucous, mucus	rabbit, rabbet	son, sun	vane, vain, vein
lay, lei	muscle, mussel	rack, wrack	sore, soar	vary, very
lead, lied	naval, navel	rah, raw	sorry, sori	vice, vise
lean, lien	nay, nee, neigh	rain, reign, rein	sot, sought	vile, vial
led, lead	need, knead,	raise, raze, rays	spits, spitz	wain, wane
leek, leak	knead	real, reel	staff, staph	wait, weight
leech, leach	new, knew, gnu	red, read	steak, stake	wale, whale, wail
liar, lyre	nice, gneiss	reed, read	steal, steel	walk, wok
lie, lye	no, know	reek, wreak	stile, style	waste, waist
lief, leaf	nose, knows	rest, wrest	stock, stalk	wave, waive
limb, limn	not, knot, naught,	retch, wretch	stoop, stoup	way, weigh, whey
links, lynx	nought	rhyme, rime	strait, straight	weave, we've
lo, low	nun, none,	roc, rock	Sunday, sundae	we, wee
lock, loch	one, won,	roe, row	surf, serf	week, weak
locks, lox	or, ore, oar	rode, road	surge, serge	weal, wheel, we'll
lode, load	oriole, aureole	roll, role	swath, swathe	wen, when
lone, loan	O, oh, owe	rood, rude	sweet, suite	wether, weather,
loot, lute	pain, pane	room, rheum	sync, sink	whether
lumber, lumbar	pail, pale	root, route, rout	tail, tale, tael	wheel, wheal
lune, loon	palate, palette,	rough, ruff	taw, tau	where, ware, wear
mach, mock	pallet	rung, wrung	tea, tee	whet, wet
madam, madame	par, parr	sac, sack	team, team	while, wile
made, maid	paw, pa	sal, sol	tear, tier	whir, were
mail, male	pause, paws, pa's	sale, sail	tear, tare	whirl, whorl
maize, maze	pea, pee	sane, seine	tern, turn	whit, wit
mall, maul, moll	peak, peek, pique	scald, skald	there, their,	whose, who's
mane, main	pear, pare, pair	sea, see, si	they're	win, whin
mask, masque	pearl, purl	sear, cere, seer	threw, through	wine, whine
mean, mien	peal, peel	seek, sikh	throe, throw	wise, whys
medal, meddle	pew, phew	seem, seam	tic, tick	wiz, whiz
meet, meat, mete	picks, pyx	seen, scene	time, thyme	witch, which
metal, mettle	pie, pi	sense, cents	tit, teat	with, withe
marry, merry	pier, peer	sent, cent, scent	toad, toed, towed	woe, whoa
might, mite	pique, piquet	serf, surf	to, too, two	won't, wont
miner, minor	place, plaice	sheer, shear	toe, tow	wood, would
mol, mole	plate, plait	shire, shier	toll, tole	worst, wurst
mode, mowed	pole, poll	shofar, chauffeur	tolled, told	wrap, rap
moral, morel	pour, poor, pore	shoo, shoe	ton, tun	wright, rite, right,
moo, moue	premier,	shore, sure	top, taup	write
moose, mousse	premiere	sic, sick	tort, torte	wrought, rot
mordent, mordant	prey, pray	sine, sign	tot, taught, taut	wrote, rote
more, moor	prize, pries	site, sight, cite	tour, tore, tor	wry, rye
morn, mourn	prier, prior	slay, sleigh	toxin, tocsin	yoke, yolk
morning,	plaice, place	slew, slough, slue	tray, trey	you, ewe, yew
mourning	plain, plane	sloe, slow	turnup, turnip	your, you're, yore
mote, moat	plum, plumb	so, sew, sow	urn, earn, erne,	Copyright©2003
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