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Vocabulary – Word Groups

200 Common English Homophones

Homophones are words which have the same **sounds**, but different **spellings** and **meanings**, for example, 'beat' (hit) and 'beet' (vegetable). It is good to be aware that words can sound the same but be different.

'Homophone' comes from the Greek words *homos* (same) + *phono* (sound).

Word 1:	Word 2:
ad	add
ail	ale
air	heir
aisle	l'll
allowed	aloud
aren't	aunt
ate	eight
ball	bawl
bard	barred
bare	bear
base	bass
be	bee
beach	beech
bean	been
beat	beet
beer	bier
berry	bury
berth	birth
bite	byte
blew	blue
boar	bore
board	bored
bold	bowled
bolder	boulder
bough	bow
brake	break
buy	bye
canvas	canvass
carat	carrot
cell	sell
cent	sent
cereal	serial
cheap	cheep
check	cheque
chord	cord
coarse	course
council	counsel
cue	queue
dam	damn
dear	deer
desert	dessert
die	dye
doe	dough
does	doze
draft	draught
duel	jewel
dune	June
earn	urn
ewe	you
eye	I

Word 1:	Word 2:
faint	feint
fate	fete
feat	feet
fiancé	fiancée
fill	Phil
fined	find
fir	fur
flair	flare
flaw	floor
flea	flee
flew	flu
flour	flower
for	four
forth	fourth
foul	fowl
genes	jeans
grate	great
groan	grown
gym	Jim
hair	hare
hale	heil
hart	heart
heal	heel
hear	here
heard	herd
he'd	heed
hi	high
higher	hire
him	hymn
hole	whole
holy	wholly
hour	our
in	inn
it's	its
key	quay
knead	need
knew	new
knight	night
knit	nit
knot	not
know	no
knows	nose
lain	lane
lays	laze
lead	led
leak	leek
leased	least
lieu	loo
light	lite
loan	lone

Word 1:	Word 2:
made	maid
mail	male
main	mane
mat	matte
meat	meet
meter	metre
mind	mined
missed	mist
moose	mousse
morn	mourn
morning	mourning
muscle	mussel
naval	navel
none	nun
oar	or
one	won
packed	pact
pail	pale
pair	pear
patience	patients
peace	piece
peak	peek
pedal	peddle
peer	pier
pi	pie
place	plaice
plain	plane
pleas	please
plum	plumb
pole	poll
poor	pour
practice	practise
pray	prey
pride	pried
profit	prophet
pseud	sued
rain	reign
raise	rays
rap	wrap
raw	roar
read	red
read	reed
retch	wretch
right	write
road	rode
roam	Rome
root	route
rose	rows
rote	wrote
rough	ruff

Word 1:	Word 2:
sacks	sax
sail	sale
sane	Seine
sauce	source
saw	sore
scene	seen
scent	sent
sea	see
seam	seem
sew	so
shake	sheik
side	sighed
sighs	size
sight	site
sky	Skye
sole	soul
some	sum
son	sun
stair	stare
suite	sweet
tail	tale
talk	torque
taught	taut
tea	tee
team	teem
their	there
threw	through
thyme	time
tide	tied
told	toll
too	two
use	yews
vain	vane
vale	veil
wade	weighed
wail	whale
wait	weight
ware	wear
warn	worn
watt	what
weak	week
weather	whether
we'll	wheel
wet	whet
while	wile
wine	whine
wood	would
yoke	yolk
you'll	Yule
your	you're