

HOMOPHONES

What are Homophones?

Homophones are words that sound exactly alike but are spelled differently and have different meanings. They are sometimes called homonyms.

Examples:

1. aunt- ant An aunt is your mom or dad's sister.
An ant is an insect.

2. ate – eight Ate is the past tense for eat.

8 Eight is a number.

3. bear – bare A bear is a forest animal.
Bare means not wearing clothes.

4. be - bee



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5. dear – deer You begin a letter with Dear, a kind greeting.
A deer is an animal.

6. flower - flour A flower is a plant.
Flour is used to make foods.

7. for - four For is a preposition as in "This is for you."

4 Four is the number.

(There is one more homonym. "Fore!" is what a golfer yells when he thinks his golf ball may hit someone.)

8. here - hear Here means in this place.
You hear with your ears.

9. I –eye I is the pronoun for yourself.
An eye is part of your face.

10. meet - meat Meet is an action verb.
Meat is a food.
11. No - know No is the opposite of yes.
Know means you understand.
12. new - knew New means not old.
Knew is the past tense for know.
13. night - knight Night is the opposite of day.
Knight is a character in history who often wore armor.
14. won - one Won is the past tense for win.
One is the number.
15. oar - ore - or An oar is a paddle for a boat.
Ore is a natural resource.
Or is a connecting word as in "Do you like pie or cake?"
16. pear - pair - rare A pear is a fruit.
A pair means two.
17. piece - peace Piece is a part of something.
Peace means no war.
18. plane - plain Plane is a flying machine.
Plain means flat.
19. red - read Red is the color.
Read is the past tense of read.
20. write - right Write is an action verb.
Right is a direction, the opposite of left.
Right also means something is correct.
21. road - rode A road is a place for cars and trucks.
Rode is the past tense of ride.
22. sail - sale A sail is part of a boat.
It is also the verb that means ride in a boat.
Sale means you can buy something with money.
23. see - sea See is an action verb. It means look.
A sea is a large body of water.
24. sent - cent Sent is the past tense of send.
A cent is a small coin.



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25. sew - so Sew is an action verb.
So is the word you use when you tell why, as in "We will go to the store so I can get new shoes."

26. sun - son The sun is our closest star.
A son is a boy child.

27. tale - tail A tale is a story.
A tail is part of an animal

28. toe - tow A toe is part of your foot.
Tow is a verb for move by pulling.

29 week - weak A week is 7 days.
Weak is the opposite of strong

30. To - two - too To means to go toward someone or something. Two is the number .
Too means also as in, "Me too." Too is used to mean more than enough, as in, "That's too much."



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Try this!

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Which homonym is spelled correctly?

1. My team one the race. My team won the race.
2. I have a new pair of gloves. I have a new pear of gloves.
3. We road horses. We rode horses.
4. Let's go to the zoo next week. Let's go to the zoo next weak.
5. I am ate years old. I am eight years old.