

## Common Homophones

Homophones are words that sound alike but are spelled differently. Consult a dictionary to make sure you use the right word for your needs.

ad - add	buy - by - bye	discussed – disgust	higher – hire
aid - aide	cache - cash	doe - dough	him - hymn
ail - ale	canvas - canvass	doughs – doze	hoard - horde
aisle - isle - I'll	capital – capitol	dual - duel	hoarse – horse
allowed – aloud	caret - carrot - carat – karat	earn – urn	hole – whole
alter - altar	caries - carries	eight - ate	holy - wholly
ant – aunt	cast - caste	ewe – you	hour - our - are
arc - ark	cause - caws	eye - I	idle - idol – idyl
ate – eight	cede - seed	fair - fare	in – inn
aught - ought	cell – sell	feat – feet	incite – insight
awl - all	cellar - seller	find – fined	its – it's
bail - bale	census – senses	fir – fur	jam – jamb
ball – bawl	cent - sent - scent	flare - flair	jeans – genes
band – banned	cents - sense	flea – flee	key - quay
bare - bear	cereal – serial	flew - flu – flue	knead - need
baron - barren	chaste - chased	flower - flour	knew - new
based - baste	cheap - cheep	for – four - fore	knight – night
be – bee	chews – choose	forth – fourth	knit - nit
beach – beech	chili - chilly	foul – fowl	know - no
bear – bare	choir - quire	freeze – frieze - frees	knows - nose
beat - beet	choral – coral	gamble - gambol	lain - lane
beau - bow	chute - shoot	gate - gait	lead – led
beer - bier	cite - site - sight	gilt - guilt	leak - leek
belle - bell	climb - clime	gnu - knew – new	leased - least
berry – bury	close - clothes	gored – gourd	lessen – lesson
berth - birth	coarse - course	gorilla – guerrilla	levy - levee
billed – build	colonel – kernel	grate – great	lie – lye
blue - blew	cord - chord	grays – graze	links – lynx
boar - bore	core - corps	grease - Greece	load – lode - lowed
board - bored	counsel - council	groan - grown	loan – lone
bolder – boulder	coward - cowered	guessed – guest	locks – lox
born - borne	creak – creek	gym – Jim	loot – lute
bow - bough	crews – cruise	hail - hale	maid – made
boy – buoy	cue - queue	hair - hare	mail – male
brake – break	current - currant	hall – haul	main - mane - Maine
bread – bred	cymbal – symbol	hart - heart	maize – maze
breech - breach	days – daze	hay - hey	mantel - mantle
bridle - bridal	dear – deer	heal - heel – he'll	marry - merry - Mary
brows - browse	dew - do - due	hear - here	meat - meet - mete
build - billed	die - dye	heard - herd	medal – meddle
burro - burrow	disc – disk	hew - hue	metal - mettle
but - butt	discreet – discrete	hi – high	might - mite

mince – mints  
miner – minor  
missed – mist  
mold - mould  
moored – mood  
morn - mourn  
morning - mourning  
muscle – mussel  
mussed – must  
naval - navel  
nays – neighs  
no – know  
none – nun  
nose - knows  
not - knot – naught  
one - won  
or - oar – ore  
ours - hours  
overdo – overdue  
owe - oh  
paced – paste  
pail – pale  
pain – pane  
pair – pare - pear  
passed – past  
patience – patients  
pause - paws  
peace – piece  
peak - peek – pique  
peal - peel  
pearl - purl  
pedal – peddle  
peer – pier  
peers – piers – pierce  
pi – pie  
plain – plane  
plum – plumb  
praise – prays - preys  
presence – presents  
pride - pried  
prince – prints

principle - principal  
prophet - profit  
quarts – quartz  
quince – quints  
rain – reign - rein  
raise - rays – raze  
rap – wrap  
read - reed  
read – red  
real - reel  
reek – wreak  
rest – wrest  
review – revue  
right - write - rite  
ring – wring  
road - rode – rowed  
roe – row  
role – roll  
roll - role  
root – route  
rose – rows  
rote - wrote  
rye – wry  
sacks – sax  
sail – sale  
sawed – sod  
scene – seen  
sea – see  
sealing - ceiling  
seam – seem  
seize - seas - sees  
serf – surf  
serge – surge  
sew - so - sew  
shear - sheer  
shoe – shoo  
shone - shown  
side – sighed  
sighs – size  
sight – site - cite  
sign – sine

slay – sleigh  
soar - sore  
soared – sword  
sole – soul  
some – sum  
son – sun  
spade – spayed  
staid – stayed  
stair – stare  
stake – steak  
stationary – stationery  
steal – steel  
straight – strait  
suede – swayed  
suit - soot  
summary – summery  
sun - son  
sundae – Sunday  
sweet - suite  
tacks – tax  
tail – tale  
taut – taught  
tea – tee  
team - teem  
tear - tare  
tear - tier  
teas – tease - tees  
tents – tense  
tern – turn  
there - they're - their  
threw - through  
throne – thrown  
throw - throe  
thyme – time  
tide – tied  
tighten – titan  
time - thyme  
to - too – two  
toad - toed – towed  
toe – tow  
told – tolled

tracked – tract  
trussed – trust  
use – ewes  
vain - vein - vane  
vale - veil - Vail  
verses – versus  
vial – vile  
vice – vise  
wade – weighed  
wail – whale  
waist - waste  
wait – weight  
waive – wave  
Wales – whales  
war – wore  
ware – wear - where  
warn – worn  
wax – whacks  
way - weigh – whey  
we – wee  
we'd – weed  
we'll – wheel  
we've – weave  
weak – week  
wear - ware - where  
weather - whether  
weld – welled  
which – witch  
whine – wine  
whirred – word  
who's – whose  
whoa – woe  
wood – would  
worst – wurst  
yoke – yolk  
you - ewe  
you'll – yule  
your - you're – yore