

HOMOPHONES: SOUND THE SAME, SPELL DIFFERENTLY

Good morning, future linguistic champions! Today, we continue our fascinating journey into the nuances of the English language. We are exploring words that hide behind different spellings while sounding exactly alike. Precision in these distinctions will elevate your communication and sharpen your critical thinking.

Understanding Homophones:

Definition:

Homophones are words that sound the same when spoken, but they have different spellings and different meanings.

The word "Homophone" comes from Greek:

- "homo" = same
- "phone" = sound

So, homophones literally mean:

"same sound words."

These words can create confusion in writing because although they sound alike, they must be written differently according to their meanings.

Origin: These come from the Greek "*homos*" meaning 'same' and "*phone*" meaning 'sound'.

"Sound same, spelling different, meaning different".

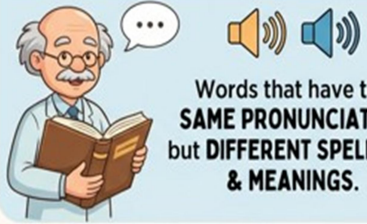


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DEFINITION: WHAT ARE HOMOPHONES?



Words that have the **SAME PRONUNCIATION** but **DIFFERENT SPELLINGS & MEANINGS.**

ORIGIN: GREEK ROOTS



GREEK ORIGIN:
"HOMOS" = SAME
"PHONE" = SOUND.

➔ **HOMOPHONE** ➔

LINGUISTIC PUZZLE: SOUND SAME, SPELLING DIFFERENT, MEANING DIFFERENT

BEE j/ eɪ

Even all insect is with salo regarving.

BE eɪ

Day from the verb, Ser years can be.

SEA i:/ 'SOUND'

Marine body is marine body.

SEE i:/ 'SOUND'

They prevents She wait to see.

WRING j/'ɪ ɪ

Won't naay wet wring.

RING ɪ ɪ

What its jewelry is mazy ring.

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IMPORTANT RULE:

Homophones:

- Sound the same
- Spell differently
- Mean differently

Examples:

- sea / see
- son / sun
- flour / flower
- right / write



Detailed Examples of Homophones:

S. No.	Homophones	Pronunciation	Meaning	Examples
1.	Sun	/sʌn/ सन्	A star in the sky	"The sun gives us light and warmth."
	Son	/sʌn/ सन्	A male child	"He is the only son of his parents."
2.	Sea	/si:/ सी	A large body of water	"Ships sail across the deep blue sea ."
	See	/si:/ सी	To look with eyes	"Can you see the bird on that branch?"
3.	Flower	/'flaʊə/ फ्लावर	A colorful plant	"The rose is a beautiful flower ."
	Flour	/'flaʊə/ फ्लावर	Powder for baking	"We need wheat flour to make bread."
4.	Write	/raɪt/ राइट्	To mark words	"Please write your name in the notebook."
	Right	/raɪt/ राइट्	Correct/Direction	"You gave the right answer! Turn right ."



HOMOPHONES – PRACTICE SET-

A. Identify the Correct Spelling (Choose the correct word)

Q1. I want to _____ a story about a brave knight.

- A) Right
- B) Write

Q2. We went to the _____ to build sandcastles.

- A) Sea
- B) See

B. Correct Usage (Choose the correct sentence)

Q3. A) I ate / eight apples for breakfast.

B) I eight/ eight apples for breakfast.

C. Fill in the Blanks (Use the correct word)

Q4. The _____ is very bright today. (Sun/Son)

Q5. My _____ loves to play football. (Sun/Son)

D. Odd One Out

Q6. Which word is NOT a homophone for "pear"?

- A) Pair B) Pare C) Pier

E. Choose the Meaning

Q7. "The wind **blew** the leaves away." What does **blew** mean?

- A) A color B) Moved by air
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HOMOPHONES – DETAILED ANSWERS & EXPLANATIONS

Q1. Correct Answer: B) Write

- **Explanation:** "Write" is the action of using a pen or pencil. "Right" means correct or a direction.

Q2. Correct Answer: A) Sea

- **Explanation:** "Sea" refers to the ocean. "See" is the act of looking with your eyes.

Q3. Correct Answer: A) I ate eight apples...

- **Explanation:** "Ate" is the past tense of eat, and "eight" is the number 8.

Q4 & Q5. Correct Answers: Q4: Sun / Q5: Son

- **Explanation:** "Sun" is the star in our solar system. "Son" is a family relationship (a male child).

Q6. Correct Answer: C) Pier

- **Explanation:** "Pear" (fruit) and "Pair" (two) sound the same. "Pier" (a dock) has a different sound.

Q7. Correct Answer: B) Moved by air

- **Explanation:** "Blew" is the past tense of blow. "Blue" is a color.

QUICK REVISION

Homophones	Meanings
sea / see	ocean / look
son / sun	male child / star
pair / pear	two items / fruit
flour / flower	cooking powder / plant bloom
right / write	correct / put words on paper
blue / blew	color / wind moved
weak / week	not strong / seven days

***** THANK YOU *****

