

# Homophones

Homophones are words that are pronounced the same (or very nearly the same) but which have different meanings.

Here are some examples;

There was a sale in the shop.

The sailor hoisted the sail on the ship.

I ate a large piece of cake.

After the war ended, peace returned.

A. Match the words below to the correct picture. Write down which words are homophones of each other. The first one is done for you.



Knight



Flower



Hair



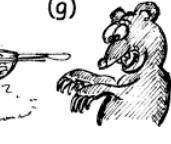
Bare



Night



Flour



Bear



Night

A = Bare

B. Re-write these sentences, using your red pen to write in the correct homophone to complete them.

The first one is done for you.

1. The boy put shampoo in his (hare/hair).

2. Mum put some (flower/flour) in the cake mix.

3. Brian didn't have a very good (nights/knights) sleep.

4. A rabbit is a bit like a (hare/hair).

5. Eoin had a long (wait/weight) for the bus.

6. Niamh couldn't wait to (meet/meat) her friend.

7. Méabh got a letter in the (mail/male).

8. The pipe was made out of (lead/led).

1. The boy put shampoo in his hair.

C. Choose the word that you think is correct in each case. The first one is done for you.

1. Air/Heir/Ayr: Which is a town in Scotland?

2. You/Ewe/Yew: Which is a female sheep?

3. Scent/Sent/Cent: Which is a coin?

4. So/Sew/Sow: Which means "to scatter seeds"?

5. I'll/Isle/Aisle: Which is an island?

6. Too/Two/To: Which is twice one?

7. Seas/Seize/Sees: Which means "to grasp"?

8. Rain/Reign/Rein: Which is part of a horse's bridle?

9. Pare/Pair/Pear: Which means "a couple"?

10. Heel/Heal/He'll: Which is the back part of the foot?

1. Ayr

D. Re-write these paragraphs, using your red pen to write in the correct version of any homophones that have been used incorrectly. The first one is done for you.

1. It was late one Sunday knight. A young buoy, who was air to the throne, was sitting in his father's palace. He was eating a bowl of his favourite serial, when suddenly he herd a smashing noise coming from another room.

"Did someone brake a window?" he shouted allowed.

He ran to where the noise came from and felt quite faint at the site he saw, which was .....

2. Last knight when I looked up the sky was dark blew. I new I wood sea stars but eye was surprised buy there brightness. Who had maid them seam sew beautiful? I was sure they had bean maid millions of years ago, and I was fascinated by there beauty. I wanted to stair at them forever, but my Mam called me in.

1. It was late one Sunday night. A young ....

E. Write what each word means. You can use a dictionary if necessary. The first one is done for you.

1. Ate  
Eight

2. Dew  
Due

3. Key  
Quay

4. Deer  
Dear

5. Feet  
Feet

6. Leek  
Leak

7. Beech  
Beach

8. Foul  
Fowl

9. Steal  
Steel

10. Bow  
Bough

1. Ate : The past tense of eat.  
Eight : One more than seven, one less than nine.