

Homophones - Two written words, one pronunciation

(from Latin: "homo"="same", "phone"="sound")

- ad / add
- air / heir
- aisle / I'll / isle
- band / banned
- bare / bear
- beat / beet
- berry / bury
- blue / blew
- board / bored
- bough / bow
- bread / bred
- break / brake
- cellar / seller
- cereal / serial
- colonel / kernel
- course / coarse
- dear / deer
- died / dyed
- due / dew
- earn / urn
- every day / everyday
- find / fined
- finish / Finnish
- floor / flaw
- flea / flee
- flower / flour
- flu / flew
- for / four / fore
- fowl / foul
- great / grate
- grown / groan
- guessed / guest
- heal / heel
- hear / here
- heard / herd
- heroin / heroine
- higher / hire
- him / hymn
- horse / hoarse
- hour / our
- idle / idol
- keys / quays
- knot / not
- knew / new
- leak / leek
- lesson / lessen
- made / maid

I asked a supermarket worker where the coffee is. He said, "I'll see" and walked away. He never came back. I asked another worker, and he also said "I'll see" and walked away. He also never came back. In the end I decided to look for the coffee myself. I found it in Aisle C.

A man walked into a bar and said "I would like a packet of plain crisps, please".

The barman replied "I'm sorry, sir – we only have helicopter flavour."

Two scientists walk into a bar: "I'll have H₂O," says the first. "I'll have H₂O, too," says the second. The bartender gives the first scientist a glass of water, and the second a glass of hydrogen peroxide.

Homophonic Sentences

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!

The stuffy nose can lead to problems.

The stuff he knows can lead to problems.

Some others I've seen.

Some mothers I've seen.

A: Let's go to Miami. B: I don't want to go to your Ami.

When I get home, I'm going to hang some more kids.

When I get home, I'm going to hang some orchids.

- mist / missed
- night / knight
- nor / gnaw
- nose / knows
- none / nun
- one / won
- pact / packed
- pair / pare / pear
- past / passed
- pause / paws
- pea / pee
- peace / piece
- plain / plane
- poor / paw / pour
- pray / prey
- red / read (*past tense*)
- reign / rain
- right / write
- sail / sale
- saw / sore / soar
- sea / see
- seen / scene
- site / cite
- son / sun
- stair / stare
- steal / steel
- sure / shore
- sweet / suite
- tail / tale
- there / their / they're
- throne / thrown
- through / threw
- thyme / time
- tide / tied
- to / two / too
- tract / tracked
- traffic / traffick
- vain / vein / vane
- vile / vial
- waist / waste
- wait / weight
- war / wore
- warn / worn
- way / weigh
- weather / whether
- which / witch
- whine / wine
- whole / hole
- wood / would



Funny example: ("eight" / "ate")

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1niHwg5O6U>

Funny example: ("nose" / "knows", "two" / "too")

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/iL71ao-MiYM>

Funny example: ("what" / "Watt", "not" / "Knott")

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/leUGKcpEEzg>

SIMILAR SOUNDS (almost Homophones)

- affect / effect
- angry / hungry
- ant / aunt / aren't
- bad / bed
- bitch / beach, chip / cheap, fit / feet, sit / seat, ship / sheep
- cinema / cinnamon
- clothes / cloves
- cold / called
- conservation / conversation
- cook / cork
- cough / coffee
- decade / decayed
- due / dew / jew / do you
- dough / though
- exercise / exorcise
- far-east / forest
- ferry / fairy
- filled / field
- first / thirst
- fought / thought
- free / three / tree
- fury / furry
- Harry / hairy / hurry
- heart / hurt
- juice / Jews
- lived / livid
- model / module
- move / movie
- personal / personnel
- quite / quiet
- run / ran
- selfish / shellfish
- snack / snake
- stuff / staff
- very / vary
- warm / worm
- wary / weary
- weekend / weakened
- which / rich
- word / world
- work / walk

Some Portuguese Homophones

- caça / cassa
- concerto / conserto
- acento / assento
- cem / sem
- cinto / sinto
- cento / sento
- cheque / xeque
- paço / passo
- ceda / seda
- céu / seu
- agente / a gente
- óleo / olho

A: Tatu do bem? B: Cem dúvida!

**Eu aguento muitas coisas,
mas mais más notícias
eu não aguento!**

Eu olho para o óleo no meu olho.

Exercise.

Correct the following sentences by changing the underlined word using a homophone.

1. When I was at school, I new that nobody liked me.
2. I don't know weather I will study medicine or law.
3. When my father dyed, we had to sell our house.
4. During the king's rain, France attacked England three times.
5. Yesterday the wind blue very strongly.
6. I always eat serial for breakfast.
7. My mother doesn't like to waist food, so we often have "Bubble and Squeak" for dinner.