



Common Homophones



Homophones are words that have the same pronunciation but different meanings, origins and spellings.

Be careful that you are not confusing these common homophones in your work. Use a dictionary to check your understanding if you are not sure which homophone to use in a sentence.

There, their and they're

There is a new student in my class.

Their dog ran away yesterday.

They're (They are) going to be late if they don't hurry.

Where, were and we're

Where did you go for tea?

We were studying in the library.

We're going to the park after school.

Through and threw

I walked through town towards the station.

She threw the ball across the field for her dog to fetch.

Right and write

He knew it was the right (correct) decision to stay at home.

He decided to write to the manager to complain.

New and knew

He wanted a new bike for his birthday.

The teacher knew they had tried hard in the lesson.

No and know

No one was allowed in the yard at break time.

Do you know what time it is?

Hear and here

He could not hear the teacher from the back of the room.

I asked him to come here at the end of the day.