

Spell it write...rite...right?

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So, which would you choose? They all sound the same, don't they? And, in the correct context, they're also all spelt correctly. Words like this are called '*homophones*'. From Greek, 'Homo' means 'the same' and 'phone' means 'sound'. Homophones are words that sound the same, but have a different meaning. Many people (both adults and children!) regularly make errors in their/there/they're use of homophones.



The most common ones that I see regularly are, e.g. "**Your** late!" (Should be "**You're** late!") and "That's **there** dog." (Should be "That's **their** dog.")

Common homophones include;

write	steal	rose	to	there	here	knight	hair	flower	rein
right	steel	rows	two	they're	hear	night	hare	flour	rain
rite			too	their					reign

And there are many others, some of which/witch are included in the paragraphs below.

The homophones are in/inn **bold/bowled**. You need/knead to/two/too decide if the correct one/won/wan is already used, or/oar/ore if it should be changed and corrected;

Won dark **night**, a large **mail hare** with brown **fir** hopped across a farmer's field, **witch** had just **bean sewn** with **maize** seeds. The **hair** felt hungry, **sow** decided to **steel** a **cede ore too**. Suddenly, as he crept between the **rose** of seeds, he **herd** a clock strike **ate** o'clock.

Inn the distance, he **cud here** a tractor approaching, out of **site**, **threw** the darkness. The **hare** didn't **no which weigh two** run. "**Their** must **bee** an escape **root**," he thought **allowed**, his **hart** pounding. Ahead, he dimly **sore** a **flour in** a hedgerow. Recognising the **seen**, the **hair** dashed into the undergrowth. "**Aisle** try again next **weak**," he said as it began **two reign**.

When you've corrected all of these, have a go at writing your own text including misspelt homophones and ask your adult to correct it.