

## What are Homophones?

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**Homophones** are easy to remember if you think of your Greek roots. **Homo** means "same." **Phone** means "sound." So homophones are literally two words whose names have the same sound. One example of this are the words **hare** and **hair**. If you hear them out loud without seeing them written down, you don't know if you are talking about a hare (rabbit), or a hair (growing on your head). Context helps you know which one is meant, as well.

Choose the correct homophone to complete each sentence.

1. Our whole family packed our beach clothes and took a trip to the \_\_\_\_\_ (see/sea).
2. Jimmy's mom let him \_\_\_\_\_ (great/grate) the cheese for the pizza.
3. I often wished for a \_\_\_\_\_ (maid/made) to clean my house for me.
4. Melissa has been a \_\_\_\_\_ (dear/deer) friend of mine for many years.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ (sent/cent/scent) of pancakes filled the air as we made breakfast.
6. Grandma put some \_\_\_\_\_ (flower/flour) into the bowl to make some dough.
7. Many of the children were wearing \_\_\_\_\_ (knew/new) shoes for school.
8. After many hours on the computer, I had to take a \_\_\_\_\_ (break/brake).
9. The princess and the \_\_\_\_\_ (prints/prince) are children of the king.
10. They had to stay in bed for two days when they got the \_\_\_\_\_ (flu/flew).
11. When the janitor mops the floor, he uses a \_\_\_\_\_ (pail/pale) to rinse the mop.
12. It's difficult to row the boat without an \_\_\_\_\_ (oar/or/ore).
13. The butcher chopped up the \_\_\_\_\_ (meet/meat) for his client.
14. Sylvia \_\_\_\_\_ (ate/eight) the last of the cereal for breakfast.
15. If you are going to the mall, I would like to go, \_\_\_\_\_ (to/too/two).
16. \_\_\_\_\_ (Their/They're/There) planning to go to a movie later today.
17. The tiny \_\_\_\_\_ (cell/sell) looked much larger under the microscope.
18. The cat screeched loudly when her \_\_\_\_\_ (tale/tail) got caught in the door.
19. Our school \_\_\_\_\_ (principle/principal) is taking us on a field trip.
20. There is no running \_\_\_\_\_ (allowed/aloud) in the school hallways.
21. The man and his \_\_\_\_\_ (son/sun) went to the lake to go fishing.
22. Eric could hardly believe it when he \_\_\_\_\_ (one/won) the race.