**Examples of Homophones**

Homophones are pairs of words that sound the same, but have distinctly different meanings and different spellings. Understanding homophones is an essential part of mastering the English language, both for vocabulary building and spelling.

**20 Common Homophone Pairs**

* **brake/break**: When teaching my daughter how to drive, I told her if she didn’t hit the *brake* in time she would *break* the car’s side mirror.
* **cell/sell**: If you *sell* drugs, you will get arrested and end up in a prison *cell*.
* **cent/scent**: I won’t spend one *cent* on a bottle of perfume until I know that I love the *scent*.
* **die/dye**: If you accidentally drank a bottle of fabric *dye*, you might *die*.
* **flour/flower**: To bake a *flower*-shaped cake, you’ll need some *flour*.
* **for/four**: I purchased *four* new pairs of shoes *for* my upcoming vacation.
* **heal/heel**: If the *heel* breaks on your shoe, you might fall. However, your injuries will *heal* over time.
* **hear/here**: I wanted to sit *here* so I could *hear* the singer performing without any distractions.
* **hour/our**: We have one *hour* before *our* appointment with the real estate agent.
* **idle/idol**: Being *idle* makes me unhappy, but listening to my *idol* Taylor Swift makes me happy.
* **knight/night**: The *knight* is on his way to the castle, but traveling at *night* is very dangerous.
* **knot/not**: I do *not* know how she learned to tie the *knot* to make that necklace.
* **poor/pour**: I *pour* drinks at a bar every night. I am *poor* because I have too many bills and not enough money.
* **right/write**: There is no *right* way to *write* a great novel.
* **sea/see**: At my beach house, I love to wake up and *see* the *sea*.
* **sole/soul**: I need to get a new *sole* put on my favorite pair of running shoes. Jogging is good for my *soul*.
* **son/sun**: My *son* is 13 years old. He likes to spend time outside in the *sun*.
* **steal/steel**: Someone who decides to *steal* a car has committed a crime, but auto parts are made of *steel*.
* **tail/tale**: My cat was crazily chasing his *tail*while I read a fairy *tale* to my children.
* **weather/whether**: I don’t know *whether* to bring a jacket or not. The *weather* looks unpredictable today.