


Homophones & Homonyms (Aminotes)

HOMOPHONES Words that sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings.

ad/add
affect/effect
ail/ale
aisle/I'll
ant/aunt
ate/eight
be/bee
beach/beechn
beat/beet
bald/bawled
bare/bear
base/bass
billed/build
blew/blue
by/bye/buy
cell/sell
cent/scent/sent
chili/chilly
close/clothes
days/daze
dear/deer
do/dew/due
die/dye
died/dyed
doe/dough
earn/urn
ewe/yew/you
facts/fax
fare/fair
fairy/ferry
feat/feet

A large, stylized letter 'A' in the background, composed of two overlapping triangles: a light green one on the left and a light yellow one on the right.

fir/fur
flea/flee
flew/flu/flue
flour/flower
for/fore/four
forth/fourth
foul/fowl
groan/grown
guessed/guest
gym/Jim
hair/hare
hairy/Harry
hall/haul
halve/have
he'd/heed
heal/heel
hear/here
heard/herd
hi/high
him/hymn
hour/our
idle/idol
in/inn
it's/its
knead/need
know/no knows/nose
lay/lei
lead/led
leak/leek
lends/lens
lessen/lesson
lie/lye
links/lynx
loan/lone
lochs/locks/lox
made/maid
mail/male
main/mane
maize/maze

mall/maul

HOMONYM refers to two or more words having the same spelling or pronunciation but different meanings and origins.

Address – Address

- I can give you the **address** of a good attorney.
- That letter was **addressed** to me.

Band – Band

- The **band** was playing old Beatles songs.
- She always ties her hair back in a **band**.
- Many insects are **banded** black and yellow.

Bat – Bat

- I am afraid of **bats**.
- It's his first time at **bat** in the major leagues.

Match – Match

- If you suspect a gas leak do not strike a **match** or use electricity.
- Her fingerprints **match** those found at the scene of the crime.

Mean – Mean

- What does this sentence **mean**?
- He needed to find a **mean** between frankness and rudeness.

Right – Right

- I'm sure I'm **right**.
- Take a **right** turn at the intersection.

Ring – Ring

- What a beautiful **ring**!
- The children sat on the floor in a **ring**.

Rock – Rock

- Komuro formed a **rock** band with some friends while in college.
- To build the tunnel, they had to cut through 500 feet of solid **rock**.

Rose – Rose

- She has a **rose** garden.
- Sales **rose** by 20% over the Christmas period.

Spring – Spring

- I'm sorry to **spring** it on you, but I've been offered another job.
- He was born in the **spring** of 1944.

Stalk – Stalk

- He ate the apple, **stalk** and all.
- Snatching up my bag, I **stalk** out of the room.

Well – Well

- The conference was very **well** organized.
- The dog fell down a **well**.

Clip – Clip

- They are **clips** from the new James Bond film.
- The wire is held on with a metal **clip**.

Date – Date

- The **date** on the letter was 30th August 1962.
- She and Ron go to the park to **date**.

Drop – Drop

- The apples are beginning to **drop** from the trees.
- A single **drop** of blood splashed onto the floor.

Fly – Fly

- A **fly** was buzzing against the window.
- Let's **fly** a kite.

Letter – Letter

- There's a **letter** for you.
- "B" is the second **letter** of the alphabet.

Palm – Palm

- He held the bird gently in the **palm** of his hand.
- The coconut **palm** is a native of Malaysia.

Park – Park

- We went for a walk in the **park**.
- The tennis court is sometimes used as a car **park**.

Point – Point

- He's just saying that to prove a **point**.
- Everything seemed to **point** in one direction.

Ruler – Ruler

- I have a 12 inch **ruler**.
- King Priam was a firm, but just **ruler**.

Saw – Saw

- **Saw** is a tool that has a long blade with sharp points along one of its edges.
- Last night, I **saw** a lovely girl.

Scale – Scale

- They entertain on a large **scale**.
- He somehow managed to **scale** the sheer outside wall of the tower.

Ship – Ship

- There are two restaurants on board **ship**.
- A new engine was **shipped** over from the US.

Sink – Sink

- The ships **sink** to the bottom of the sea.
- I felt chained to the kitchen **sink**.

Tie – Tie

- He had to **tie** her hands together.
- I wear a shirt and **tie** at work.

Trip – Trip

- We went on a **trip** to the mountains.
- Someone will **trip** over that cable.

Wave – Wave

- Huge **waves** were breaking on the shore.
- The people on the bus **waved** and we waved back.

Cool – Cool

- She swam out into the **cool** water.
- When tempers had **cooled**, he apologized.

Duck – Duck

- Every afternoon they went to the park to feed the **duck**.
- He had to **duck** as he came through the door.

Fall – Fall

- September had come and the leaves were starting to **fall**.
- The area is beautiful in the **fall**.

File – File

- Every **file** on the same disk must have a different name.
- We began to **file** out into the car park.

Foot – Foot

- My **foot** hurts.
- Once again it will be the taxpayer who has to **foot** the bill.

Left – Left

- Look **left** and right before you cross the road.
- The plane **left** for Dallas last night.

Nail – Nail

- The key was hanging on a **nail** by the door.
- I've broken my **nail**.

Watch – Watch

- I like **watching** TV every night.
- I glanced at my **watch**.

Can – Can

- Gabriella **can** speak French fluently.
- We drank a **can** of Coke each.