A ***homophone*** is a word that sounds the same as another word but has a different meaning and/or spelling. “Flower” and “flour” are *homophones* because they are pronounced the same but you certainly can’t bake a cake using daffodils.

* 1. aid – to help or assist (I completed the work with the aid of my friend)  
     aide – assistant (The secretary acts as an aide to the principal)
  2. affect – change (Poverty can affect anyone, regardless of age or gender)  
     effect – result or consequence (Social media has a profound effect on our lives)
  3. aisle – a passage (The bride walked down the aisle with her father)  
     isle – island (New Orleans is a beautiful tropical isle)
  4. Antipathy – (deep seated feeling of aversion (Despite his personal antipathy to me, he was still polite)  
     Apathy – Lack of interest or enthusiasm (His apathy just made her even more frustrated)
  5. bard – poet (Robert Burns is a National bard of Scotland)  
     barred – closed or secured with a long rigid piece of wood or metal (He sits by a barred window)
  6. braise – fry (food) lightly and then stew it in a closed container (I braised the meat a day before)  
     brays – loud cry of a donkey (The donkey brays in the fields)
  7. broach – mention (He broached the subject he had been avoiding all along)  
     brooch – pin (She owns some valuable brooches)
  8. Brood – think deeply about a subject that makes one unhappy (She had brooded over the subject a thousand times)  
     brewed – make(tea/coffee) by mixing it with hot water (I’ve just brewed some coffee)
  9. chord – musical tone (Sonia struck the first chord)  
     cord – rope (She wore the key on a cord around her neck)
  10. Coat – outer garment/animal’s covering of fur or hair (She wore a long winter coat)  
      cote – shelter for pigeons (Pigeon flew out of its cote)  
      quote – repeat or copy words from a speech or text (She was quoting passages from Shakespeare)
  11. cite – quote or praise (He has been cited many times for his contributions)  
      site – location (The building site is huge)  
      sight – view or vision (Get out of my sight!)
  12. Conceit – excessive pride in oneself (He was puffed up with conceit)  
      concede – admit that something is true after first denying it (I had to concede that I over-reacted)
  13. complement – enhance; go together (Shahrukh and Gauri complement each other)  
      compliment – praise (My teacher complimented me for securing highest marks)
  14. council – advisory or committee (A ban on school buses was imposed by country council)  
      counsel – guidance (With wise counseling you can do wonders in your career)
  15. Collision – an instance of one moving object or person striking violently against another (A mid-air collision between the two aircraft caused a death of 50 people)  
      collusion – secret or illegal cooperation or conspiracy to deceive others (The armed forces were working in collusion with drug traffickers)
  16. Coup – sudden, illegal or violent overthrow of an existing government (He was overthrown in an army coup)  
      coo – soft murmuring sound made by a dove or pigeon (The dove cooed quietly in its nest)
  17. dew – morning mist (There was heavy dew this morning)  
      due – payable (The bill is due at the end of this month)
  18. Discreet – careful in one’s speech or actions, especially in order to keep something confidential (We made some discreet inquiries)   
      discrete – discontinuous (Kinetics is a system of discreet particles)
  19. dissent – disagreement (A murmur of dissent from others drove him into shy silence)  
      descent – moving down (they began the long descent, hand in hand)
  20. dual – double (He was the case of dual personality)  
      duel – battle (He accepted the challenge to duel)
  21. Errant – wrong/deviant (An errant student was given a warning)  
      Arrant – Absolute (They made me think that my friend was an arrant stupid)
  22. Exercise – work, effort (He is well accustomed to exercise)  
      exorcise – to get free from evil spirits (Tara’s mother wants some money to exorcise her inner demons.)
  23. Eminent – very important, famous (Eminent scientists have been invited)  
      imminent – about to happen, forthcoming (They were in imminent danger of being swept away)
  24. Elicit – bring out, extract (I tried to elicit a smile from Hena)   
      illicit – not legal (She had an illicit affair with her boss)
  25. faze – impact (She is so calm, nothing seems to faze her)   
      phase – stage (This phase of his life is disheartening)
  26. Feign – act (He feigns illness during the examinations)  
      Fain – willing (He would fain have helped me)
  27. feat – achievement (Securing first place was not an easy feat)  
      feet – plural of foot (She kicked her feet and swung at him with her fist)
  28. groan – moan (Merchants are groaning over slow holiday sales)  
      grown – form of grow (He has grown into a handsome lad)
  29. Hail – frozen rail (Rain and hail bounced on the tiled roof)  
      hale – strong and healthy (He is hale and hearty at eighty)
  30. Accept - to receive (I accepted their greetings)

Except – excluding (I have no evidence, except your word)

* 1. Affect - to influence (Evils have no power to affect my imagination)

Effect –result (The experience has had a bad effect on him)

* 1. Air – gases from the atmosphere (He can’t breathe! Everybody move back and give him some air to breathe)

Heir - one who will inherit (He is the sole heir)

* 1. Allusion- an indirect reference ( She made allusion to her first marriage)

Illusion - a misconception (They used paint to create an illusion of metal)

* 1. mustered – gathered (She mustered some courage to propose her friend)  
     mustard – substance used to add flavor to food (Tom usually puts mustard on his hot dog)
  2. Bald – hairless (All his uncles are completely bald)

Bawled - cried aloud (She bawled and that made her feel better)

* 1. Proceed – go ahead, advance (We will proceed according to the plan)  
     precede – go ahead of (She preceded her mother into the room)
  2. Band - a group (There was alive performance by the band)

Banned- forbidden (A few drugs have been banned)

* 1. Capital - wealth and resources (We formed a partnership with a capital of six lakh rupees)

Capitol – building housing chief governmental offices (The new state capitol was finished in 1903)

* 1. Days - more than one day (It took him 2 days to complete the assignment)

Daze - to bewilder (His father slapped him hard enough to daze him)

* 1. Emigrate from - leave one’s country and live in another (Many engineers now emigrate to America)

Immigrate to - enter another country (The desire to immigrate spread like a fever)

* 1. Fair - even-handed (He played a fair game)

Fare – amount charged for transportation (He paid for my Ola ride)

* 1. Fairy - imaginary magic person (He was in a fairy kingdom where everything was possible)

Ferry - river-crossing boat (We boarded the ferry to reach the Phi-Phi Island)

* 1. Knead - working bread dough (Please continue to knead the dough with hands until it is mixed to a consistent texture)

Need – want, requirement (I need you to help me finish my project)

* 1. Principle - a basic truth, rule (Communication has seven principles

Principal - head of a school/sum of money (The principal was a very learned man)

* 1. Scene - visual location (We won’t go anywhere near the crime scene)

Seen - past tense of saw (Seen from the sky, the river liked a huge snake)