



Homophones 1

Grammar > Intermediate 6



Exercise 1 – Learning

'**Homophone**' (words with the same sound) is made up of the Greek words:

'homo' (the same) and 'phone' (sound)

Homophones are words that sound the same, but differ in spelling and meaning.

Homophones in this lesson: **which/witch, here/hear, by/buy, whether/weather**

Which vs Witch

Which is a determiner or a pronoun used in questions to refer to specific item(s).

- **Which** sweater is your favorite?

A **witch** is a woman who is believed to have magical powers.

- In the story, the hero defeated the evil **witch**.

An easy way to tell '**which**' and '**witch**' apart is that '**which**' is one of the '**wh- question words**' (who, what, where, when, why).



Here vs Hear

Here is an adverb that shows location.

- Come **here**!

Hear is a verb that means "to perceive sound using one's ears".

- Can you **hear** the music?

By vs Buy

By is a preposition used when we need to show location.

- There is cake **by** the wine case.

Buy is a verb that means "to get something by paying money".

- Will you **buy** me a new laptop?



Whether vs Weather

Whether is a conjunction used in indirect questions to introduce an alternative.

- They don't know **whether** she passed the exam or not.

Weather is a noun that means "the state of the atmosphere at a certain time and place".

- The **weather** is nice today; let's go for a walk.



Exercise 2 – Multiple Choice

Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.

1. Lisa dressed up as a _____ for Halloween.

- a) which
- b) witch

2. _____ answer is right?

- a) Which
- b) Witch

3. We may have to cancel the picnic due to the _____.

- a) weather
- b) whether

4. The picnic might be cancelled depending on _____ or not it rains.

- a) weather
- b) whether



5. Meet me _____ the bridge at 6 o'clock.

- a) buy
- b) by

6. Please _____ me a car.

- a) buy
- b) by

7. I like to study _____.

- a) hear
- b) here

8. When I put in my earplugs, I cannot _____ my alarm clock.

- a) hear
- b) here



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.

Example: whether/weather, nice. → Do you know whether or not she is nice?/The weather is nice today.

Content:

1. here, quiet.
2. hear, quiet.
3. buy, house.
4. by, house.
5. which, hat.
6. witch, hat.