

# The **BIG** List of Homophones

As you look through this homophones list, keep in mind that some words may be homophones only in certain areas. For example, merry and Mary sound alike in many regions, but not in others. If you disagree with a homophone set, feel free to ignore it. It may not be a homophone in your area, but it is somewhere else!

A · Abel/able accede/exceed accept/except acclamation/acclimation acts/ax ad/add Adam/atom addition/edition adds/adz/ads adduce/educe adherence/adherents adieu/ado ads/adds/adz aerial/ariel affect/effect affected/effected affects/effects afterward/afterword

aid/aide

air/heir/err

aisle/isle/I'll

all ready/already

all ways/always

allowed/aloud

all together/altogether

ail/ale

ale/ail

all/awl

allude/elude alluded/eluded allusion/illusion allusive/elusive/illusive aloud/allowed already/all ready altar/alter altogether/all together always/all ways amend/emend analyst/annalist ant/aunt apatite/appetite apprise/apprize arc/ark ariel/aerial ark/arc arrant/errant ascent/assent assistance/assistants ate/eight atom/Adam auger/augur aunt/ant





aural/oral aureole/oriole away/aweigh awl/all ax/acts axel/axle axes/axis aye/eye/I

B -

ayes/eyes

baa/bah baal/bail/bale babble/Babel bad/bade bah/baa bail/bale/baal bait/bate baited/bated bald/balled/bawled bale/baal/bail ball/bawl balled/bawled/bald balm/bomb/bombe band/banned bard/barred bare/bear baron/barren barred/bard

basal/basil base/bass based/baste bases/basis basil/basal basis/bases bask/basque bass/base baste/based bate/bait bated/baited

bawl/ball bawled/bald/balled bazaar/bizarre be/bee beach/beech bear/bare beat/beet beau/bow bee/be beech/beach

been/bin beer/bier beet/beat bell/belle berry/bury berth/birth better/bettor bib/bibb bier/beer

barren/baron

bight/bite/byte billed/build bin/been bird/burred birth/berth bite/byte/bight bizarre/bazaar blew/blue





brayed/braid

brays/braise

bread/bred

break/brake

bred/bread

breech/breach

brewed/brood

brews/bruise

bridal/bridle

broach/brooch

brood/brewed

brows/browse

bruise/brews

brut/brute

build/billed

buoy/boy

burred/bird

bury/berry

bussed/bust

byte/bight/bite

bullion/bouillon

burger/burgher

burro/burrow/borough

breach/breech

# blew

bloc/block blue/blew boar/bore board/bored boarder/border bode/bowed bold/bowled bolder/boulder bomb/bombe/balm bootie/booty border/boarder bore/boar bored/board born/borne borough/burro/burrow bough/bow bouillon/bullion

boulder/bolder

bow/beau

bow/bough

bowed/bode

bowled/bold

braid/brayed

braise/brays

brake/break

boy/buoy

caddie/caddy Cain/cane calendar/calender callous/callus canapé/canopy cane/Cain cannon/canon

canopy/canapé canter/cantor canvas/canvass capital/capitol

carat/carrot/caret/karat carol/carrel carrot/caret/karat/carat cash/cache cast/caste caster/castor cause/caws cedar/seeder cede/seed ceiling/sealing cell/sell cellar/seller censor/sensor cent/scent/sent cents/scents/sense

cereal/serial Ceres/series cession/session chance/chants chased/chaste chauffeur/shofar cheap/cheep check/Czech cheep/cheap chews/choose

chic/sheik Chile/chilly/chili choir/quire choose/chews choral/coral chord/cord/cored chute/shoot cite/sight/site cited/sided/sighted

clack/claque clamber/clammer/clamor claque/clack clause/claws clew/clue

climb/clime clique/click

close/clothes/cloze

clue/clew coal/cole coarse/course coarser/courser coat/cote coax/cokes coffers/coughers cokes/coax

cole/coal collard/collared colonel/kernel

complacent/complaisant complement/compliment complementary/

complimentary conceded/conceited confirmation/

conformation

consonance/consonants continence/continents

coo/coup coolie/coulee coop/coupe cops/copse coral/choral cord/cored/chord core/corps

cored/chord/cord

corps/core

correspondence/ correspondents

cote/coat coughers/coffers coulee/coolie council/counsel

coup/coo coupe/coop

click/clique

course/coarse courser/coarser cousin/cozen coward/cowered coy/koi cozen/cousin craft/kraft crape/crepe crawl/kraal creak/creek crepe/crape

crewel/cruel

crews/cruise

cruel/crewel

cruise/crews

currant/current

curser/cursor

cygnet/signet

cymbal/symbol

cypress/Cyprus

Czech/check

cue/queue

dough do/due/dew doc/dock doe/dough/do (musical note) does (female deer)/doze done/dun dough/do (musical note)/doe doze/does (female deer) draft/draught dual/duel ducked/duct ducks/ducts duct/ducked ducts/ducks due/dew/do duel/dual dun/done

dye/die

dyeing/dying

earn/urn eave/eve edition/addition educe/adduce eek/eke effect/affect effected/affected effects/affects eight/ate eke/eek elicit/illicit elude/allude eluded/alluded elusive/illusive/allusive emend/amend enumerable/innumerable

err/air/heir

errant/arrant

eve/eave ewe/you/yew ewes/yews/use exceed/accede except/accept exercise/exorcise eye/I/aye eyed/I'd eyelet/islet eyes/ayes

facts/fax faint/feint fair/fare fairy/ferry feint/faint

fare/fair fate/fete faun/fawn fax/facts faze/phase feat/feet fends/fens ferry/fairy fete/fate few/phew fiancé/fiancée fill/Phil find/fined finish/Finnish fir/fur fisher/fissure flair/flare flea/flee flew/flu/flue flier/flyer flocks/phlox floe/flow flour/flower





# flower

flower/flour flu/flue/flew flyer/flier foaled/fold foe/faux fold/foaled for/four/fore foregone/forgone foreword/forward fort/forte forth/fourth forward/foreword foul/fowl four/fore/for fourth/forth fowl/foul franc/frank frays/phrase frees/freeze/frieze friar/fryer frieze/frees/freeze fryer/friar

# **G** –

fur/fir

gaff/gaffe Gail/gale gait/gate gale/Gail gamble/gambol gate/gait gel/jell gene/jean gibe/jibe gild/guild

gilder/guilder

dam/damn Dane/deign days/daze dear/deer defused/diffused deign/Dane dense/dents descent/dissent desert (abandon)/dessert dew/do/due die/dye diffused/defused disburse/disperse discreet/discrete disperse/disburse dissent/descent

flow/floe

do (musical note)/doe/

gilt/guilt gneiss/nice gnome/Nome gnu/knew/new gofer/gopher gored/gourd gorilla/guerilla gourd/gored grade/grayed graft/graphed graham/gram graphed/graft grate/great grater/greater grayed/grade grays/graze grease/Greece great/grate greater/grater Greece/grease grill/grille grisly/grizzly groan/grown guerilla/gorilla guessed/guest guild/gild guilder/gilder guilt/gilt gym/Jim

#### н -

hail/hale
hair/hare
hale/hail
hall/haul
halve/have
handmade/handmaid
handsome/hansom
hangar/hanger
hansom/handsome
hare/hair

hart/heart
haul/hall
have/halve
hay/hey
hays/haze
he'd/heed
he'll/heal/he

he'd/heed
he'll/heal/heel
hear/here
heard/herd
heart/hart
heed/he'd
heel/he'll/heal
heir/err/air
herd/heard

heroin/heroine hertz/hurts

here/hear

hew/hue/Hugh hey/hay hi/high

higher/hire him/hymn

hire/higher ho/hoe

hoard/horde hoarse/horse

hoe/ho hoes/hose hold/holed hole/whole holed/hold

holey/holy/wholly

hoop/whoop horde/hoard horse/hoarse hose/hoes hostel/hostile

hour/our

hue/Hugh/hew humerus/humorous

hurts/hertz hymn/him

# I —

I/aye/eye
I'II/aisle/isle
I'd/eyed
idle/idol/idyll
illicit/elicit
illusion/allusion
illusive/allusive/elusive
immanent/imminent
impassable/impassible
in/inn
incite/insight

inn/in innocence/innocents innumerable/enumerable

insight/incite instance/instants intense/intents isle/l'll/aisle

islet/eyelet it's/its

jam/jamb jean/gene jell/gel

jibe/gibe Jim/gym

jinks/jinx

K ·

karat/carat/carrot/caret

kernel/colonel knap/nap knave/nave knead/kneed/need

knead/kneed/need knew/new/gnu knickers/nickers

knight/night





# knight

· night

knit/nit knock/nock knot/not know/no knows/nose koi/coy kraal/crawl kraft/craft

lacks/lax ladder/latter lade/laid lain/lane lama/llama lane/lain Lapps/laps/lapse latter/ladder lax/lacks lay/lei lays/laze/leis lea/lee leach/leech lead/led leak/leek lean/lien

leak/leek
lean/lien
leased/least
led/lead
lee/lea
leech/leach
leek/leak
lei/lay
leis/lays/laze
lends/lens

lessen/lesson

lets/let's levee/levy liar/lier/lyre lichen/liken lie/lye lien/lean lier/lyre/liar lieu/Lou liken/lichen links/lynx literal/littoral Ilama/lama lo/low load/lode/lowed loan/lone loath/loathe loch/lock lochs/locks/lox lock/loch locks/lox/lochs lode/lowed/load Ione/Ioan loot/lute Lou/lieu low/lo lowed/load/lode lox/lochs/locks lumbar/lumber lute/loot lye/lie

### **M** -

lynx/links

lyre/liar/lier

madder/matter
made/maid
mail/male
main/mane/Maine
maize/maze
male/mail
mall/maul

mane/Maine/main manner/manor mantel/mantle marc/mark mare/mayor mark/marc marry/merry/Mary marshal/martial marten/martin Mary/marry/merry massed/mast mat/matte matter/madder maul/mall may be/maybe mayor/mare maze/maize





maze

maize

mean/mien meat/meet/mete meatier/meteor medal/metal/mettle/ meddle meet/mete/meat merry/Mary/marry metal/mettle/meddle/ medal mete/meat/meet meteor/meatier mettle/meddle/medal/ metal mewl/mule mews/muse mien/mean

might/mite

mince/mints mind/mined miner/minor mints/mince missal/missile missed/mist misses/Mrs. missile/missal mist/missed mite/might moan/mown moat/mote mode/mowed mood/mooed moose/mousse morn/mourn morning/mourning mote/moat mourn/morn mourning/morning mousse/moose mowed/mode mown/moan Mrs./misses mucous/mucus mule/mewl muscle/mussel muse/mews mussed/must mussel/muscle

mil/mill

N -

nap/knap naval/navel nave/knave navel/naval nay/neigh need/knead/kneed

must/mussed

mustard/mustered

neigh/nay
new/gnu/knew
nice/gneiss
Nice/niece
nickers/knickers
niece/Nice
night/knight
nit/knit
no/know
nock/knock
Nome/gnome
none/nun
nose/knows
not/knot
nun/none

C

oar/or/ore
ode/owed
oh/owe
one/won
or/ore/oar
oral/aural
ore/oar/or
oriole/aureole
our/hour
outcast/outcaste
overdo/overdue
overseas/oversees
owe/oh
owed/ode

P

paced/paste
packed/pact
padded/patted
paean/paeon/peon
pail/pale
pain/pane
pair/pare/pear
palate/palette/pallet

pale/pail
palette/pallet/palate
pall/Paul
pallet/palate/palette
pane/pain
pare/pear/pair
parish/perish
parlay/parley
passed/past
paste/paced
patience/patients
patted/padded
Paul/pall
pause/paws

pea/pee
peace/piece
peak/peek/pique
peal/peel
pear/pair/pare
pearl/purl
peas/pees
peat/Pete
pedal/peddle/petal

peek/pique/peak peel/peal peer/pier pees/peas pekoe/picot

pee/pea

penance/pennants peon/paean/paeon

per/purr
perish/parish
pervade/purveyed
petal/pedal/peddle

Pete/peat
petrel/petrol
pew/pugh
phase/faze
phew/few

Phil/fill
phlox/flocks
phrase/frays
pi/pie
picot/pekoe
pidgin/pigeon



pie/pi



pie

pi

piece/peace pier/peer pigeon/pidgin Pilate/pilot pique/peak/peek pistil/pistol plain/plane plait/plate plane/plain plate/plait pleas/please plum/plumb pole/poll pore/pour praise/prays/preys pray/prey prays/preys/praise precedence/precedents premier/premiere presence/presents prey/pray preys/praise/prays pride/pried primer/primmer prince/prints principal/principle

prints/prince

profit/prophet
pros/prose
pugh/pew
purl/pearl
purr/per
purveyed/pervade

Q

quarts/quartz queue/cue quince/quints quire/choir

R-

rabbet/rabbit rack/wrack rain/reign/rein raise/rays/raze rap/wrap rapped/rapt/wrapped rapper/wrapper rapt/wrapped/rapped rays/raze/raise read/red read/reed real/reel red/read reed/read reek/wreak reel/real reign/rein/rain residence/residents rest/wrest retch/wretch review/revue rheum/room rigger/rigor right/rite/write rigor/rigger

road/rode/rowed roam/Rome rode/rowed/road roe/row role/roll Rome/roam room/rheum roomer/rumor root/route rose/rows rote/wrote rough/ruff rouse/rows (noisy quarrels) route/root roux/rue row/roe rowed/road/rode rows (noisy quarrels)/ rouse rows/rose rude/rued rue/roux rued/rude ruff/rough rumor/roomer rung/wrung

S

sac/sack sachet/sashay sack/sac sacks/sax sail/sale sane/seine sari/sorry sashay/sachet saver/savor

Russell/rustle

rye/wry

ring/wring

rite/write/right

sax/sacks scene/seen scent/sent/cent scents/sense/cents scull/skull sea/see sealing/ceiling seam/seem sear/seer/sere seas/sees/seize see/sea seed/cede seeder/cedar seem/seam seen/scene seer/sere/sear sees/seize/seas seine/sane seize/seas/sees sell/cell seller/cellar sense/cents/scents sensor/censor sent/cent/scent sere/sear/seer serf/surf serge/surge serial/cereal series/Ceres session/cession sew/so/sow shear/sheer sheik/chic shoe/shoo shofar/chauffeur shone/shown shoo/shoe

side/sighed sided/sighted/cited sighed/side sighs/size sight/site/cite sighted/cited/sided signet/cygnet sink/sync Sioux/sue site/cite/sight size/sighs skull/scull slay/sleigh sleight/slight slew/slue/slough slight/sleight sloe/slow slough/slew/slue slow/sloe slue/slough/slew so/sow/sew soar/sore soared/sword sold/soled sole/soul soled/sold some/sum son/sun



son

soot/suit sore/soar sorry/sari soul/sole sow/sew/so spade/spayed

staid/stayed stair/stare stake/steak stare/stair stationary/stationery stayed/staid steak/stake steal/steel step/steppe stile/style straight/strait straightened/straitened style/stile sue/Sioux suede/swayed suit/soot suite/sweet sum/some summary/summery sun/son sundae/Sunday surf/serf

surge/serge swayed/suede sweet/suite sword/soared symbol/cymbal sync/sink

Тtacked/tact tacks/tax tact/tacked tail/tale taper/tapir tarry/terry taught/taut taupe/tope taut/taught tax/tacks tea/tee

team/teem tear/tier teas/tease/tees tee/tea teem/team tees/teas/tease tends/tens tense/tents tern/turn terry/tarry Thai/tie the/thee their/there/they're theirs/there's there/they're/their there's/theirs they're/their/there threw/through throes/throws throne/thrown through/threw thrown/throne throws/throes thyme/time tic/tick tide/tied tie/Thai tied/tide

tier/tear tigress/Tigris timber/timbre time/thyme to/too/two

toad/toed/towed

toe/tow

toed/towed/toad

told/tolled too/two/to tool/tulle

tooter/Tudor/tutor

shoot/chute

sic/sick

shown/shone

tope/taupe tort/torte tortuous/torturous tow/toe towed/toad/toed tracked/tract trader/traitor troop/troupe trussed/trust tucks/tux Tudor/tutor/tooter tulle/tool turban/turbine turn/tern tutor/tooter/Tudor tux/tucks two/to/too

### U-

udder/utter undo/undue urn/earn use/ewes/yews utter/udder

#### V

vain/vane/vein
valance/valence
vale/veil
valence/valance
vane/vein/vain
vary/very
veil/vale
vein/vain/vane
venous/Venus
verses/versus
very/vary
vial/vile

vile/vial vise/vice

wade/weighed

## **W** –

wader/waiter wail/whale/wale wails/Wales/whales wain/wane/Wayne waist/waste wait/weight waiter/wader waive/wave wale/wail/whale Wales/whales/wails walk/wok wane/Wayne/wain want/wont war/wore ware/wear/where wares/where's/wears warn/worn waste/waist wave/waive wax/whacks way/weigh/whey Wayne/wain/wane ways/weighs we/wee we'll/wheel weak/week wear/where/ware wears/wares/where's weather/whether/wether weave/we've we'd/weed whether/weather whey/way/weigh

which/witch while/wile whine/wine whined/wind/wined whir/were whirled/whorled/world whirred/word whoa/woe whole/hole wholly/holey/holy whoop/hoop wee/we weed/we'd week/weak weigh/whey/way weighed/wade weighs/ways weight/wait we'll/wheel were/whir wet/whet wether/weather/whether we've/weave whacks/wax whale/wale/wail whales/wails/Wales wheel/we'll where/ware/wear where's/wears/wares whet/wet whorled/world/whirled who's/whose wile/while

woe/whoa wok/walk won/one





wont/want wood/would word/whirred wore/war world/whirled/whorled worn/warn would/wood wrack/rack wrap/rap wrapped/rapped/rapt wrapper/rapper wreak/reek wrest/rest wretch/retch wring/ring write/right/rite wrote/rote wrung/rung wry/rye

#### Υ

yew/ewe/you
yews/use/ewes
yoke/yolk
yore/your/you're
you/yew/ewe
you're/yore/your
you'll/Yule
your/you're/yore
Yule/you'll

vice/vise

wind/wined/whined

wined/whined/wind

wine/whine

witch/which