

**Homophones** have the same sound but a different spelling and meaning, such as *aisle* and *isle*.

**Heteronyms** have the same spelling but a different meaning, pronunciation, and/or part of speech, such as noun to verb in **record** and **record**.

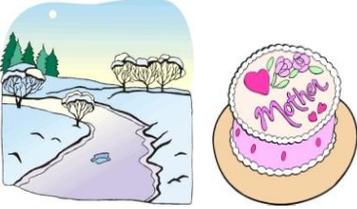
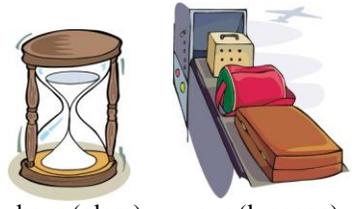
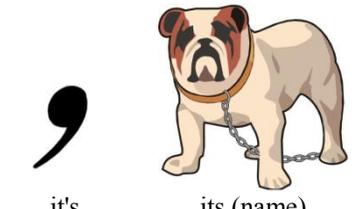
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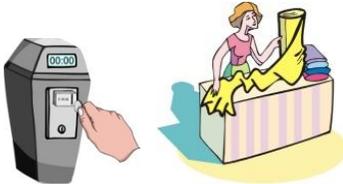
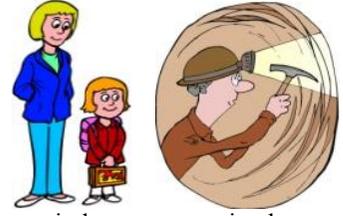
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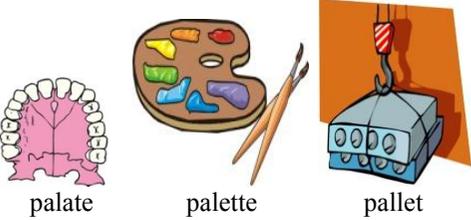
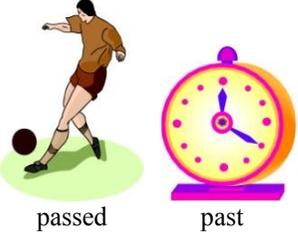
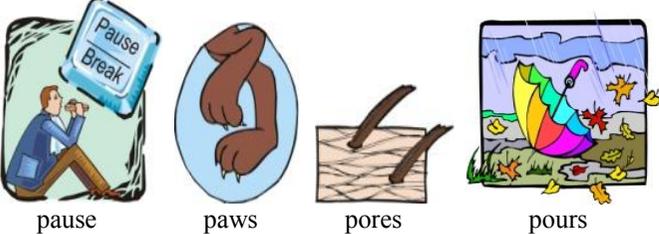
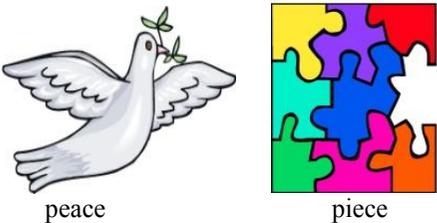
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<p>hole whole</p>	 <p>hole      whole</p>	<p>'Oh no! I think there's a hole in the ice,' wailed the skating team. 'Did you want the whole cake decorated, or just the top?' asked the baker.</p>
<p>hour our</p>	 <p>hour (glass)      our (luggage)</p>	<p>This hourglass takes exactly one hour for all the sand to run through. Our luggage seems to be lost, and our flight leaves in half an hour.</p>
<p>idle idol</p>	 <p>idle      idol</p>	<p>'Idle hands are quick to find mischief, so let's all cook dinner,' Mum suggested. Each huge stone idol on Easter Island has an interesting history.</p>
<p>in inn</p>	 <p>in      inn</p>	<p>'Some passengers who travel in my taxi are very talkative,' said Jeff. 'This alpine inn high in the mountains is the cheapest I could find,' said the tour guide unhappily as he stared at the many stairs.</p>
<p>it's its</p>	 <p>it's      its (name)</p>	<p>'Always remember that <i>it's</i> means <i>it is</i> or <i>it has</i>,' said my teacher. 'What's its name?' I asked the dog's owner. 'It's a very fine-looking animal!' Note: Possessive case <i>its</i> does not have an apostrophe.</p>

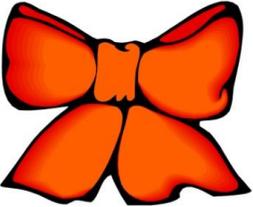
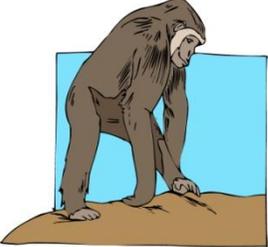
<p>meter metre</p>	 <p>meter      metre</p>	<p>'How much do I need to put in the parking meter?' asked my big sister. The lady used a metre of warm fabric to make her dear old dog a coat. Note: US spelling is <i>meter</i> for both meanings.</p>
<p>might mite</p>	 <p>might      mite</p>	<p>'We might have too much luggage on the roof-rack,' Dad said quietly. A dust mite may be tiny, but it is a mighty big nuisance!</p>
<p>miner minor</p>	 <p>miner      minor (problem)</p>	<p>A miner had a very tough job in the days before machines. 'I don't think this is a minor problem. It's a major setback,' wailed Bill.</p>
<p>mind mined</p>	 <p>mind      mined</p>	<p>The lady had to mind Tom after school, but she said she didn't mind. My great grandpa mined gold for many years with a pick and shovel.</p>
<p>missed mist</p>	 <p>missed      mist</p>	<p>'Oh no! I've missed the bus yet <i>again</i>!' cried George. I love seeing the mist rise from the lake on cool autumn mornings.</p>

<p>palate palette pallet</p>	 <p>palate      palette      pallet</p>	<p>'Feel your hard palate with your tongue and say /t/,' said Mr Lim. The artist used a palette to mix the colours for her painting. The crane lifted a heavy load pallet of steel plates.</p>
<p>passed past</p>	 <p>passed      past</p>	<p>Matt passed the ball quickly to help lift the score for his team. It's already twenty past twelve, and I must finish this letter now so that I can post it before the mail goes at half past twelve.</p>
<p>pause      paws pores      pours</p>	 <p>pause      paws      pores      pours</p>	<p>The worker decided to pause after a busy morning. My dog's paws leave muddy footprints on wet days. Hairs grow through tiny pores in our skin. 'If it doesn't rain, it pours!' is a famous saying.</p>
<p>peace piece</p>	 <p>peace      piece</p>	<p>A white dove is often depicted as the symbol of peace. 'A piece of my jigsaw is missing, and I don't know where it is,' sobbed Gillian.</p>
<p>peak peek</p>	 <p>peak      peek</p>	<p>'I'll draw the peak of my mountain as a snow-covered plateau,' announced May decidedly. 'Please don't peek at my cards, Mum!' I warned sternly.</p>

<p>you'll Yule</p>	 <p>you'll</p>  <p>Yule (log)</p>	<p>You'll need to check your tyre pressures before you go on holidays.</p> <p>A Yule log is a special cake made in December in some cultures. Yum!</p> <p>Note: US spelling of <i>tyre</i> is spelt <i>tire</i>, which also means to get tired. <i>Tire</i> in the US is therefore a heteronym rather than a homophone.</p>
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### Heteronyms

Heteronyms have the same spelling but differ in meaning and pronunciation - or will have the same pronunciation but be a different part of speech, e.g. noun, verb. This is not a complete list, and you will find many more on your reading travels. **Homophones used in the heteronyms sentences are shown in blue.**

	<p>Please <b>combine</b> your <b>deliberate</b> (<i>deliberat</i>) and rather over-critical comments about this <b>combine</b> harvester's unlimited potential while you <b>deliberate</b> (<i>deliberate</i>) on how much each of you will pay.</p>		<p>Can you <b>affect</b> (v) a different accent when you talk to the men?</p> <p><i>Affect</i> (verb) means to pretend to have. The <b>affect</b> (n) of no overtime comes into effect today, but will <b>affect</b> (n) our profits by the end of June.</p> <p><i>Affect as a noun means influence or impact upon.</i></p>
	<p>'What a terrible <b>row</b> over how long to <b>bow</b> to the audience' said the lady with the red <b>bow</b> as she adjusted the <b>row</b> of dancers.</p>		<p>In <b>August</b> I kept a <b>record</b> of the <b>august</b> majesty of this primate to <b>record</b> my impressions of the time.</p>
	<p>I wrote an article on indigestion for the <b>Digest</b> Magazine editor to <b>digest</b> at leisure. However, some of the <b>minute</b> details will take a <b>minute</b> or two for him to absorb.</p>		<p>This <b>project</b> is a work in <b>progress</b>, so I'm unable to <b>project</b> any <b>estimates</b> (<i>estimates</i>) on how things will <b>progress</b>, but our director <b>estimates</b> (<i>estimates</i>) a fine result.</p>