

Lesson 7: Homophones and Their Spelling Challenges

Each Spelling Word has a homophone, another word that has the same pronunciation but a different meaning and a different spelling. Look at the words, and notice how the homophones in each pair are spelled.

Sort the Spelling Words into two lists, with one half of a pair of homophones in each list.

Spelling Words

1. *week*
2. *weak*
3. *steel*
4. *steal*
5. *grown*
6. *groan*
7. *guest*
8. *guessed*
9. *creek*
10. *creak*
11. *weather*
12. *whether*
13. *sore*
14. *soar*
15. *stake*
16. *steak*

Your Own Words

Look for other homophones to add to the lists. You might read *cord* (which has the homophone *chord*) in a book about knots. When might you use the word *isle* or *aisle*?

17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

ONE SYLLABLE	
cord	chord
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

TWO SYLLABLES	
affect	effect
_____	_____

Homophones are pairs of words that sound the same but have different spellings and different meanings.

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Spelling Clues: Spelling and Meaning When you learn to spell a word that has a homophone, learn the spelling and meaning of both words. As you use the two words, keep their meanings in mind.

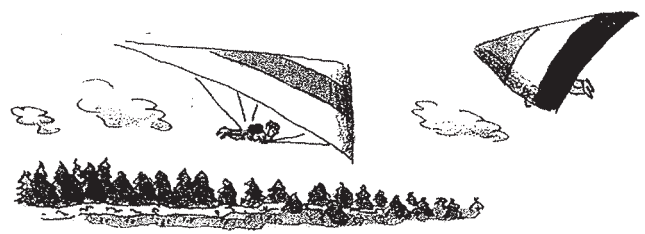
Write the Spelling Word that fits each brief definition.

- 1. To take what doesn't belong to you—*steel* or *steal*?
- 2. A strong metal—*steel* or *steal*?
- 3. A slice of meat or fish—*stake* or *steak*?
- 4. A stick sharpened at one end—*stake* or *steak*?

Proofreading 5–10. Circle each incorrect homophone and write the correct word.

- Have you guest how many olives are on that pizza?
- If your estimate is correct, you'll win an extra-large pizza every weak, for a whole year!
- If I won, I'd be so excited I'd feel week in the knees.
- Would you invite a guessed to share your pizza?
- Would you eat the pizza by yourself until you were so full you had to grown?
- Do you think that you'll have groan tired of pizza by the end of the year?

Working With Meaning Each sentence is missing a pair of homophones. Write the Spelling Words that complete each sentence.



- I wonder (11) _____ the (12) _____ is going to change.
- I don't really want to (13) _____ today, because my throat is so (14) _____.
- I think I hear my hang glider (15) _____ every time I go over this (16) _____.

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