

Spellings: Homophones

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

There is no single spelling rule for homophones, so we need to learn the meaning and spelling of each word.

Remember: Think about the meaning of the sentence to help you choose the correct spelling.

Example:

- there = a place
- their = belongs to them
- they're = they are

Activity 1: Homophone Hunt

Choose the correct homophone to complete each sentence.

1. I (**guessed** / **guest**) the answer correctly.
2. We had a special (**guessed** / **guest**) at school.
3. The runner (**passed** / **past**) the finish line.
4. We walked (**passed** / **past**) the old castle.
5. The bridge was made from (**steel** / **steal**).
6. Someone tried to (**steel** / **steal**) the treasure.
7. (**Their** / **There** / **They're**) going to explore the planet.
8. The astronauts left (**their** / **there** / **they're**) equipment behind.
9. Look over (**their** / **there** / **they're**)!

Challenge: Choose two pairs of homophones and write your own sentences to show the different meanings.

Activity 2: Homophone Detective

Each sentence contains a homophone mistake. Find the mistake and correct it!

1. I **guest** the answer was seven.
2. The **guessed** arrived at lunchtime.
3. We walked **passed** the museum.
4. The medal was made of **steal**.
5. They tried to **steel** the astronaut's equipment.
6. **Their** going to visit Mars.
7. The spaceship landed over **they're**.

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