

16. HOMOPHONES!

DE TSOEK

A circular inset image showing hands writing in a notebook. The image is semi-transparent and has a pinkish tint. It shows a person's hands holding a pen and writing on a piece of paper. The paper has some text on it, but it's not legible. The hands are positioned over the paper, and the pen is in the process of writing.

#16

NIVEL: PRE-INTERMEDIATE

¿QUÉ ES UN HOMÓFONO?



Homophones: words that sound the same but spelt differently.

English is confusing enough, without having to deal with words that sound the same but are spelt differently.

In this exercise **you will practice to recognise some homophones** and then practice using them in the appropriate way.

EXAMPLES:

To, two, too. | Plain, Plane. | Bass, Base. | See, Sea. | Saw, Sore
Jeans, Genes. | Their, There, They're. | Deer, Dear. | Hear, here
Die, dye. | Right, write, rite. | Real, reel. | Knight, night



#01 CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

- The boy put shampoo on his **hare/hair**.
- Mum put some **flower/flour** in the cake mix.
- James didn't have a very good **nights/knights** sleep.
- A rabbit is a bit like a **hare/hair**.
- Tony got chased by a large **bare/bear**.



#02 THE WORDS BELOW HAVE HOMOPHONES. CAN YOU THINK OF THEM?



- **Plane:** _____
- **Right:** _____
- **See:** _____
- **There:** _____
- **Which:** _____
- **Where:** _____

- **Be:** _____
- **For:** _____
- **Here:** _____
- **Knew:** _____
- **No:** _____
- **So:** _____

USAGE OF THERE, THEIR, AND THEY'RE

There: Naming a place, a thing, or the existence of something.

- *Examples:*

The bus stop is over there.

There are't any biscuits left in the jar.

Their: Showing possession (plural).

- *Examples:*

Their car is in the garage at the moment.

They have forget their coats in the cloakroom.

They're: Contraction of "they are" into "they're" (informal).

- *Example:*

They're very excited about their holiday.



#03 TEST YOURSELF!

- 1. The teacher told them to leave books on the desk.
- 2. Billy is often late to school, but Freddie is always on time.
- 3. are over 900 students at our school.
- 4. Ask them if coming round tomorrow.
- 5. Dad was pleased the girls had done so well in exams.
- 6. We'll go to McDonalds if is time.
- 7. baking a cake for their Grandma today.
- 8. Can you give me telephone number?
- 9. My parents won't be coming as both working on Saturday.

#04 CORRECT THE HOMOPHONES IN THE TEXT:

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in the sky, a pear of hairs came hopping bye.
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ANSWERS

#04

One fine day when the sun was shining way up in the sky, a pair of hares came hopping by. Watching them from behind a fir tree was an enormous grizzly bear. He had been keeping an eye on them for about a week from his cave in the hills. Now here was his chance for a piece of succulent hair pie for tea. The hares looked over their shoulders to see the bear stamping his feet with rage. As they turned back they noticed some dead pheasants in a sack. The van driver was a poacher and was thinking "I rather fancy a nice crusty hare and pheasant pie for tea tonight," as he reached for his gun.



