

# Useful Homophones List

## Elementary Level

The word on the right should help you understand and remember the pronunciation of the word on the left.

aren't / aunt

ate / eight

b / be

bread / bred\*

c / see / sea

cent / sent

eye / I

hour / our

know / no

knows / nose

p / pea

r / ah

right / write / rite\*

some / sum\*

son / sun

t / tea

there's / theirs\*

they're / their / there

u / you

we've / weave\*

where / wear

which / witch\*

would / wood

x / ex\*

y / why

you're / your

\* You don't need to know the meaning of this word yet, but its more regular spelling could help with learning the word on the left.

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# Useful Homophones List

## Pre-Intermediate Level

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bored / board  
break / brake\*  
ceiling / sealing\*  
cereal / serial\*  
done / dun\*  
flew / flu\*  
hear / here  
heard / herd\*  
he'd / heed\*  
he'll / heel\*  
knew / new  
metal / mettle\*  
missed / mist\*  
none / nun\*  
passed / past  
read (past tense) / red  
saw / sore\*  
sight / site  
straight / strait\*  
sure / shore\*  
taught / taut\*  
through / threw  
thrown / throne\*  
we'd / weed\*  
we'll / wheel  
weigh / way  
whole / hole  
who's / whose  
won / one  
worn / warn\*  
wrote / rote\*

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## Intermediate Level

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aisle / I'll

allowed / aloud

banned / band

bare / bear

blew / blue

chased / chaste\*

cruise / crews\*

dye / die

earn / urn\*

fare / fair

farther / father

flour / flower

guessed / guest

medal / meddle\*

muscle / mussel\*

queue / Q

route / root

sew / so

sword / soared\*

warn / worn

weight / wait

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## Upper-Intermediate Level

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aloud / allowed

bass (guitar) / base

bases / basis

bury / berry

chews / choose

coup / coo\*

genes / jeans

desert (v) / dessert

draught / draft

fir / fur

flaw / floor

idle / idol

knight / night

knot / not

leased / least

owe / O

pause / paws\*

scent / sent / cent

seize / seas / sees

sighed / side

sighs / size

suite / sweet

tear (= crying) / tier\*

weighed / wade\*

wrap / rap

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## Advanced Level

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altar / alter  
ascent / assent  
aural / oral  
bawl / ball  
berth / birth  
boar / bore  
bough / bow (v / n)  
buoy / boy  
cache / cash  
censor / sensor  
chord / cord  
chute / shoot  
coarse / course  
corps / core  
cue / queue / Q  
dew / due  
feint / faint  
fowl / foul  
grate / great  
groan / grown  
haul / hall  
hay / hey  
heir / air  
herd / heard  
hoarse / horse  
hymn / him  
isle / aisle / I'll  
knead / need  
manor / manner  
martial / marshal  
minor / miner  
reign / rain  
strait / straight  
taut / taught  
tier / tear (= crying)  
tow / toe  
wrest / rest  
wring / ring

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