

# Literacy Moments: Improving your English!





What did this word mean?

Homophone

Challenge: Can you explain the two parts of the word?

Have you heard of this word before?

# Homophone

From the Greek 'homos'  
meaning 'same'.

From the Greek 'phon' meaning  
'sound'.

The word literally means 'same sound'.

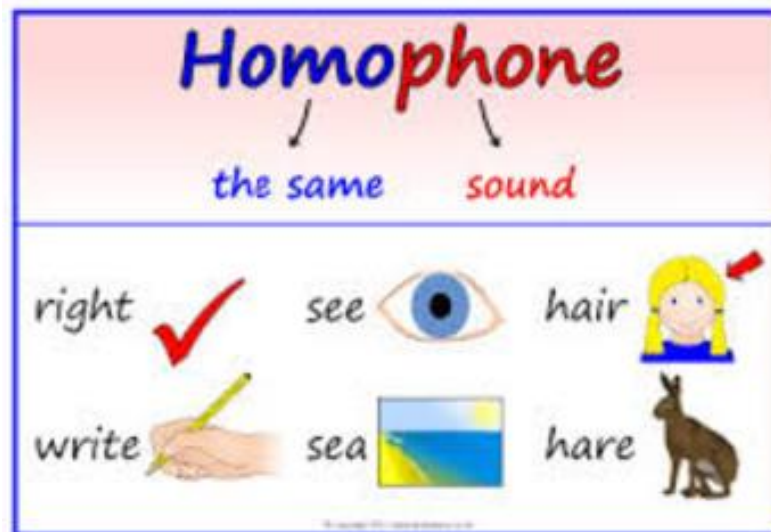
Remember its meaning?

Challenge: What is the **simplest** way you can define it?

# Homophones...

These are words which **sound the same** but are **spelled differently** and have **different meanings**.

Because they sound the same, they are easy to get wrong. Therefore, it's really important to understand different homophones and how to use them correctly in sentences, otherwise your meaning may become unclear!



# This week, we're looking at 'our' and 'are'...

## Task (two minutes):

1. With a partner, discuss the meaning of these two words. Can you explain what **type** of words they are?
2. Use them in sentences...does this help?

## Challenge:

Can you suggest reasons **why** people mistake these two words?



## Take a look at this...

### Does it make the meanings clear?

**Are:** (form of the verb 'to be') indicating a state of being. i.e. 'We **are** here.'

**Our:** (possessive pronoun) indicating belonging. i.e. 'That's **our** work.'

Here's a clue as to why we make the mistake...

**Hour:** (noun) A unit of measuring time.



# So why do people make mistakes?

This is due to the pronunciation of the words.

**'Are'** is pronounced as it is written.

**'Our'** should rhyme with **'hour'**, but we are **LAZY**  
and say it to rhyme with 'are'!

**WE ARE MONSTERS! We have created this error!**





# Try these questions...you have two minutes!

**Fill in the blanks with *our*, *are*, or *hour*.**

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ going to be late for the game.
2. I can't believe the concert is starting at this \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Please come to \_\_\_\_\_ party.
4. My dad wants \_\_\_\_\_ dog to go to the vet.
5. After school we \_\_\_\_\_ going to Steak n Shake.
6. I can't wait to see \_\_\_\_\_ team beat them.

We've looked at a few homophones today, but how many can you name **in general**?

There was a slide last week with a list of 132!

**Task (five minutes):**

1. In pairs, how many homophones can you come up with?

**Challenge:** Can you add their meanings, too?



# Take a look at this list...

How many do you recognise?

## homophones

words that sound the same but  
have different meanings and spellings

air - heir  
**allowed - aloud**  
altar - alter  
**ate - eight**  
band - banned  
bare - bear  
base - bass  
**bean - been**  
bite - byte  
billed - build  
blew - blue  
**board - bored**  
boy - buoy  
brake - break  
bread - bred  
**buy - bye - by**  
ceiling - sealing  
cell - sell  
cent - scent  
cereal - serial  
check - cheque  
coarse - course  
dear - deer  
die - dye  
draft - draught  
faint - feint  
fair - fare  
feat - feet  
find - fined  
flew - flu  
**flour - flower**  
gorilla - guerilla  
grate - great

groan - grown  
guessed - guest  
hair - hare  
hall - haul  
heal - heel - he'll  
**hear - here**  
heard - herd  
hi - high  
higher - hire  
him - hymn  
**hole - whole**  
holy - holey - wholly  
idle - idol  
**it's - its**  
**key - quay**  
knew - new  
knight - night  
knot - not  
**know - no**  
knows - nose  
lead - led  
links - lynx  
loan - lone  
made - maid  
mail - male  
mare - mayor  
marshal - martial  
**meat - meet**  
miner - minor  
mind - mined  
missed - mist  
moose - mousse  
**muscle - mussel**

none - nun  
**one - won**  
packed - pact  
pain - pane  
pair - pear  
passed - past  
pause - paws  
pea - pee  
peace - piece  
peak - peek  
plain - plane  
plum - plumb  
pole - poll  
practice - practise  
praise - prays - preys  
principal - principle  
profit - prophet  
rain - reign  
raise - rays  
rap - wrap  
read - reed  
**read - red**  
**right - write**  
role - roll  
root - route  
rose - rows  
sale - sail  
soar - sore  
scene - seen  
**sea - see**  
seas - sees - seize  
sew - so  
side - sighed

sight - site  
sole - soul  
some - sum  
**son - sun**  
stair - stare  
stake - steak  
steal - steel  
**sweet - suite**  
tail - tale  
tear - tier  
**there - their - they're**  
**threw - through**  
throne - thrown  
tide - tied  
tire - tyre  
**to - too - two**  
vain - vane - vein  
wail - whale  
**waist - waste**  
**wait - weight**  
watt - what  
**way - weigh - whey**  
we - wee  
**weak - week**  
**wear - where**  
we'd - weed  
we'll - wheel  
**weather - whether**  
**which - witch**  
whine - wine  
**who's - whose**  
**wood - would**  
**your - you're**

# Key Words from Today's Session...

**Homophone:** Words that sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings.

**Noun:** A naming word.

**Pronoun:** A word which replaces a noun.

**Verb:** Doing word; an action.