



# Homophones

These are words that are pronounced the same way, but have different spellings and different meanings.

Homophones	Examples
<b>aloud</b> <b>allowed</b>	He was talking <b>aloud</b> during the film. I am not <b>allowed</b> out during the week.
<b>brake</b> <b>break</b>	The <b>brake</b> on the bike was on the handlebars. Be careful not to <b>break</b> that crystal vase.
<b>steal</b> <b>steel</b>	To <b>steal</b> from someone is a crime. <b>Steel</b> is needed for heavy industry. I need to <b>steel</b> myself before I face the principal.
<b>stationery</b> <b>stationary</b>	I need to buy some <b>stationery</b> from the newsagent. The car was <b>stationary</b> when it was hit by the truck.
<b>principal</b> <b>principle</b>	A <b>principal</b> is in charge of a school. She had strong <b>principles</b> about lying.
<b>red</b> <b>read</b>	The traffic light turned <b>red</b> . I <b>read</b> the whole book in a day.
<b>meat</b> <b>meet</b>	I don't eat red <b>meat</b> . Let's <b>meet</b> for lunch at twelve o'clock.
<b>pear</b> <b>pair</b>	I had a poached <b>pear</b> for dessert. The <b>pair</b> of boots needed repair.
<b>course</b> <b>coarse</b>	Of <b>course</b> I needed antibiotics. The material was <b>coarse</b> and made me itch.
<b>whether</b> <b>weather</b>	I don't know <b>whether</b> to choose the black or the white top. The <b>weather</b> is cold and wet.
<b>seen</b> <b>scene</b>	He was <b>seen</b> running in an easterly direction. The death <b>scene</b> in Hamlet is very dramatic.