

Words that sound like each other but are spelled differently (*accept/except*, *assent/ascent*) are known as **homophones**.

| WORD | MEANING |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| accept | receive |
| except | other than |
| affect | to influence; an emotional response |
| effect | result |
| all ready | prepared |
| already | by this time |
| allusion | indirect reference |
| illusion | faulty belief or perception |
| ascent | upward movement |
| assent | agreement |
| assure | state positively |
| ensure | make certain |
| insure | indemnify |
| bare | naked |
| bear | carry; an animal |
| board | get on; flat piece of wood |
| bored | not interested |
| brake | stop |
| break | shatter, destroy; a gap; a pause |

| WORD | MEANING |
|------------|--|
| capital | seat of government; monetary resources |
| capitol | building that houses government |
| cite | quote an authority |
| sight | ability to see; a view |
| site | a place |
| complement | to complete or supplement |
| compliment | to praise |
| desert | abandon |
| dessert | sweet course at conclusion of meal |
| discreet | tactful, reserved |
| discrete | separate or distinct |
| elicit | draw out, evoke |
| illicit | illegal |
| eminent | well known, respected |
| immanent | inherent |
| imminent | about to happen |

| WORD | MEANING |
|-----------|------------------------------|
| fair | lovely; light-colored; just |
| fare | fee for transportation |
| forth | forward |
| fourth | after <i>third</i> |
| gorilla | an ape |
| guerrilla | kind of soldier or warfare |
| hear | perceive sound |
| here | in this place |
| heard | past tense of <i>hear</i> |
| herd | group of animals |
| hole | opening |
| whole | complete |
| its | possessive form of <i>it</i> |
| it's | contraction for <i>it is</i> |
| know | understand or be aware of |
| no | negative |
| later | following in time |
| latter | last in a series |

| WORD | MEANING |
|-----------|---|
| lessen | make less |
| lesson | something learned |
| loose | not tight |
| lose | misplace |
| meat | flesh |
| meet | encounter |
| passed | past tense of <i>pass</i> |
| past | after; events occurring at a prior time |
| patience | calm endurance |
| patients | people getting medical treatment |
| peace | calm or absence of war |
| piece | part of something |
| plain | clear, unadorned |
| plane | woodworking tool; airplane |
| persecute | harass |
| prosecute | take legal action against |
| personal | relating to oneself |
| personnel | employees |

| WORD | MEANING |
|------------|---|
| precede | come before |
| proceed | go ahead, continue |
| principal | most important; head of a school |
| principle | basic truth, rule of behavior |
| rain | precipitation |
| reign | to rule; period of ruling |
| rein | strap for guiding an animal |
| raise | lift up or build up |
| raze | tear down |
| right | correct |
| rite | ritual |
| write | compose; put words into a text |
| road | street |
| rode | past tense of <i>ride</i> |
| scene | section of a play; setting of an action |
| seen | visible |
| stationary | fixed in place or still |
| stationery | paper for writing |

| WORD | MEANING |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| straight | unbending |
| strait | water passageway |
| than | compared with |
| then | at that time; next |
| their | possessive form of <i>they</i> |
| there | in that place |
| they're | contraction for <i>they are</i> |
| to | toward |
| too | in addition, also |
| two | number after <i>one</i> |
| waist | middle of body |
| waste | leftover or discarded material |
| which | one of a group |
| witch | person with magical powers |
| who's | contraction for <i>who is</i> |
| whose | possessive of <i>who</i> |
| your | possessive of <i>you</i> |
| you're | contraction for <i>you are</i> |