

# Homophones

This is a list of British-English homophones.

1. accessory, accessory
2. ad, add
3. ail, ale
4. air, heir
5. aisle, I'll, isle
6. all, awl
7. allowed, aloud
8. alms, arms
9. altar, alter
10. arc, ark
11. aren't, aunt
12. ate, eight
13. auger, augur
14. auk, orc
15. aural, oral
16. away, aweigh
17. **awe, oar, or, ore**
18. axel, axle
19. **aye, eye, I**
20. bail, bale
21. bait, bate
22. baize, bays
23. bald, bawled
24. ball, bawl
25. band, banned
26. bard, barred
27. bare, bear
28. bark, barque
29. baron, barren
30. base, bass
31. bay, bey
32. bazaar, bizarre
33. be, bee
34. beach, beech
35. bean, been
36. beat, beet
37. beau, bow
38. beer, bier
39. **bel, bell, belle**
40. berry, bury
41. berth, birth
42. **bight, bite, byte**
43. billed, build
44. bitten, bittern
45. blew, blue
46. bloc, block
47. boar, bore
48. board, bored
49. boarder, border
50. bold, bowled
51. boos, booze
52. born, borne
53. bough, bow
54. boy, buoy
55. brae, bray
56. braid, brayed
57. **braise, brays, braze**
58. brake, break
59. bread, bred
60. brews, bruise
61. bridal, bridle
62. broach, brooch
63. bur, burr
64. but, butt
65. **buy, by, bye**
66. buyer, byre
67. calendar, calender
68. call, caul
69. canvas, canvass
70. cast, caste
71. caster, castor
72. caught, court
73. **caw, core, corps**
74. cede, seed
75. ceiling, sealing
76. cell, sell
77. **censer, censor, sensor**
78. cent, scent, sent
79. cereal, serial
80. cheap, cheep
81. check, cheque
82. choir, quire
83. chord, cord
84. **cite, sight, site**
85. clack, claque
86. clew, clue

87. climb, clime  
88. close, cloze  
89. coal, kohl  
90. coarse, course  
91. coign, coin  
92. colonel, kernel  
93. complacent,  
    complaisant  
94. complement,  
    compliment  
95. coo, coup  
96. cops, copse  
97. council, counsel  
98. cousin, cozen  
99. creak, creek  
100. crews, cruise  
101. **cue, kyu, queue**  
102. curb, kerb  
103. currant, current  
104. cymbol, symbol  
105. dam, damn  
106. days, daze  
107. dear, deer  
108. descent, dissent  
109. desert, dessert  
110. deviser, divisor  
111. dew, due  
112. die, dye  
113. discreet, discrete  
114. **doe, doh, dough**  
115. done, dun  
116. douse, dowse  
117. draft, draught  
118. dual, duel  
119. earn, urn  
120. eery, eyrie  
121. **ewe, yew, you**  
122. faint, feint  
123. fah, far  
124. fair, fare  
125. farther, father  
126. fate, fête  
127. faun, fawn  
128. fay, fey  
129. faze, phase  
130. feat, feet  
131. ferrule, ferule  
132. few, phew  
133. fie, phi  
134. file, phial  
135. find, fined  
136. fir, fur  
137. fizz, phiz  
138. flair, flare  
139. flaw, floor  
140. flea, flee  
141. flex, flecks  
142. **flew, flu, flue**  
143. floe, flow  
144. flour, flower  
145. foaled, fold  
146. **for, fore, four**  
147. foreword, forward  
148. fort, fought  
149. forth, fourth  
150. foul, fowl  
151. franc, frank  
152. freeze, frieze  
153. friar, fryer  
154. furs, furze  
155. gait, gate  
156. galipot, gallipot  
157. gallop, galop  
158. gamble, gambol  
159. gays, gaze  
160. genes, jeans  
161. gild, guild  
162. gilt, guilt  
163. giro, gyro  
164. gnaw, nor  
165. gneiss, nice  
166. gorilla, guerilla  
167. grate, great  
168. greave, grieve  
169. greys, graze  
170. grisly, grizzly  
171. groan, grown  
172. guessed, guest  
173. hail, hale  
174. hair, hare  
175. hall, haul  
176. hangar, hanger  
177. hart, heart  
178. **haw, hoar, whore**  
179. hay, hey  
180. **heal, heel, he'll**  
181. hear, here  
182. heard, herd  
183. he'd, heed  
184. heroin, heroine  
185. hew, hue  
186. hi, high

187. higher, hire
188. him, hymn
189. ho, hoe
190. hoard, horde
191. hoarse, horse
192. **holey, holy, wholly**
193. hour, our
194. idle, idol
195. in, inn
196. indict, indite
197. it's, its
198. jewel, joule
199. key, quay
200. knave, nave
201. knead, need
202. knew, new
203. knight, night
204. knit, nit
205. knob, nob
206. knock,nock
207. knot, not
208. know, no
209. knows, nose
210. laager, lager
211. lac, lack
212. lade, laid
213. lain, lane
214. lam, lamb
215. laps, lapse
216. larva, lava
217. lase, laze
218. law, lore
219. lay, ley
220. lea, lee
221. leach, leech
222. lead, led
223. leak, leek
224. lean, lien
225. lessen, lesson
226. levee, levy
227. liar, lyre
228. licence, license
229. licker, liquor
230. lie, lye
231. lieu, loo
232. links, lynx
233. lo, low
234. load, lode
235. loan, lone
236. locks, lox
237. loop, loupe
238. loot, lute
239. made, maid
240. mail, male
241. main, mane
242. maize, maze
243. mall, maul
244. manna, manner
245. mantel, mantle
246. mare, mayor
247. mark, marque
248. marshal, martial
249. marten, martin
250. mask, masque
251. maw, more
252. me, mi
253. mean, mien
254. **meat, meet, mete**
255. medal, meddle
256. metal, mettle
257. meter, metre
258. might, mite
259. **miner, minor, mynah**
260. mind, mined
261. missed, mist
262. moat, mote
263. mode, mowed
264. moor, more
265. moose, mousse
266. morning, mourning
267. muscle, mussel
268. naval, navel
269. nay, neigh
270. nigh, nye
271. none, nun
272. od, odd
273. ode, owed
274. oh, owe
275. one, won
276. packed, pact
277. packs, pax
278. pail, pale
279. pain, pane
280. **pair, pare, pear**
281. **palate, palette, pallet**
282. pascal, paschal
283. **paten, patten,**  
**pattern**
284. **pause, paws, pores,**  
**pours**
285. pawn, porn
286. pea, pee

287. peace, piece
288. **peak, peek, peke,**  
**pique**
289. peal, peel
290. pearl, purl
291. pedal, peddle
292. peer, pier
293. pi, pie
294. pica, pika
295. place, plaice
296. plain, plane
297. pleas, please
298. plum, plumb
299. pole, poll
300. poof, pouffe
301. practice, practise
302. **praise, prays, preys**
303. principal, principle
304. profit, prophet
305. quarts, quartz
306. quean, queen
307. **rain, reign, rein**
308. **raise, rays, raze**
309. rap, wrap
310. raw, roar
311. read, reed
312. read, red
313. real, reel
314. reek, wreak
315. rest, wrest
316. retch, wretch
317. review, revue
318. rheum, room
319. **right, rite, wright,**  
**write**
320. ring, wring
321. road, rode
322. roe, row
323. role, roll
324. **roo, roux, rue**
325. rood, rude
326. root, route
327. rose, rows
328. rota, rotor
329. rote, wrote
330. rough, ruff
331. rouse, rows
332. rung, wrung
333. rye, wry
334. saver, savour
335. spade, spayed
336. sale, sail
337. sane, seine
338. satire, satyr
339. sauce, source
340. **saw, soar, sore**
341. scene, seen
342. scull, skull
343. sea, see
344. seam, seem
345. **sear, seer, sere**
346. **seas, sees, seize**
347. **sew, so, sow**
348. shake, sheikh
349. shear, sheer
350. shoe, shoo
351. sic, sick
352. side, sighed
353. sign, sine
354. sink, synch
355. slay, sleigh
356. sloe, slow
357. sole, soul
358. some, sum
359. son, sun
360. sort, sought
361. spa, spar
362. staid, stayed
363. stair, stare
364. stake, steak
365. stalk, stork
366. stationary, stationery
367. steal, steel
368. stile, style
369. storey, story
370. straight, strait
371. sweet, suite
372. swat, swot
373. tacks, tax
374. tale, tail
375. talk, torque
376. tare, tear
377. **taught, taut, tort**
378. **te, tea, tee**
379. team, teem
380. tear, tier
381. teas, tease
382. terce, terse
383. tern, turn
384. **there, their, they're**
385. threw, through

386. throes, throws  
387. throne, thrown  
388. thyme, time  
389. tic, tick  
390. tide, tied  
391. tire, tyre  
392. **to, too, two**  
393. **toad, toed, towed**  
394. told, tolled  
395. tole, toll  
396. ton, tun  
397. tor, tore  
398. tough, tuff  
399. troop, troupe  
400. tuba, tuber  
401. **vain, vane, vein**  
402. vale, veil  
403. vial, vile  
404. **wail, wale, whale**  
405. wain, wane  
406. waist, waste  
407. wait, weight  
408. waive, wave  
409. wall, waul  
410. war, wore  
411. **ware, wear, where**  
412. warn, worn  
413. wart, wort  
414. watt, what  
415. wax, whacks  
416. **way, weigh, whey**  
417. **we, wee, whee**  
418. weak, week  
419. we'd, weed  
420. **weal, we'll, wheel**  
421. wean, ween  
422. weather, whether  
423. weaver, weever  
424. weir, we're  
425. were, whirr  
426. wet, whet  
427. wheald, wheeled  
428. which, witch  
429. whig, wig  
430. while, wile  
431. whine, wine  
432. whirl, whorl  
433. whirled, world  
434. whit, wit  
435. white, wight  
436. who's, whose  
437. woe, whoa  
438. wood, would  
439. **yaw, yore, your,**  
**you're**  
440. yoke, yolk  
441. you'll, yule