

Homophones

The **homo-** prefix comes from the Greek word **homos** which means "same"

The Greek word **phon** means "sound" so:

A **homophone** is a word that sounds the same as another word – or very similar – but is spelled differently and has a different meaning:

to/two/too

there/their/they're

pray/prey

Choose the correct answer:

1. **They're/Their** going to do **they're/their/there** work **they're/their/there**.
2. I've lost some weight, now my pants are **lose/loose**.
3. That is the dog's ball. **It's/Its it's/its** ball.
4. **Here/Hear** is **you're/your** printout.
5. You must **write/right** to the **write/right** customer, otherwise the **affect/effect** will be a very confused client!
6. Yesterday I should have gone to the conference because I had **accepted/excepted** the invitation.
7. I am **here/hear** to **here/hear** what they have to say.
8. I want **to/too/two** have **to/too/two** tickets **to/too/two**.
9. Our company has a higher turnover **then/than theirs/theres**.
10. **Where/Were/We're where/were/we're** we **where/were/we're** last week. We have made no progress.
11. Mr **Bean/Been** has **bean/been** eating **beans/beens**.
12. In the library you are not **allowed/aloud** to speak **allowed/aloud**.
13. If you **break/brake** too often, you will **break/brake** your car's **breaks/brakes**.
14. We make bread with **flower/flour**.
15. I will **foreword/forward** your email to the HR department.

Key:

1. **They're** going to do **their** work **there**.
2. I've lost some weight, now my pants are **loose**.
3. That is the dog's ball. **It's its** ball.
4. **Here** is **your** printout.
5. You must **write** to the **right** customer, otherwise the **effect** will be a very confused client!
6. Yesterday I should have gone to the conference because I had **accepted** the invitation.
7. I am **here** to **hear** what they have to say.
8. I want **to** have **two** tickets **too**.
9. Our company has a higher turnover **than theirs**.
10. **We're where** we **were** last week. We have made no progress.
11. Mr **Bean** has **been** eating **beans**.
12. In the library you are not **allowed** to speak **aloud**.
13. If you **break** too often, you will **break** your car's **brakes**.
14. We make bread with **flour**.
15. I will **forward** your email to the HR department.