Homophones

Homophones can be a bit confusing, but learn these off by heart, and you'll be just fine...

Homophones are words that sound the same

A homophone is a word that sounds the same as another word, but has a different meaning.

They're/their/there

Make sure you don't confuse 'they're', 'their' and 'there'. They mean three very different things.

1) 'Theu're' is short for 'they are'.

2) 'Their' means it belongs to them.

3) 'There' is for places.

Their tents are red.

They're really big.

It's over there.



To/too/two

Mixing up these three is an easy mistake to make. Learn these rules:

Rosie wants to fly.

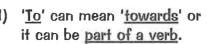
I'm going to France.

They went too.

He eats too much.



He saw two cats.



- 'Too' is like saying 'as well' or 'too much'.
- 3) '<u>Two</u>' is for the <u>number</u> -2.



Where/were/wear

These three little troublemakers aren't quite so troublesome when you learn the rules for them:

- 1) 'Where' is for places and positions.
- 2) 'Were' is the past tense of 'are'.
- 3) 'Wear' is for clothes and jewellery.

Where is my brother's cat?

You were really moody.

I wear a necklace and boots.



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You're in for a treat today - another page of homophones. Hurrah.

Don't write 'of' instead of 'off'

'Of' and 'off' are two completely different words:

- 1) 'Of' is a preposition.
- 2) 'Off' is like saying 'away from' or 'not on'.

The bag was full of rubbish.

He took the bag off the table.

This is like saying 'he took the bag away from the table'.

'Passed' and 'past' mean different things

Make sure you know when to use 'passed' and 'past':

passed the ball.

- 1) 'Passed' is an action word. It's the past tense of the verb 'to pass'.
- 2) 'Past' isn't an action word. It's a preposition.

Go past the park.

'Affect' is the action, 'effect' is the result

It's so easy to get 'affect' and 'effect' mixed up. Remember these tips and you'll get 'em right.

Remember: Affect = Action

AFFECT is the ACTION which influences something.

The mouldy cheese will affect my dreams.

EFFECT is the RESULT of an action.

> The mouldy cheese is doing an action.

This talks about the result of eating the mouldy cheese had a horrible effect



Quick Questions...

Write these sentences with the correct homophone.

- Get the dog (of/off) the sofa.
- 3) The apple is over (there/their).
- 2) He (past/passed) the restaurant.
- 4) What (affect/effect) did it have?



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1. Circle the correct word to complete each sentence.

There are to / too many words that you have to learn to spell.

A female sheep is called a **ewe** / **you** and a baby sheep is called a lamb.

Mark likes to eat serial / cereal for breakfast.

there

When it rains / reigns my mum always says, "It's nice weather for ducks."

I never know witch / which side of the road I need to be on to catch the right bus.

they're

their

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2. Fill in the gaps in these sentences using the words in the box.

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	Parents ofte	arents often seem to embarrass children.						
	If Rob and J							
3.	Draw a line to match each word to the sentence it is missing from. Write the word on the dotted line.							
	There's a	hole in my favourite socks.	whole					
	Nocturnal	animals are awake at	— hole					
	Kim was h	nungry, so she ate a pizza.	sent					
	The flower	rs I bought for my mum had a lovely	scent					
	David	the letter by first-class pigeon post.	knight					
	The prince	ess was saved by a in shining armour.	night					



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4.	Write ea	e each pair of homophones in a sentence.								
	bury / b	erry								
	sun / so	n								
	tail / tale	Э			************					
5.	Draw a circle around the word that has been spelt incorrectly in each sentence. Write the correct spelling on the line.								ence.	
I really knead to go to the supermarket and buy some milk.									d	
	The class disgust the pros and cons of wind turbines.									
	You should always where a helmet when riding an alligator.									
	We're going to the zoo to sea some lions and tigers.									
	The whether in Cumbria is dreadful. It's always raining.									
6.	Write a	homop	hone of ea	ch of thes	e words.		5			
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Homophones can be a bit hideous, but don't let them get the better of you. Sum up your feelings with a tick.

