



Vowel Teams and Diphthongs List of Homophones

This list of homophones can help you plan for teaching vowel teams and diphthongs. Use them in your reading, spelling, and fluency-building lessons and activities. This list allows for explicit instruction in words that are pronounced the same but have different meanings. This instruction helps to build their vocabulary alongside their decoding of the new phonics pattern. Be sure to point out these multiple meaning words to your students as they are found in text.

HOMOPHONES WITH VOWEL TEAMS AND DIPHTHONGS

After you have taught the long 'a' sound, /ā/, that is spelled with 'a-e', 'ay', and 'ai'

sale/sail	male/mail	pale/pail	bale/bail
tale/tail	made/maid	stare/stair	pain/panew
plain/plane			

After you have taught the long 'e' sound, /ē/, that is spelled with 'e-e', 'ee', and 'ea'

deer/dear	beet/beat	meet/meat	peek/peak
see/sea	tee/tea	here/hear	seem/seam
beech/beach	week/weak	heel/heal	steel/steal
feet/feat	read/reed	flea/flee	reel/real

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bare/bear	grate/great	stake/steak	brake/break
pair/pear	pray/prey		



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After you have taught the long 'o' sound, /ō/, that is spelled with 'o-e', 'ow', and 'oa'

no/know	road/rode	toad/towed	groan/grown
loan/lone	tow/toe	thrown/throne	

Other common homophones

to/two/too	there/their/they're	right/write	ate/eight
way/weigh	one/won	some/sum	I/eye
wood/would	flour/flower	so/sew	night/knight
rap/wrap	wait/weight	vain/vane/vein	peace/piece
lead/led	need/knead	blue/blew	due/dew/do
new/knew	through/threw		