



ELA Virtual Learning

**Grade 6/Commonly Confused
Words**

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Objective/Learning Targets:

Students will be able to distinguish between commonly confused words as a writing convention of standard English.



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- W.3.A.c: Review, revise, and edit writing with consideration for the task, purpose, and audience. Conventions of standard English and usage: Demonstrate a command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage, including spelling and punctuation.

Warm Up:

Watch the [video](#) about homophones.

After the video, try to think of other words that sound the same but have different meanings!





Learn:

Homophones are two or more words that are *pronounced alike* BUT have different spellings and **different meanings!**

- It is important to know the difference between these words so you can use the correct spelling for what you are talking about!



Learn (continued):

Common
Homophones

Homophones	Definition 1	Definition 2	Definition 3
It's & Its	It's - a contraction of "it is".	Its - relating to or belong to itself	
To, Two, & Too	To - a term of direction	Two - the number; 1+1=2	Too - in addition, or meaning excessively
Weather & Whether	Weather - What it is like outside	Whether - showing choice between things	
Your & You're	Your - relating to or belonging to you	You're - contraction of "you are"	
By, Buy, & Bye	By - Talking about the person performing the action.	Buy - To purchase something	Bye - A way to let someone know you are leaving.
There, Their & They're	There - talking about a place	Their - belonging to someone	They're - conjunction for "they are"

Remember a *contraction* is combining two words by taking out a letter & adding an apostrophe. If you are not sure if the word is right, try substituting in the two words instead of the conjunction!



Learn (continued):

Common
Homophones used
in a sentence

Homophones	Example Sentence 1	Example Sentence 2	Example Sentence 3
It's & Its	It's - It's going to happen next Tuesday.	Its - The fox licked its sore paw.	
To, Two, & Too	To - The letter was to his mother.	Two - There were two cookies left in the jar.	Too - Her brother was going to come with us too.
Weather & Whether	Weather - The weather outside was warm.	Whether - He couldn't decide whether to stay or go.	
Your & You're	Your - The door will be on your right.	You're - You're the smartest person I know.	
By, Buy, & Bye	By - The book is by Jeff Kinney.	Buy - My mom always buys too much milk.	Bye - She waved bye as I drove away.
There, Their & They're	There - We went to Paris & stayed there 5 days.	Their - That is their instrument on the floor.	They're - They're going to drive the car down to the lake.



Practice:

- Remember from our learn slides that Homophones are two or more words that are *pronounced alike* BUT have different spellings and different meanings! Click the Homophones Practice Link below and practice what you have learned.

[Homophones Practice](#)



Practice Answer Key:

(answers may vary)

Click [HERE](#) to view the answers

Part Two:

A. It is *their* house and they love living *there*.
They went *there* to retrieve *their* belongings.

B. I would rather run *than* walk.
After we complete our work, *then* we go shopping!

C. *Which* of the lunches is yours?
I cannot believe we thought they were going to purchase a *witch* costume for Halloween!

If you want to learn more...Additional Resource:

Want to practice with choosing the right homophone? Play this [game!](#)

You can also get some additional practice by writing out your own story using the commonly confused words to the right!

COMMONLY CONFUSED WORDS

THEIR
It belongs to them.

THERE
A place.

THEY'RE
They are.

WERE
Past tense of are.

WHERE
A place.

WE'RE
We are

TWO
The number 2.

TO
Indicates motion.

TOO
Also or excessively.

RITE
A ceremonial act.

RIGHT
An abstract feeling

WRITE
To write.

ACCEPT
To hold as true.

EXPECT
Probable or likely.

EXCEPT
An exception