

English homophones

Homophones are two words that sound the same but have different meanings. These words are often spelt differently too. If you are learning English these homophones can be confusing at times. Here are a few examples.

Chilli

A small spicy pepper used in cooking.

Chilly

An adjective used to describe feeling uncomfortably cold.

Flour

An ingredient (ground from wheat) used to make bread and cakes.

Flower

The seed-bearing part of a plant.

Hare

A fast-running, long-eared mammal that resembles a large rabbit.

Hair

Fine strands growing from the skin of humans, mammals and some other animals.

I

A pronoun used by a speaker to refer to himself or herself.

Eye

One of the two organs in your face that are used for seeing.

Pause

A temporary stop in action or speech.

Paws

The feet of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog or bear.

Pours

The third person form of the verb to pour (to cause liquid to flow from a container in a steady stream or to prepare and serve a drink).

Pores

Very small holes in the skin of people or other animals.

Pear

A type of fruit.

Pair

A set of two things.

Sea

The salty water that covers a large part of the surface of the earth.

See

To be conscious of what is around you by using your eyes.

Sun

The star that provides light and heat for the earth and around which the earth moves.

Son

A boy or man in relation to either or both of his parents.