

Homophones are words that sound the same but have different meanings *and spellings*. Example: I **see** the **sea**; A **doe** made of **dough**.

This worksheet will help you learn to separate the sounds and spellings of these tricky sets of words.

**Which Word?** In each blank, write the missing word that *sounds like* the **bold italic word**, but is spelled differently. (Use the hints!)  
 Example: I cannot decide *whether* the weather will be good for our outing or not. (atmospheric conditions)

1. Does the noise of the **effect** \_\_\_\_\_ you? (bother)
2. When your socks and shoes **complement** your outfit, you might get a \_\_\_\_\_. (a word of encouragement)
3. The chief **principle** of the \_\_\_\_\_ was kindness. (head of school)
4. The teacher was **discreet** when she talked about the \_\_\_\_\_ units of measure. (separate or distinct)
5. The **sight** of this beautiful waterfall made me glad we remembered to cite the name and mark the \_\_\_\_\_ on our map. (location)
6. They brought **forth** the baby calf on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the month. (day after the third)
7. Every issue of this \_\_\_\_\_ comic has an ad for my favorite **cereal**. (a series or sequence)
8. I saw a 24 **karat** gold carrot with a 1 \_\_\_\_\_ diamond shaped like a caret set in it. (the weight of precious stones)
9. Nurses must have a great deal of **patience** for their \_\_\_\_\_. (persons receiving medical care)
10. **You're** not behaving like \_\_\_\_\_ mother's child. (a possessive adjective meaning belonging to you)
11. The **stationary** writing table held the \_\_\_\_\_. (writing materials like paper and envelopes)
12. It took a **pair** of sharp knives to \_\_\_\_\_ down the size of the pear. (trim by cutting away the outer layer)
13. The mayor provided **counsel** to the city \_\_\_\_\_. (board of governance)
14. It was amazing to stand on the **Capitol** steps in the middle of the \_\_\_\_\_. (city that serves as the government seat)
15. Despite standing on the top **tier** of the bleachers, the music brought a \_\_\_\_\_ to her eye. (drop of salty liquid)

**Find the Words:** Search for the 16 words you wrote in the blanks and circle them. (Words can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal.)

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