

Words that Often Confuse

There are some words that we use in our daily language but often get confused with.

Following are the sets of words that have same pronunciation but different meanings and spellings:

their → there

some → sum

sun → son

knight → night

knew → new

aloud → allowed

mail → male

whole → hole

sail → sale

which → witch

profit → prophet

week → weak

berth → birth

dye → die

weight → wait

tail → tale

sail → sale

route → root

steal → steel

ate → eight

deer → dear

cash → cache

coarse → course

lead → led

jeans → genes

knit → net

higher → hire

hour → our

buy → by → bye

To → too → two

All the above words are called homophones.

Homophones are the words that have same pronunciation but different spelling and different meanings.

Exercise 1: Given below are few sets of words. Find out the meanings and frame a sentence from each one of them.

1. **cell** The scientist looked at the tiny cell under the microscope.
sell They sell fresh fruits at the market.
2. **cent** I found one cent on the ground.
scent The scent of roses filled the room.
3. **eye** She closed her eye for a moment
I I am ready for school.
4. **fair** The teacher was fair to everyone.
fare The bus fare is ten rupees.
5. **find** I need to find my notebook.
fined She was fined for parking in the wrong place.
6. **flew** The bird flew across the sky.
flu Many students were absent due to the flu.
7. **know** I know the answer of this question.
no I have no homework today.
8. **knew** She knew it was going to rain.
new I bought a new pencil for school.
9. **knows** She knows the correct answer.
nose The puppy has a tiny black nose.

Exercise 2: Tick the correct words in the brackets to make meaningful sentences :

1. (Their / There) were (two / too) surprises (weighting / waiting) for me on my birthday.
2. (I / eye) have to report (there / their) within a (week / weak).
3. (Which / Witch) company are you working for (right / write) now?
4. Switch (off / of) the lights when (not / knot) in use.
5. (I / eye) want to (cell / sell) my (nose / knows) pin.
6. That patient (dyed / died) yesterday.
7. (Some / Sum) people were (too / to) tired.
8. They could (knot / not) stay (hair / here).
9. (I / Eye) reserved (two / to) (births / berths) in that train.
10. She is growing in (weight / wait) day (by / bye) day.