



## Homophones Exercise

1 Underline the word in each group which does NOT sound the same.

1 brake break brick

5 hall hole whole

9 soon son sun

2 dear deer die

6 know no now

10 soil sole soul

3 farther father further

7 meat meet met

11 suit suite sweet

4 hear here hire

8 read \* red ride

12 weak week wick

\* in the past

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2 Choose the homophones in brackets to fill the gaps

- 1 You're not ..... to play music in your room after half eleven at night. (allowed / aloud)
- 2 Wheat is ground into ..... for making bread. (flour / flower)
- 3 Matthew's as mad as a March ..... (hair / hare)
- 4 It's very late to go all that way now, Kristie. Why don't you sleep over at ..... house? (hour / our)
- 5 The beautiful, pert young maiden was rescued by a boyish ..... in shining armour. (knight / night)
- 6 No ..... won the match. It was a draw. (one / won)
- 7 Why don't you save your photos to cd? It's not difficult to do. In fact, it's a ..... of cake. (peace / piece)
- 8 Gonzalo was 18 the first time he saw the ..... (sea / see)
- 9 I think I need glasses. I'm getting headaches and my ..... isn't as sharp as it was. (sight / site)
- 10 Some rat's stolen my ..... Zippo lighter. (steal / steel)
- 11 Look! There they are, in ..... new red sports car. (their / there)
- 12 The anarchist ..... the grenade through the window. (threw / through)
- 13 Those stupid diet pills are a ..... of time and money. What you need is Montignac. (waist / waste)
- 14 I ..... you. Don't wear a black top in that disco. The ultraviolet light makes your dandruff shine like a thousand stars. (warn / worn)



## Answers

### 1

- |   |         |        |                |   |             |      |             |    |             |       |             |
|---|---------|--------|----------------|---|-------------|------|-------------|----|-------------|-------|-------------|
| 1 | brake   | break  | <u>BRICK</u>   | 5 | <u>HALL</u> | hole | whole       | 9  | <u>SOON</u> | son   | sun         |
| 2 | dear    | deer   | <u>DIE</u>     | 6 | know        | no   | <u>NOW</u>  | 10 | <u>SOIL</u> | sole  | soul        |
| 3 | farther | father | <u>FURTHER</u> | 7 | meat        | meet | <u>MET</u>  | 11 | <u>SUIT</u> | suite | sweet       |
| 4 | hear    | here   | <u>HIRE</u>    | 8 | read *      | red  | <u>RIDE</u> | 12 | weak        | week  | <u>WICK</u> |

\* in the past

### 2

- 1 You're not allowed to play music in your room after half eleven at night. (allowed / aloud)
- 2 Wheat is ground into flour for making bread. (flour / flower)
- 3 Matthew's as mad as a March hare. (hair / hare)
- 4 It's very late to go all that way now, Kristie. Why don't you sleep over at our house? (hour / our)
- 5 The beautiful, pert young maiden was rescued by a boyish knight in shining armour. (knight / night)
- 6 No one won the match. It was a draw. (one / won)
- 7 Why don't you save your photos to cd? It's not difficult to do. In fact, it's a piece of cake. (peace / piece)
- 8 Gonzalo was 18 the first time he saw the sea. (sea / see)
- 9 I think I need glasses. I'm getting headaches and my sight isn't as sharp as it was. (sight / site)
- 10 Some rat's stolen my steel Zippo lighter. (steal / steel)
- 11 Look! There they are, in their new red sports car. (their / there)
- 12 The anarchist threw the grenade through the window. (threw / through)
- 13 Those stupid diet pills are a waste of time and money. What you need is Montignac. (waist / waste)
- 14 I warn you. Don't wear a black top in that disco. The ultraviolet light makes your dandruff shine like a thousand stars. (warn / worn)