

## HOMOPHONES BY GRADE LEVEL RECOMMENDATION

### Grade 1

are – our\*  
be – bee  
then – than\*

### Grade 2

ad – add  
buy – by  
cent – sent  
for – four\*  
hole – whole  
hour – our  
its – it's\*  
off – of  
some – sum  
there – their\*  
there – they're –  
their\*  
to – two\*  
were – we're  
where – were  
whose – who's\*  
wood – would  
your – you're\*

### Grade 5

addition – edition  
ant – aunt  
celery – salary  
cell – sell  
clothes – close\*  
desert – dessert  
guessed – guest  
horse – hoarse  
passed – past\*  
profit – prophet  
sense – since\*  
son – sun  
stairs – stares\*

\*Recommended for special emphasis.

### Grade 3

allowed – aloud  
bear – bare  
beat – beet  
blew – blue\*  
break – brake\*  
chews – choose  
creak – creek  
dear – deer  
die – dye  
fair – fare  
fir – fur  
flew – flu  
great – grate  
groan – grown  
hair – hare  
heal – heel  
hear – here  
I – eye  
lead – led\*  
loose – lose  
maid – made  
mail – male  
main – mane  
meat – meet  
new – knew\*  
no – know\*  
nose – knows

### Grade 6

accept – except\*  
access – excess  
affect – effect\*  
capital – capitol  
ceiling – sealing  
cent – sent – scent  
cereal – serial  
conscience – conscious  
council – counsel  
patience – patients\*  
principal – principle\*  
scene – seen

### Grade 4

ate – eight  
berry – bury  
board – bored\*  
buy – by – bye  
course – coarse  
dew – do – due  
flour – flower  
form – from  
forth – fourth  
hall – haul  
hay – hey  
heard – herd\*  
higher – hire  
missed – mist  
night – knight  
none – nun  
one – won  
pause – paws  
rap – wrap  
right – write\*  
ring – wring  
road – rode\*  
sew – so – sow  
tacks – tax  
threw – through\*  
weather – whether\*  
which – witch

not – knot  
oh – owe  
pail – pale  
pain – pane  
pair – pare – pear  
peace – piece\*  
peak – peek  
peal – peel  
plain – plane\*  
quite – quiet\*  
rain – rein – reign  
raise – rays  
read – red  
reads – reeds  
real – reel  
sail – sale  
sea – see  
seam – seem  
soar – sore  
steak – stake  
steal – steel  
tail – tale  
to – too – two\*  
toad – towed  
toes – tows  
waist – waste  
weak – week\*

*Notice that a large number of sets are recommended for third grade. This may be a good year to do a special unit on homophones, with word play, illustrations, a bulletin board, etc.*