

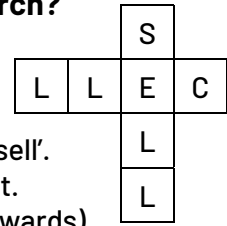
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Puzzles & Brainteasers

**Wordsearch:** Can you find all of the homophones hidden in this wordsearch?

TEACHER'S INSIGHTS ON PAGE TWO!

- There are 22 pairs of words hidden in this wordsearch (44 words in total).
- Each pair of words are homophones.
- They are words that are spelt differently but sound the same, such as 'cell' and 'sell'.
- The homophone pairs always share one letter in the word search, as shown right.
- Words can be found in absolutely every direction (including diagonally and backwards).
- If you need more help, ask your teacher!



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### - Teacher's Insights -

This wordsearch is much more than a simple wordsearch. It is designed to make this fun puzzle more than just a kids' timefiller by challenging students to find homophones.

You may be doing this as a standalone class or activity or as an addition to one of the pronunciation classes. In any case, make sure students understand what homophones are. They might exist in their own language!

Spanish:        baya / valla  
French         dans / dent  
Portuguese:   assento / acento  
Chinese:       攻击 attack / 公鸡 rooster

Some common examples in English are: pear / pair; four / for; son / sun.

Some homophones exist only in certain dialects. For example, 'court' and 'caught' are homophones in British English, but they are not in American English. On the other hand, we have 'metal' and 'medal' which are homophones in American English but they are not in British English. In this wordsearch, we have aimed to include words that are homophones in most or all dialects.

If students are having difficulty, the 22 pairs (in order of appearance of the first letter, starting at the top) are:

1. sighs / size - take note of the /z/ sound
2. hear / here - one of the most common examples
3. write / right - 'r' and 'wr' sound the same in modern English
4. won / one - /wʌn/
5. peace / piece - note the long /i:/ sound
6. isle / aisle - note the silent 's'
7. lessen / lesson - note the schwa sound at the end /ə/
8. guest / guessed - note that the 'ed' from the past tense of 'guess' sounds like a 't'
9. reign / rain - note the silent 'g'
10. principle / principal - one of the most common mistakes made by native speakers
11. allowed / aloud - note that the 'ed' in 'allowed' does not make an extra syllable
12. ate / eight - another common example
13. build / billed - note silent 'u' in 'build'
14. wrap / rap - like (3), 'r' and 'wr' sound the same
15. lynx / links - note the 'x' and 'ks'
16. stake / steak - especially for Spanish speakers who often pronounce 'steak' like 'stick'
17. flour / flower - another common example
18. fiancée / fiancé - a French loanword, the male and female version are homophones
19. shoot / chute - 'chute' also comes from French which is why 'ch' is pronounced like 'sh' /ʃ/
20. bear / bare - and not 'beer'!
21. past / passed - like (8)
22. throne / thrown - you could actually be thrown from the throne!

Have fun!