

Essential English

Elementary Homophones

Homophones are words that sound the same as each other, but have different spellings and meanings.

Put together the words that sound the same:

board dear bare be aren't mail heel knows find mourning by its for high meet

- 1. fined _____
- 2. nose _____
- 3. bee _____
- 4. it's _____
- 5. male _____
- 6. bored _____
- 7. morning _____
- 8. buy _____
- 9. hi _____
- 10. bear _____
- 11. meat _____
- 12. deer _____
- 13. four _____
- 14. heal _____
- 15. aunt _____

Test Your Speaking & Listening Skills

Sound-Alike Words

Words which sound the same as each other but have different spellings and meanings are called homophones. Read the sentences below. Underline the incorrect word in each sentence and write a sound-alike word (a word that sounds the same but which fits the sentence) in the space provided:

- 1. I'll send you the report later today by first class male. _____
- 2. Could you possibly meet me in the morning at about ten? _____
- 3. Shakira said, 'Look, I don't mined where we go on holiday.' _____
- 4. I'll see you first thing on Monday mourning. _____
- 5. The navel officers were far from pleased by Alberto's behaviour. _____
- 6. I new the answers to about eight of the questions. _____
- 7. There is know need to book the course. Just turn up! _____
- 8. Arsenal one again last night. _____
- 9. You'll find a clear pear of socks in the airing cupboard. _____
- 10. Mandeep gave Helena the last slice of apple pi. _____
- 11. 'I wish that politicians would work for piece,' sighed Aleks. _____
- 12. Young people sometimes start smoking because of pier pressure. _____
- 13. I asked Jackie to poor the tea while I cut the cake. _____
- 14. Do you think it will reign tomorrow? _____
- 15. Our burgers weren't cooked; they were completely roar! _____
- 16. Adele adores apples wife Penelope prefers prunes. _____
- 17. This teapot was maid by Royal Crown Derby. _____
- 18. There are a few miner changes I'd like you to make to this report. _____
- 19. Alison is knot bothered about losing her job. _____
- 20. In general, superheroes spend most of their time writing wrongs. _____

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