



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Year 4 Spellings

Dear parents,

Every week the children complete a dictation activity during their spelling lesson. I read some sentences to them which they write down as I read them, it allows them to write last week's spellings in context. On the next slide is a short paragraph which you can read to your child whilst they write every word down. I usually give them a mark for each correct spelling and then bonus marks for punctuation.

Please complete writing activities in work book.

I would love to see your child's progress!

Thank you, Mrs Bradwell.

## Activity 1 –

### Dictation:

I am not sure whether I am allowed to go to the party tomorrow. I am desperate to accept the invitation because everyone in my class is going except from me. Michael, whose birthday it is, always has the best parties and his mum makes the most amazing chocolate cake. His party is going to be at the zoo, so I really hope the weather is dry otherwise it might affect it. However, it all depends if I finish my homework, which is a poem I have to read aloud to my class.

# Homophones and Near Homophones



## What are Homophones?

Watch this short video as a recap of what homophones are.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqhp2p/articles/zc84cw>



## What are Homophones?

**Homophones are words that sound the same but have different meanings. They also have different spellings.**

These are some homophones that often confuse people:

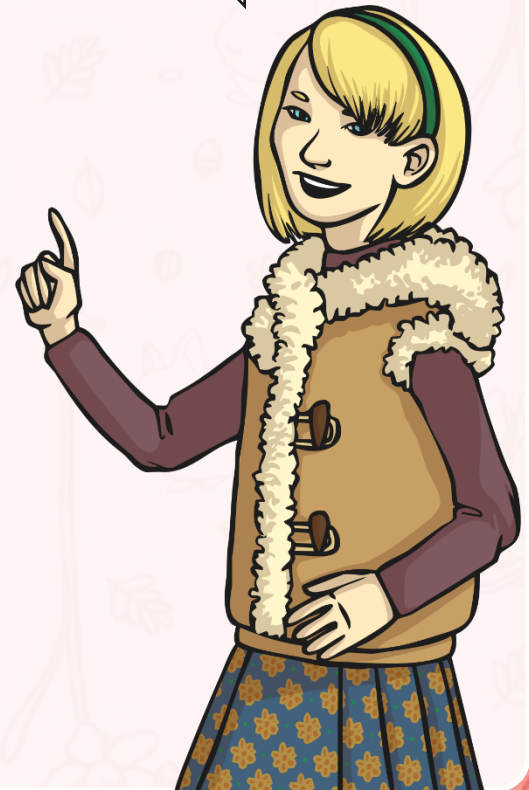
- 'here' eg "put it down here" and hear eg "Speak louder, I can't hear you"
- 'see' eg "it's so dark, I can't see anything" and 'sea' eg "let's go swim in the sea"
- 'be' eg "will you be my friend?" and 'bee' eg "the bumble bee was on the flower"

This week, we are going to look at more pairs of homophone words.

Remember, homophones are words that sound the same, but have different spellings and meanings.

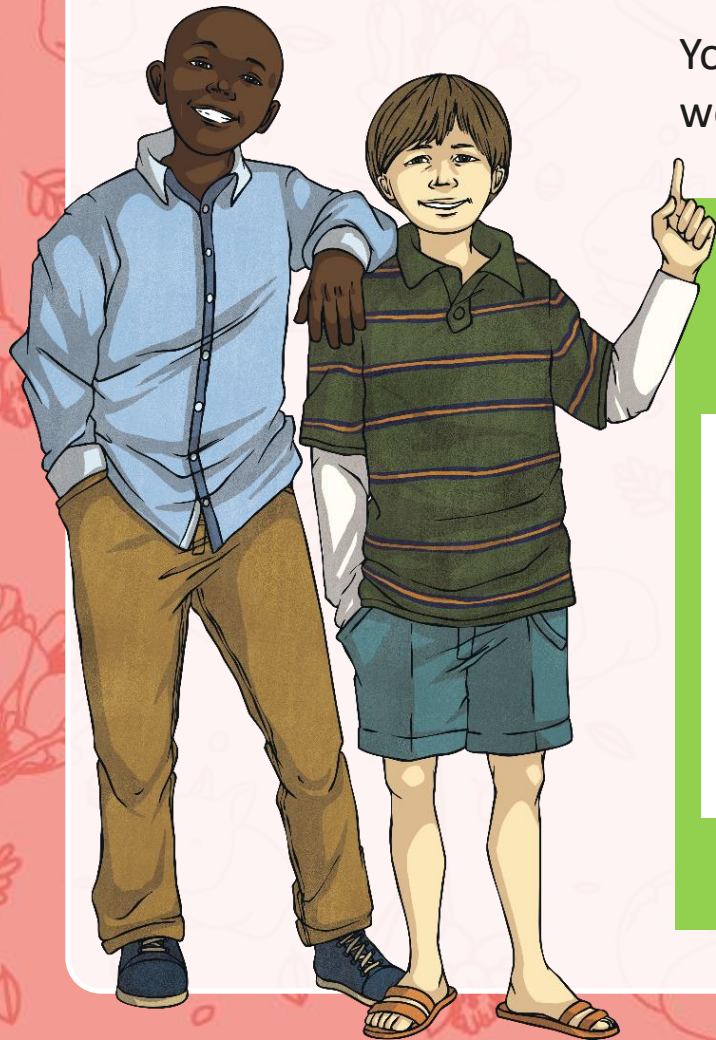
Can you spot the pair of homophones in this sentence?

The lorry driver completely missed his junction because of the thick mist on the motorway.



To work out your new spelling words, which are all pairs of homophones or near homophones, I am going to give you pairs of definitions.

You will need to work with a partner to figure both words out.

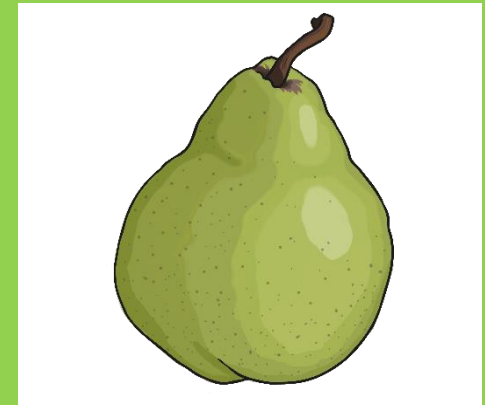


**Definition 1:**  
**A set of two things together.**



**pair**

**Definition 2:**  
**A fruit.**



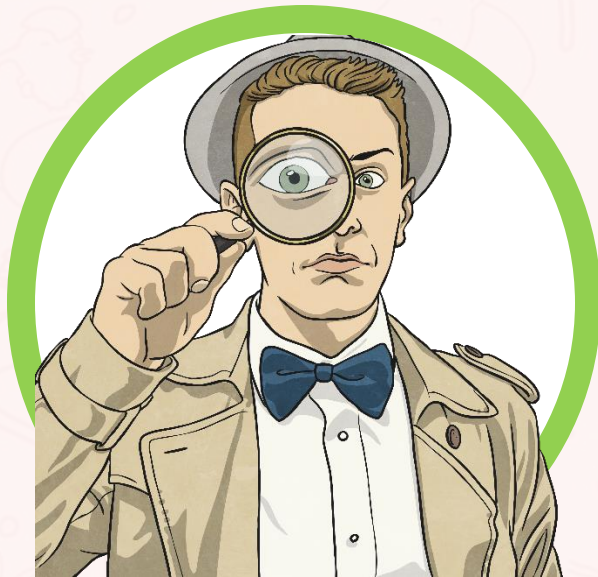
**pear**



Write down the pair of homophones for these definitions. Use a dictionary if you need to.

Definition 1

To examine if something is OK.



check

Definition 2

You may write out one of these to pay for something.

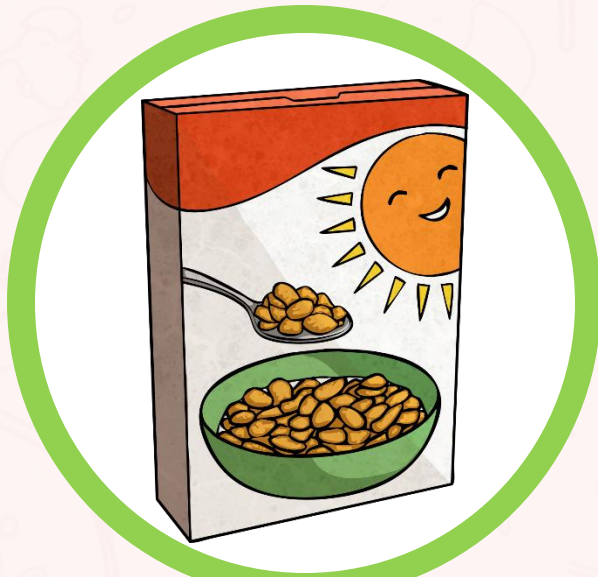


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Write down the pair of homophones for these definitions. Use a dictionary if you need to.

Definition 1

Something you may eat at breakfast.



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Definition 2

Consisting of lots of parts to form a series.

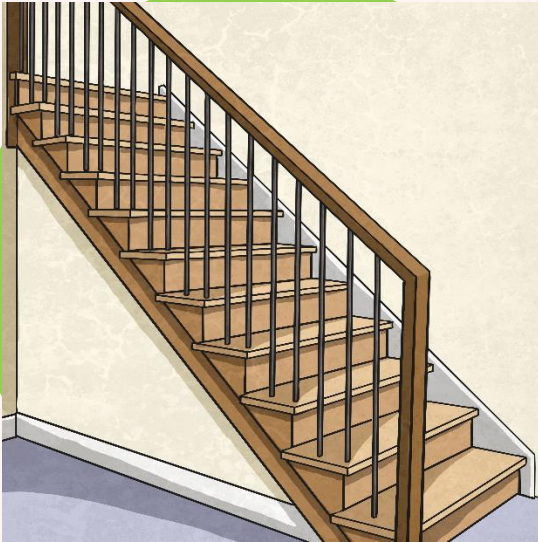


serial

Write down the pair of homophones for these definitions. Use a dictionary if you need to.

Definition 1

A flight of steps.



stairs

Definition 2

To look at something with your eyes wide open.



stares

Write down the pair of homophones for these definitions. Use a dictionary if you need to.

Definition 1

The past tense of the verb 'to throw'.



threw

Definition 2

Moving in one side and out of another side.



through

Write down the pair of homophones for these definitions. Use a dictionary if you need to.

Definition 1

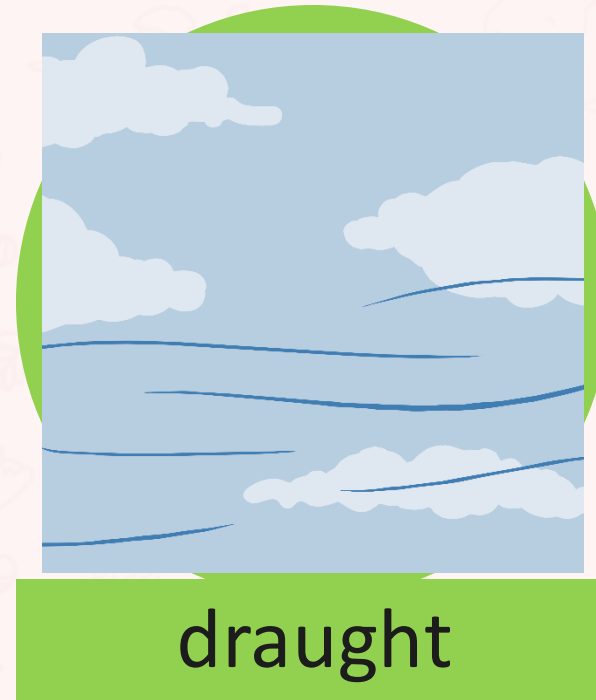
A first attempt at a piece of writing.



draft

Definition 2

A rush of cold air.



draught

Here are your spelling words for this week.

Work hard to practise these pairs of homophones.



## Week 2

### Homophones and Near Homophones

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Activity 2 – Please write each of your spellings into a sentence.

Challenge – can each of your sentences use a conjunction (joining word).

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**Homophones**  
**and Near**  
**Homophones**

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Activity 3 –  
Practise writing  
each spelling.

**Precursive Handwriting Practice**  
Practise your weekly spelling words using precursive handwriting.

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Activity 4 –  
Find each spelling  
in the word search.

**Homophones and Near Homophones**

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l	x	d	c	x	i	k	m	c	e	a	l			
b	q	e	z	k	w	d	t	m	r	k	c			
m	t	t	j	u	o	y	e	k	i	p	k			
n	w	r	t	g	z	r	j	w	a	c	x			
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