

Words that sound the same

There are some words in the table below that sound the same but have different spellings and meanings. These words are called **homophones**. To work out which spelling to use, we need to check the different meanings of words. It 's also useful to check word meanings by putting the words in sentences.

Look at the table. Fill in the missing sections. You might need to write down a clue to remember the meaning of the word, or you might need to put the word in a sentence.

Words	Clues for meaning	Sentence
hear	You do it with your ear	I hear what you're saying.
here	This place	
new		That new building is the library.
knew	Past tense of 'know'.	
piece	Part of something.	
peace		There is a peace rally every year in the centre of town.
allowed	Given permission.	
aloud		She practised reading her speech aloud.
weak	Not strong.	
week		Catherine is now working 30 hours a week.

To work out the difference between two words that sound the same, it can help to pick one word (eg **would**) and then find other words with the same **-ould** spelling pattern (eg **could**, **should**). Try writing a story with all the words you find. This may help you to remember how to spell some words that sound the same.

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