Homophones

Homophones are a type of homonym. They are words identical in pronunciation but different in meaning and spelling.

Examples:

acts and axe

aisle and isle

know and no

to, too, and two

I know the play

has two acts.



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We need to use the correct spelling to suit the context of our writing.

there - a place:

I will meet you over there.

their - belongs to them: That is their house. They're bringing their own food.

they're - they are:

They're going to play football this afternoon.

Homographs

Homographs are words that are spelled the same, but have different meanings. They may or may not sound the same.

down: lower

down: soft feathers

Understanding the context helps you pronounce the word correctly.

tear: to rip

tear: moisture produced by the eye