

COMMONLY CONFUSED WORDS: Homonyms

Homonyms (or sometimes called homophones) are words that sound alike but have different spellings and meanings.

Most commonly confused homonyms:

its possessive of *it*
it's contraction of *it is*

to toward
too also, more than sufficient
two the number

no negative
know to be certain

weather atmospheric conditions
whether in either case

than as compared with
then at that time, next

which one of a group
witch female sorcerer

there in that place
their possessive of *they*
they're contraction of *they are*

your possessive of *you*
you're contraction of *you are*

Additional commonly misspelled homonyms:

accept to receive
except to leave out
all ready prepared
already by this time
buy to purchase
by next to, through
elicit to draw out
illicit illegal
fair just, light complexion
fare fee, meal
hole opening
whole entire, complete
passed past tense of *to pass*
past after, beyond, a time gone by
peace absence of war
piece part or portion
threw past tense of *throw*
through by means of, finished

affect to have an influence on
effect result, to make happen
brake stop, device for stopping
break to smash, destroy
cite quote, refer to
sight vision, something seen
site place, locale

heard past tense of *to hear*
herd group of animals
loose not tight, unfastened
lose misplace, fail to win
patience forbearance, ability to wait
patients those under medical care
principal most important, school head
principle fundamental truth or conviction
whose possessive form of *who*
who's contraction of *who is*

This is only a partial list.

