

**Words with silent letters the same or different
with homophones and minimal pairs practice**

Listen to your teacher or a classmate reading out two or more words and raise the card saying “The same” or the card saying “Different” depending on the pronunciation. If there are more than two, they are all the same or all different.

Label the lines below with “S” for the same pronunciation or “D” for different pronunciation. Your teacher will tell you which section or sections you should look at.

Check as a class, then try to find patterns in which letters are silent.

Test each other on the words:

- Play the same holding up cards game in groups, making sure that you pronounce the words identically if they should be the same.
- Spell a word with a silent letter and see if your partner can identify the silent letter and pronounce the word
- Say a word which has a silent letter and see if your partner can identify the silent letter
- Say and spell a word which has a homophone below and see if your partner can spell the homophone



Level 1

1. build/ billed
2. business/ busyness
3. climb/ clime
4. could/ cold
5. hour/ our
6. island/ Iceland/ I'll land
7. knew/ new
8. know/ no
9. knows/ nose
10. scissor/ skis are
11. should/ sold
12. what/ hat
13. when/ hen
14. where/ wear
15. which/ witch
16. who/ woo
17. why/ Y
18. would/ wood
19. wrap/ rap
20. wrapped/ rapped/ rapt
21. write/ rite/ right
22. wrong/ long

Level 2

23. aisle/ isle/ I'll
24. comb/ cone
25. honest/ on its
26. knee/ key
27. knit/ nit
28. lamb/ lame
29. muscle/ mussel
30. thumb/ sum
31. whale/ hail
32. wrote/ rote

Level 3

33. debt/ debit
34. fasten/ fast and
35. gourmet/ Gromit
36. honour/ on our
37. knight/ night
38. knot/ not
39. knowledge/ no ledge
40. receipt/ recede
41. rhyme/ rim
42. sachet/ satchel



- 43. scene/ seen
- 44. sword/ sawed/ soared
- 45. tomb/ doom
- 46. wheel/ we'll
- 47. wheel/ heel
- 48. whether/ weather
- 49. whole/ hole
- 50. wrist/ whist/ list

Level 4

- 51. beret/ belly
- 52. bidet/ V Day
- 53. crumbs/ crams
- 54. campaign/ champagne
- 55. chalet/ sally
- 56. coup/ coupe
- 57. damn/ dam
- 58. descent/ decent
- 59. dumb/ dam
- 60. heir/ air
- 61. heir/ hair
- 62. iron/ ion
- 63. hymn/ him
- 64. kneel/ Neil
- 65. psychic/ sidekick
- 66. reigns/ rains/ reins
- 67. reign/ Reagan
- 68. rhetoric/ hectic/ electric
- 69. rhino/ lino
- 70. scent/ sent
- 71. soften/ soft and
- 72. subtle/ Seattle
- 73. whine/ wine
- 74. wholly/ holy
- 75. wholly/ holly

Level 5

- 76. acquit/ aquavit
- 77. aghast/ a ghost
- 78. ascent/ assent
- 79. bristle/ Bristol
- 80. bustle/ basil
- 81. cachet/ cashew
- 82. colonel/ kernel
- 83. corps/ Corp./ corpse
- 84. corps/ core
- 85. debris/ Deborah



86. depots/ depose
87. faux/ foe
88. faux/ fox/ fax/ folks
89. feign/ Fagin/ fine
90. ghou/ hall/ goal
91. gnash/ Nash
92. gnash/ gash
93. gnat/ nut
94. the gnats/ the Nats
95. gnaw/ nor
96. gnaw/ no/ gore
97. gnome/ norm
98. jamb/ jam
99. knap/ cap
100. knap/ nap
101. knead/ kneed/ need
102. knoll/ coal
103. limb/ limp
104. moisten/ moist and
105. nestle/ Nestle
106. numb/ number
107. pestle/ pest
108. plumb/ plum
109. pseud/ sued
110. pseud/ pseudo
111. rapport/ report
112. succumb/ scum
113. thistle/ this'll
114. valet/ ballet
115. whet/ wet
116. whey/ way/ weigh
117. womb/ Womble
118. wreck/ rec
119. wrest/ rest
120. wretch/ retch
121. wriggle/ wiggle
122. wring/ ring
123. writ/ lit
124. writhe/ lithe
125. wronged/ longed
126. wrought/ wart
127. wrung/ rung
128. wry/ rye
129. wry/ why

Homophones of words with silent letters practice

Write a word which has exactly the same pronunciation as each word below but is spelt with a silent letter.

Level 1

billed	clime
our	new
no	nose
wear	witch
Y	wood
rap	rapped/ rapt
rite/ right	

Level 2

I'll	nit
mussel	rote

Level 3

night	not
seen	sawed/ soared
we'll	weather
hole	

Level 4

dam	air
him	Neil
rains/ reins	sent
wine	holy

Level 5

kernel	core
foe	Nash
the Nats	nor
jam	nap
need	plum
sued	wet
way/ weigh	rec
rest	retch
ring	rung
rye	

Check above. Other answers might sometimes be possible, so please check with your teacher if you wrote something different.