

Sound-Alike Sleuths

Use meaning to choose the right spelling.

3.2.B.ii "spelling homophones;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

CORRECT

The homophone spelling matches what the sentence means.

I want a piece of toast.

MIXED UP

The word sounds right, but its spelling does not match the sentence meaning.

I want a peace of toast.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle CORRECT or MIXED UP for each sentence, then pick two sentences and explain how each word's meaning helped you decide.

1. The dog wagged its tail.

CORRECT

MIXED UP

2. Dad will brake the car at the red light.

CORRECT

MIXED UP

3. We ate too apples.

CORRECT

MIXED UP

4. The knight rode a white horse.

CORRECT

MIXED UP

5. I sea a rainbow after the rain.

CORRECT

MIXED UP

6. Please right your name at the top.

CORRECT

MIXED UP

7. The flour is in the blue bowl.

CORRECT

MIXED UP

8. The blue flower grew near the fence.

CORRECT

MIXED UP

2

PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence for CORRECT and one new sentence for MIXED UP.

CORRECT _____

MIXED UP _____

CHALLENGE

Write two connected sentences that use two different homophones correctly, and underline both homophones.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The dog wagged its tail.	CORRECT	Its shows that the tail belongs to the dog.
2	Dad will brake the car at the red light.	CORRECT	Brake means to slow or stop a car.
3	We ate too apples.	MIXED UP	Two names the number of apples.
4	The knight rode a white horse.	CORRECT	Knight names a person who rides in armor.
5	I sea a rainbow after the rain.	MIXED UP	See means to look at something.
6	Please right your name at the top.	MIXED UP	Write means to put words on paper.
7	The flour is in the blue bowl.	CORRECT	Flour is used for baking.
8	The blue flower grew near the fence.	CORRECT	Flower names a plant part.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **CORRECT:** The pair of socks is clean.
- **MIXED UP:** Please weight by the door.

Challenge: I _rode_ my bike to school. A _deer_ stood near the trees.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, students should explain both the word meaning and why that spelling fits. Accept correct new homophone examples that clearly match the chosen category.