**Common Spelling Mistakes**

Sometimes different words can sound the same, but have different meanings. As a result of the similar sound it can be easy to get confused and make mistakes in your writing. Below is a list of words that are commonly misspelled.

**What are Homophones?** - Words which have the same pronunciation but different meanings and (sometimes) spellings.   
**What are Homonyms?** - Words which have the same pronunciation and spelling but different meanings.   
**What are Homographs?** - Words which have the same spellings but different meaning and (sometimes) pronunciation.

**Preposition**: a word that shows the relationship between a noun or a pronoun and another word in the sentence. These words are used before nouns, pronouns, or other words to form phrases.

**Pronoun** – a word that are used to replace a noun (I, you, he, she, this…)

**Infinitive**: the simple or basic form of a verb (come, take, eat, be…)

**[There](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/there-their)**[: place or position.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/there-their)**[Their](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/there-their)**[: possessive word that shows ownership of something.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/there-their)

**They’re:** they are

[**To**: preposition (I went to school) or part of an infinitive (to go, to work).   
**Too**: also (I like you too) or in excess (That is too much).   
**Two**: number 2](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/to-too-two)

[**Wander**: to walk aimlessly or without any destination.   
**Wonder**: (noun) feeling of surprise and admiration or (verb) desire to know.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/Wander-Wonder)

[**Weather**: the atmospheric conditions in an area, with regard to sun, cloud, temperature, wind and rain.   
**Whether**: introduces indirect question involving alternative possibilities.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/weather-whether)

[**Where**: to, at or in what place.   
**Were**: past tense of the verb [to be]   
**Wear**: to have clothing, glasses, etc. on your body.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/wear-were)

[**Write**: (verb) to form letters, words, or symbols on a surface (like paper) with a pen or pencil.   
**Right**: morally good, proper. Also opposite of left.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/right-write)

[**Accept**: (verb) to receive willingly, to approve, to agree.   
**Except**: (preposition or verb) - exclusion or leave out.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/accept-except)

[**Ad**: An advertisement.   
**Add**: to combine, join, unite or to find a sum.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/ad-add)

[**Advice**: (noun) - suggestion or recommendation.   
**Advise**: (verb) - to suggest.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/advice-advise)

[**Affect**: (verb) - to change.   
**Effect**: (noun) - result.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/affect-effect)

[**Ate**: Past tense of verb [to eat].   
**Eight**: number 8.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/ate-eight)

[**Buy**: (verb) to purchase.   
**By**: next to something, by way of something.   
**Bye**: Used to express farewell. Short for goodbye.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/buy-by-bye)

[**Choose**: (verb) to make a choice or selection.   
**Chose**: past tense of the verb [to choose].   
**Choice**: (noun) choosing; selection.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/choose-chose-choice)

[**Cite**: to mention something or to quote somebody as an example or proof.   
**Site**: the location of an event or object. A website.   
**Sight**: ability to see, a thing that can be seen.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/Cite-Site-Sight)

[**Decent**: kind, tolerant, respectable, modest.   
**Descent**: family origins or ancestry. Also the process of coming or going down.   
**Dissent**: (verb or noun) disagreement with a prevailing or official view.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/Decent-Descent-Dissent)

[**Desert**: (verb) to leave or abandon. (noun) waterless land with no vegetation and covered with sand.   
**Dessert**: sweet food served after the meal.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/Desert-Dessert)

[**Eat**: to put food into the mouth, chew it and swallow it.   
**It**: the thing, animal or situation which has already been mentioned.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/eat-it)

[**Four**: number 4   
**For**: to indicate the object, aim, or purpose of an action or activity.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/four-for)

[**Here**: in, at, or to this place.   
**Hear**: to perceive (sound) by the ear.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/here-hear)

[**Knew**: past tense of the verb [to know].   
**New**: recently created.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/knew-new)

[**Know**: (verb) to be familiar with someone or something.   
**Now**: at the present time or moment.   
**No**: negative reply, refusal or disagreement.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/know-now-no)

[**Many**: consisting of a large number, numerous.   
**Money**: currency or coins issued by a government that can be exchanged for goods and services.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/many-money)

[**Off**: away, at a distance in space or time.   
**Of**: belonging to or connected with someone or something.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/off-of)

[**Peace**: freedom from war and violence.   
**Piece**: a part of something.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/peace-piece)

[**Then**: refers to time or consequence.   
**Than**: used to compare or contrast things.](http://www.esldesk.com/../common-errors-english/than-then)