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Meaning	1 <sup>st</sup> Word	2 <sup>d</sup> Word	Meaning
	air	heir	
	bare	bear	
	be	bee	
	brake	break	
	buy	by	
	dear	deer	
	die	dye	
	flour	flower	
	for	four	
	hear	here	

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	hole	whole	
	hour	our	
	know	no	
	mail	male	
	meat	meet	
	oar	or	
	pair	pear	
	peace	piece	
	plain	plane	
	poor	pour	

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	right	write	
	sail	sale	
	sea	see	
	sight	site	
	stair	stare	
	their	there	
	waist	waste	
	wait	weight	
	weak	week	
	wear	where	

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## Teaching notes

### Use as

- a discussion tool. What is a homophone? Gather suggestions on whiteboard or flip chart before handing out sheet.
- a check list. Students look through and tick off the ones they are confident with
- for prompting sentence construction (the 'meaning' column can be used to put each homophone into a complete sentence)
- dictionary work (look up word if needed, then write the definition in the 'meaning' column)

### Tip

- don't use all three pages at once – especially with dyslexic students

### Extension

- using blank chart students (in pairs) list further homophones (if computers are available this could involve a web search).