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Here are some examples of words that have the same sound but different spellings and different meanings. After a lifetime of putting words down on paper, it does take some determination to stop the memory coming up with the normal spelling, which can override the phonetic outline, even though that outline is given in the book. Ianoring the spelling does get easier and is one of the reasons for always practising from the spoken sound, using only the material given in the book until it is finished, and never just transliterating from a printed passage. Some of the older books may say "write the following in shorthand", with the occasional advice to get a friend to read for you, but that was a time before Iphones and now there is no excuse not to record and write from that. You can do this as well with the shorthand passages, to get additional benefit from your reading practice.

There are more than enough longhand images in your mind trying\* to interfere with the shorthand writing\*, without adding to the difficulties by having longhand text before your eyes as well. This is like shooing the pigeons away whilst feeding them at the same time\*. Or maybe like the ducks and geese\* in my local park, if I hesitate and look at them, they will walk towards me, but if I keep straight on without deviating from my purpose, they don't bother either themselves or me.

I put an  $\underline{ad}$  in the paper in order to\*  $\underline{add}$  to my earnings.

The <u>heir</u> to the throne went for a walk to get some fresh <u>air</u>.

I must inform you that reading <u>aloud</u> in this library is not <u>allowed</u>.

The <u>eight</u> friends met up and  $\underline{ate}^*$  a meal at the diner.

The man jumped\* <u>bail</u> and hid in a <u>bale</u> of straw.

# The baby <u>bawled</u> when it saw the <u>bald</u> man making faces.

If the children don't find their <u>ball</u>, they will <u>bawl</u> very loudly.

The <u>band</u> of youths found that they had been <u>banned</u> from the area.

As the trees were <u>bare</u>, we could\* see the <u>bear</u> coming towards us.

We walked through the <u>beech</u> forest towards the sandy <u>beach</u>.

The squirrels always <u>bury</u> their acorns under the <u>berry</u> bushes.

The boat was at its <u>berth</u> near the hospital where she gave <u>birth</u>.

The icy\* wind <u>blew</u> and turned our fingers and noses <u>blue</u> with cold.

I had to  $\underline{brake}$  quickly so as not to  $\underline{break}$  the fence.

The old woman\* <u>bred</u> chickens and baked <u>bread</u> for sale\*.

I have been <u>sealing</u> the cracks in the upstairs <u>ceiling</u>.

I decided to  $\underline{sell}$  my bike and buy a  $\underline{cell}$  phone.

I eat my <u>cereal</u> whilst watching an interesting television <u>serial</u>.

I recorded the <u>cheep</u> of the forest birds on my <u>cheap</u> phone.

I just want to <u>check</u> whether you have received my <u>cheque</u> in the post.

They caught <u>sight</u> of the very untidy building <u>site</u> down the road.

The lawyer is going to <u>cite</u> the case of the lady's loss of <u>sight</u>.

He travels to sunnier  $\underline{\text{climes}}$  and  $\underline{\text{climbs}}$  the mountains.

The <u>course</u> teacher heard them telling a very <u>coarse</u> joke.

#### Same Sounds 1

The <u>cops</u> chased the robbers into the farmland <u>copse</u>.

We heard the boat <u>creak</u> as we paddled up the <u>creek</u>.

The <u>crews</u> on these ships are all well informed about <u>cruise</u> regulations.

The musician found a strange <u>symbol</u> on the inside of the <u>cymbal</u>.

Some <u>days</u> he just walked around the streets in a <u>daze</u>.

If they <u>desert</u> the café, they will miss out on the delicious <u>dessert</u> they serve.

<u>Due</u> to the damp weather conditions, the lawn was covered in <u>dew</u>.

The weather was set <u>fair</u>, and we paid our coach <u>fare</u>.

It was a great <u>feat</u> of endurance to walk so far with such blistered <u>feet</u>.

You may <u>find</u> that your car has been <u>fined</u> for parking there.

We found a <u>flea</u> in the hotel room and we had to <u>flee</u> immediately.

The electrical <u>flex</u> had a lot of <u>flecks</u> of coloured paint on it.

It was very  $\underline{\text{foul}}$  weather and all the  $\underline{\text{fowl}}$  stayed in the henhouse.

He painted a <u>frieze</u> on the wall showing the big <u>freeze</u> on the river.

He could not\* hide his <u>guilt</u> at damaging the <u>gilt</u> edges of the book.

The horses are all <u>greys</u>, and they <u>graze</u> in the nearby field.

They started to <u>groan</u> when they saw how the weeds in the garden had <u>grown</u>.

I had somehow <u>guessed</u> that our expected <u>guest</u> had been delayed.

The <u>hare</u> in the field had left some brown <u>hair</u> on the fence.

I hope that\* everyone <u>here</u> will be able to <u>hear</u> the speaker clearly.

I <u>heard</u> that a whole <u>herd</u> of cows had escaped from the field.

He thinks that he lost his  $\underline{key}$  somewhere on the side of the  $\underline{quay}$ .

I <u>knew</u> it was the best thing to do to get a <u>new</u> car.

He came dressed as a <u>knight</u> and spent the whole <u>night</u> at the party. (833 words)

It is a very tight  $\underline{knot}$  and I think it is  $\underline{not}$  possible to undo it.

I  $\underline{know}$  that there are  $\underline{no}$  emails and  $\underline{no}$  letters for me today.

She hurt her <u>nose</u> and no-one <u>knows</u> how it happened.

He made ten <u>laps</u> of the circuit with no <u>lapse</u> of concentration.

She <u>led</u> the group up the mountain for a tour of the <u>lead</u> mine.

I wanted to water the <u>leeks</u> but the watering can <u>leaks</u>.

The animal on the golf <u>links</u> was an escaped <u>lynx</u>.

We have had just one <u>lone</u> customer asking for a <u>loan</u>.

I  $\underline{made}$  the beds every day until I hired a  $\underline{maid}$  to do it for me.

A notice was sent by  $\underline{\text{mail}}$  to all the  $\underline{\text{males}}$  in the area.

The lion's big  $\underline{mane}$  is its  $\underline{main}$  feature for identification.

The <u>marshal</u> was very experienced in <u>martial</u> arts.

We decided to <u>meet</u> at the restaurant and order some <u>meat</u> dishes.

When the judges <u>meet</u>, they will decide what punishment to <u>mete</u> out to the offenders.

You have to keep in <u>mind</u> that the area used to be <u>mined</u> for gold.

A thick  $\underline{\text{mist}}$  descended on the village and I  $\underline{\text{missed}}$  the path I should take.

As was his usual <u>mode</u> of operation, he <u>mowed</u> the grass then swept the paths.

The <u>moose</u> was attracted by the smell of the <u>mousse</u> in the food bag.

He was collecting <u>mussels</u> but pulled his <u>muscles</u> bending over.

The <u>nun</u> had heard many excuses but <u>none</u> like that.

I bought <u>one</u> ticket for the draw and found I had <u>won</u> a small prize.

They made a <u>pact</u> to always stay together in the <u>packed</u> crowds.

The <u>pail</u> of milk from the cow was a <u>pale</u> yellow.

I was in great <u>pain</u> from the cuts after breaking the glass <u>pane</u>.

I saw a <u>pair</u> of dishes on the table each containing an apple and a <u>pear</u>.

The children asked me to <u>pare</u> the apple and <u>pear</u> for them.

He put a fence round the <u>pea</u> patch so the dog could not <u>pee</u> on it.

I found a <u>piece</u> of land where I can camp out in <u>peace</u>.

He decided to <u>peek</u> over the wall and saw the snow covered <u>peaks</u>.

In a fit of <u>pique</u>, she complained to them about the barking <u>Peke</u>.

There was a <u>peal</u> of laughter as he tried to <u>peel</u> the orange with one hand.

He would <u>pedal</u> around the village every week to <u>peddle</u> his goods.

We would <u>peer</u> over the edge of the iron <u>pier</u> and watch the waves.

The waiter had reserved their <u>place</u> and brought a meal of <u>plaice</u> and chips.

It was quite <u>plain</u> to me that he had taken a <u>plane</u> trip out of the country.

<u>Please</u> read this report about all the <u>pleas</u> that have been made in the court.

#### Same Sounds 2

The man with the <u>quartz</u> watch bought three <u>quarts</u> of milk.

The king would <u>reign</u> for many years but had to <u>rein</u> in his nobles.

It will <u>rain</u> heavily so I will not be putting the <u>reins</u> on the horses today.

He <u>raised</u> his eyes to the sky and saw the <u>rays</u> of sunlight on the clouds.

They may <u>raze</u> the town to the ground but we will <u>raise</u> it up again.

I started to <u>wrap</u> the present but then there was a <u>rap</u> at the door.

I have <u>read</u> all the books you gave me, except the little <u>red</u> one.

You must <u>read</u> this book about how to use <u>reeds</u> from the river.

It was a <u>real</u> joy to be given the antique fishing <u>reel</u>.

If you <u>reek</u> of smoke, you will <u>wreak</u> havoc at the party.

The poor <u>wretch</u> was very ill and would <u>retch</u> at the sight of food.

It is only <u>right</u> that the wedding <u>rites</u> be observed by them. (636wds)

A <u>wright</u> is a worker and I shall <u>write</u> the definition in my notebook.

The cyclists <u>rode</u> down the same country <u>road</u> every weekend.

In my <u>role</u> in the play, I have to make <u>rolls</u> in the kitchen.

The builders removed the tree <u>root</u> from the <u>route</u> of the trench.

I have several <u>rows</u> of beautiful <u>rose</u> bushes in full bloom.

He <u>wrote</u> about how he had to learn by <u>rote</u> at school.

I began to <u>rouse</u> myself when I heard the noisy <u>rows</u> next door.

I will <u>sail</u> through the morning's work, then go to the <u>sale</u> later on.

I have <u>seen</u> the painting in the gallery of the famous battle <u>scene</u>.

I <u>see</u> that you are off on holiday next week to stay by the <u>sea</u>.

It would <u>seem</u> that the tailor has not finished the <u>seam</u> properly.

I am going to <u>seize</u> this opportunity to travel the <u>seas</u> of the world.

He <u>sees</u> his new yacht as one of the best vessels on the <u>seas</u>.

I am <u>so</u> pleased that I learned to <u>sew</u> when I was younger.

<u>Sow</u> all the seeds in lines, <u>so</u> you know which ones are the weeds.

Through <u>sheer</u> hard work, they managed to <u>shear</u> all the sheep.

They <u>sighed</u> with relief when the <u>side</u> of the box was removed.

I am the <u>sole</u> musician left from that old <u>soul</u> band.

Please help me with this <u>sum</u>, so that I can save <u>some</u> time.

The dog licked my  $\underline{shoe}$  and I had to  $\underline{shoo}$  it away.

Their <u>son</u> and his friends stayed out in the <u>sun</u> all day yesterday.

I <u>stayed</u> at the house of my aunt, a very old and <u>staid</u> lady.

I stopped to <u>stare</u> at the woman as she sat on the top <u>stair</u>.

I feel I need a <u>stake</u> to break up this overdone <u>steak</u>!

They tried to <u>steal</u> the vehicle but it was secured with <u>steel</u> clamps.

We have a new <u>style</u> of gate instead of the old wooden <u>stile</u>.

A very <u>sweet</u> couple came in to buy a <u>suite</u> of chairs.

In the drawer I found some old brass tacks and a tax return form.

He told the children an interesting <u>tale</u> about the foxes' <u>tails</u>.

We shall have  $\underline{tea}$  at one and then  $\underline{tee}$  off at about half past two.

It began to <u>teem</u> with rain, so the football <u>team</u> could not play.

The stadium seats were in <u>tiers</u>, and the fans had <u>tears</u> in their eyes.

He would <u>tease</u> them with stories of the delicious cream <u>teas</u> he had eaten.

The children <u>threw</u> their ball <u>through</u> the open kitchen window.

In the <u>throes</u> of the final battle, the hero <u>throws</u> down his weapon.

Sitting on his <u>throne</u>, the king had the rebels <u>thrown</u> into prison.

#### Same Sounds 3

Now that the weather is dry, it is <u>time</u> to pick some <u>thyme</u> leaves.

They <u>tied</u> up the boat so that the <u>tide</u> would not carry it away.

The <u>toad</u> is a five-<u>toed</u> animal that lives in ponds.

The big <u>toad</u> jumped out as we <u>towed</u> the van out of the field.

We looked in <u>vain</u> for someone to make a weather <u>vane</u>.

The doctor <u>searched</u> in vain for an easy <u>vein</u> for the injection.

It was a beautiful  $\underline{vale}$  in the country with a  $\underline{veil}$  of mist over it.

He did not <u>waste</u> any food but then his <u>waist</u> grew bigger.

We had to <u>wait</u> a long time for them to check the <u>weight</u> of the box.

We could <u>wave</u> goodbye to our worries when he decided to <u>waive</u> the charges.

I was very <u>weak</u> afterwards and stayed home for the whole <u>week</u>.

She spilled some egg <u>volk</u> on the white <u>voke</u> of her dress. (617 words)