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## Same Sounds 1

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. Ignoring 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 ad in the paper in order to* add to my earnings.

The heir to the throne went for a walk to get some fresh air.
I must inform you that reading aloud in this library is not allowed.
The eight friends met up and ate* a meal at the diner.
The man jumped* bail and hid in a bale of straw.
The baby bawled when it saw the bald man making faces.

If the children don't find their ball, they will bawl very loudly.
The band of youths found that they had been banned from the area.

As the trees were bare, we could* see the bear coming towards us.
We walked through the beech forest towards the sandy beach.
The squirrels always bury their acorns under the berry bushes.
The boat was at its berth near the hospital where she gave birth.

The icy* wind blew and turned our fingers and noses blue with cold.
I had to brake quickly so as not to break the fence.
The old woman* bred chickens and baked bread for sale*.
I have been sealing the cracks in the upstairs ceiling.
I decided to sell my bike and buy a cell phone.
I eat my cereal whilst watching an interesting television serial.

I recorded the cheep of the forest birds on my cheap phone.

I just want to check whether you have received my cheque in the post.

They caught sight of the very untidy building site down the road.

The lawyer is going to cite the case of the lady's loss of sight.

He travels to sunnier climes and climbs the mountains.

The course teacher heard them telling a very coarse joke.

## Same Sounds 1

The cops chased the robbers into the farmland copse.

We heard the boat creak as we paddled up the creek.

The crews on these ships are all well informed about cruise regulations.
The musician found a strange symbol on the inside of the cymbal.
Some days he just walked around the streets in a daze.
If they desert the café, they will miss out on the delicious dessert they serve.

Due to the damp weather conditions, the lawn was covered in dew.
The weather was set fair, and we paid our coach fare.
It was a great feat of endurance to walk so far with such blistered feet.
You may find that your car has been fined for parking there.
We found a flea in the hotel room and we had to flee immediately.
The electrical flex had a lot of flecks of coloured paint on it.

It was very foul weather and all the fowl stayed in the henhouse.

He painted a frieze on the wall showing the big freeze on the river.

He could not* hide his guilt at damaging the gilt edges of the book.

The horses are all greys, and they graze in the nearby field.

They started to groan when they saw how the weeds in the garden had grown.

I had somehow guessed that our expected guest had been delayed.

The hare in the field had left some brown hair on the fence.

I hope that* everyone here will be able to hear the speaker clearly.
I heard that a whole herd of cows had escaped from the field.
He thinks that he lost his key somewhere on the side of the quay.
I knew it was the best thing to do to get a new car.
He came dressed as a knight and spent the whole night at the party. (833 words)
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## Same Sounds 2

It is a very tight knot and I think it is not possible to undo it.
I know that there are no emails and no letters for me today.
She hurt her nose and no-one knows how it happened.
He made ten laps of the circuit with no lapse of concentration.

She led the group up the mountain for a tour of the lead mine.
I wanted to water the leeks but the watering can leaks.

The animal on the golf links was an escaped lynx.

We have had just one lone customer asking for a loan.

I made the beds every day until I hired a maid to do it for me.

A notice was sent by mail to all the males in the area.

The lion's big mane is its main feature for identification.

The marshal was very experienced in martial arts.

We decided to meet at the restaurant and order some meat dishes.
When the judges meet, they will decide what punishment to mete out to the offenders.
You have to keep in mind that the area used to be mined for gold.
A thick mist descended on the village and I missed the path I should take.
As was his usual mode of operation, he mowed the grass then swept the paths.
The moose was attracted by the smell of the mousse in the food bag.

He was collecting mussels but pulled his muscles bending over.
The nun had heard many excuses but none like that.
I bought one ticket for the draw and found I had won a small prize.
They made a pact to always stay together in the packed crowds.
The pail of milk from the cow was a pale yellow.

I was in great pain from the cuts after breaking the glass pane.

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

The children asked me to pare the apple and pear for them.

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

I found a piece of land where I can camp out in peace.

He decided to peek over the wall and saw the snow covered peaks.

In a fit of pique, she complained to them about the barking Peke.

There was a peal of laughter as he tried to peel the orange with one hand.
He would pedal around the village every week to peddle his goods.
We would peer over the edge of the iron pier and watch the waves.
The waiter had reserved their place and brought a meal of plaice and chips.
It was quite plain to me that he had taken a plane trip out of the country.
Please read this report about all the pleas that have been made in the court.

## Same Sounds 2

The man with the quartz watch bought three quarts of milk.
The king would reign for many years but had to rein in his nobles.
It will rain heavily so I will not be putting the reins on the horses today.
He raised his eyes to the sky and saw the rays of sunlight on the clouds.
They may raze the town to the ground but we will raise it up again.

I started to wrap the present but then there was a rap at the door. $\qquad$

I have read all the books you gave me, except the little red one.

You must read this book about how to use reeds from the river.

It was a real joy to be given the antique fishing reel.

If you reek of smoke, you will wreak havoc at the party.

The poor wretch was very ill and would retch at the sight of food

It is only right that the wedding rites be observed by them. (636wds)
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## Same Sounds 3

A wright is a worker and I shall write the definition in my notebook.
The cyclists rode down the same country road every weekend.
In my role in the play, I have to make rolls in the kitchen

The builders removed the tree root from the route of the trench.

I have several rows of beautiful rose bushes in full bloom.

He wrote about how he had to learn by rote at school.

I began to rouse myself when I heard the noisy rows next door

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

I have seen the painting in the gallery of the famous battle scene

I see that you are off on holiday next week to stay by the sea

It would seem that the tailor has not finished the seam properly

I am going to seize this opportunity to travel the seas of the world.

He sees his new yacht as one of the best vessels on the seas.
I am so pleased that I learned to sew when I was younger
Sow all the seeds in lines, so you know which ones are the weeds.
Through sheer hard work, they managed to shear all the sheep.
They sighed with relief when the side of the box was removed.
I am the sole musician left from that old soul band.

Please help me with this sum, so that I can save some time

The dog licked my shoe and I had to shoo it away.

Their son and his friends stayed out in the sun all day yesterday.

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

I stopped to stare at the woman as she sat on the top stair.

I feel I need a stake to break up this overdone steak

They tried to steal the vehicle but it was secured with steel clamps.

We have a new style of gate instead of the old wooden stile

A very sweet couple came in to buy a suite of chairs.

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

He told the children an interesting tale about the foxes' tails.

We shall have tea at one and then tee off at about half past two

It began to teem with rain, so the footbal team could not play.
The stadium seats were in tiers, and the fans had tears in their eyes.
He would tease them with stories of the delicious cream teas he had eaten.

The children threw their ball through the open kitchen window.

In the throes of the final battle, the hero throws down his weapon

Sitting on his throne, the king had the rebels thrown into prison.

## Same Sounds 3

Now that the weather is dry, it is time to pick some thyme leaves.

They tied up the boat so that the tide would not carry it away.
The toad is a five-toed animal that lives in ponds.

The big toad jumped out as we towed the van out of the field

We looked in vain for someone to make a weather vane.

The doctor searched in vain for an easy vein for the injection.

It was a beautiful vale in the country with a veil of mist over it

He did not waste any food but then his waist grew bigger.

We had to wait a long time for them to check the weight of the box.

We could wave goodbye to our worries when he decided to waive the charges.

I was very weak afterwards and stayed home for the whole week

She spilled some egg yolk on the white yoke of her dress. (617 words)
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