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#### Same Sounds 4

Most words that sound the same are written the same in shorthand, but there are some instances where the meaning of the word decides which outline is used. This happens mainly with short forms, for example where the short form "be" is not used for the insect "bee". This is because short forms were allocated to very common words that are so obvious and predictable in a sentence, that we can get away with representing them with just one stroke or one vowel sign. This obviousness would not be the case with a word like "bee" the insect. This is the principle of legibility taking precedence over sound.

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With names, Mr Short, Mr Gold and Mr Child are the only ones that use the short forms, but they must have their vowels written in. You would also write a short form or contraction in full if it was used out of its normal setting, such as within the name of a company, or as a word on its own, not part of the grammar of the sentence, as these cannot count as context for reading them back. Extra examples of this are given in the last paragraphs. In the following, the short form or contraction is in caps and the other word is underlined.

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We ALL know that you need an awl to make holes in wood.

It would BE good to get a close-up photo of a bumble bee.

Last week we held a Spelling Bee in the old hall.

Have you BEEN to that restaurant and tried their wonderful bean soup?

They will BUILD the house and we will be billed at a very low rate.

I have SENT you a parcel containing the bottle of scent.

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If I sent you the documents, it would cost me sixty cents.

DEAR Mr Smith, thank you for the information about the litter in the deer park.

YOU may have seen our old ewe resting under the yew tree.

It was a GREAT idea to remove the iron grid and install a grate.

I have emailed HIM a copy of the hymn he asked about.

We are staying IN a hotel called The Crown Inn.

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I said that TILL I get another job, I will carry on working at the till.

I TOLD him that they had tolled the church bells for the wedding.

WE were halfway there when the little one wanted to wee.

It was wonderful when WE saw the picture of the wee child at last.

I am sure he WOULD know where the fencing woud is stored.

Give the dog ITS food, as it's getting quite late now.

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I think you CAN take the food out of the can and put it in the fridge.

It is a MERE half a mile to the park with the large mere.

I don't know any MORE about Mr Moore who lives in Moor Lane.

NOR do I have any information on the whereabouts of Mr Knorr.

I can do this job BUT I must say that Mr Butt can do it faster.

The water butt is full BUT I don't have time to empty it.

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I was wondering HOW our friend Mrs Howe will get home.

Sally was MUCH admired by her boyfriend Mr Mutch.

LORD Black is a real LORD, but Mr Lord is a commoner.

I took the LIBERTY of visiting Liberty's store while I was in town.

My PRINCIPAL reason for coming is to talk to Mr Principal.

I must TELL you, I really enjoyed hearing the William Tell Overture.

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I am wondering WHAT the manager Mr Watt will say about that.

The electrician said that WHAT we need is a new twenty watt bulb.

The teacher said, hands up WHO likes to watch Dr Who films.

When I was in ENGLAND I worked for Mrs England in accounts.

Miss English will be running the English language classes next term.

We have a new YOUNG teacher coming to help our Mr Young.

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I have been invited to SPEAK at the council meeting by Mr Speke.

They brought a LARGE parcel addressed to Miss Mary Large.

We were VERY interested to hear the history of the Very light.

This was a VERY useful flare system invented by Edward Very.

I have sold all the GOLD items to Mrs Gold in the antique shop.

It is only a SHORT time before I have my interview with Miss Short.

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They asked the CHILD to report to the head teacher Mrs Child.

The CHILD said he was going to see his dentist Mr Rothschild.

The MOST efficient person in this office is my assistant Mr Most.

We GENERALLY went to a pub called The General for our lunch.

We took ADVANTAGE of their advice and hired Advantage Solutions to help us.

Please INFORM us why you have chosen the name "Inform" for your company.

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They were full of ENTHUSIASM for studying the subject of MAGNETISM.

The teacher asked the students to spell "magnetism" and "enthusiasm".

Please write JANUARY in full, rather than just "Jan".

I have three files marked "Sometimes" "NEVER" and "NOVEMBER".

I made a REMARK that the college ought to re-mark all the papers.

The members re-formed their club and decided to REFORM the rules. (877 words)

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