

# Homonyms

“buy/by/bye”

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## Common Writing Homonyms:

ad/add  
accept/except  
affect/effect  
buy/by/bye  
hear/here  
hour/our  
its/it's  
know/no  
one/won  
their/there/they're  
theirs/there's  
then/than  
to/too/two  
who's/whose  
your/you're



ad: advertisement  
add: the arithmetic operation of addition

buy: to acquire by paying  
by: near or next to  
bye: salutation (“goodbye”)

hear: to perceive by ear  
here: in this place/at this point

hour: measurement of time (60 mins)  
our: an attributive adjective (form of “we”)

its: possessive form of “it”  
it’s: contraction of “it is”

know: to understand/be aware of  
no: a negative used to express dissent

accept: to receive/approve/accommodate  
except: but/excluding

affect: to act on/a feeling or emotion  
effect: result/to be functional

one: a single unit  
won: past participle of “win”

their: possessive form of “they”  
there: at that place/at that point in an action  
they’re: contraction of “they are”

theirs: that which belongs to them  
there’s: contraction of “there is”

then: next/following (ex: this *then* that)  
than: comparative (ex: more *than*)

to: preposition indicating direction  
too: in addition/also/furthermore  
two: numeral (ex: 1 plus 1 = 2)

who’s: contraction of “who is”  
whose: possessive form of “who”

your: possessive you; belonging to you  
you’re: contraction of “you are”