

Homophones and other words that are often confused

Using the homophones below, create two sentences using each homophone correctly in context. For example:

The Derby County fans shouted **aloud, “We’ve scored a goal!”
“Are we **allowed** to eat the leftover cakes?” said the children.**

desert/ dessert

desert (noun): a dry barren place (stress on first syllable)

desert (verb): to abandon (stress on second syllable)

dessert (noun): a sweet course after the main course of a meal
(stress on second syllable)

Words ending in -ce/-se:

advice (noun)/ advise (verb)

device (noun)/ devise (verb)

licence (noun)/ license (verb)

practice (noun)/ practise (verb)

prophecy (noun)/ prophesy (verb)

Other examples:

aisle/ isle

affect/ effect

ascent/ assent

break/ brake

cereal/ serial

descent/ dissent

farther/ father

guessed/ guest

heel/ heal/ he'll

medal/ meddle

aloud/ allowed

altar/ alter

berry/ bury

bridal/ bridle

compliment/ complement

draft/ draught

groan/ grown

heard/ herd

led/ lead

missed/ mist

morning/ mourning	past/ passed
precede/ proceed	principal/ principle
profit/ prophet	stationary/ stationery
steal/ steel	wary/ weary
weather/ whether	who's/ whose