

Homophones and other words that are often confused

Handy hint: Homophones are words which have the same or similar pronunciation but different meanings.

Example words:

aisle/isle
aloud/allowed
affect/effect
altar/alter
ascent/assent
bridal/bridle
cereal/serial
compliment/
complement

descent/dissent
desert/dessert
draft/draught
father/farther
guessed/guest
heard/herd
led/lead
morning/
mourning

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

Words containing 'silent' letters

Fantastic fact: Some letters which are no longer sounded used to be sounded hundreds of years ago. 'Knight' used to be pronounced with a 'k' sound before the 'n'!

Example Words

doubt
island
lamb
solemn
thistle
knight

