

# Homonyms

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# What is a homonym?

They are words that look and sound the same, but have different meanings.

# Examples of Commonly Missed Homonyms

There → **place** / Their → **possession** / They're → **they are**

To → **direction** / Two → **number** / Too → **amount, also**

It's → **it is** / its → **possession** / its' → **DOES NOT EXIST**

Who's → **who is** / Whose → **possession**

\*\* To help remember It's and Who's.. expand the contraction!

# Other Homonyms

Then → refers to time, after / Than → except,  
other

Affect → produce an effect (verb) / Effect → result  
(noun)

Principal → director / Principle → rule

# Homonym Quiz!

1. \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ many people in this room.  
(There/ Their)      (Too/To)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ bad to get less \_\_\_\_\_ five hours of sleep.  
(It's/ Its')                      (Then/Than)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ sweater is lying on the floor?  
(Who's/ Whose)

# Answers

1. There/ Too

2. It's/Than

3. Whose

## ... More Homonyms!

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ will announce the assembly.  
(Principle/Principal)

5. Your project will \_\_\_\_\_ your grade.  
(Effect/Affect)

6. \_\_\_\_\_ commitment is necessary \_\_\_\_\_ complete  
the assignment in time.  
(Their/They're) (Too/To)

# Answers

4. Principal

5. Affect

6. Their/To