

Introduction to homophones

Headphones/ homophones?

They do have something in common.

The *phone* part comes from the ancient Greek word for sound.

Homophones are words that sound exactly like other words but are spelled differently and have a totally different meaning.

They are easily mixed up in your writing. A spellchecker won't always spot them because they're spelled correctly, just put in the wrong place.



Proofreading for homophones in your work

It's important to make sure you're not using the wrong word in a sentence so that:

- What you mean to say is clear and correct
- You give a professional impression of yourself on things like application forms and CVs