



Teacher Guide - Homophones and Near Homophones - Level 6 Week 29 Workbook

The pupil workbook is designed to provide your children with opportunities to consolidate and practise the core phonics skills they have learned during their daily phonics teaching. Once children are familiar with the structure of the workbook, they should be able to work through most of the activities independently, while you spend time working with those children who would benefit from further adult support.

Lesson 1

Write the common exception words.

Writing common exception words - Encourage children to identify and colour the tricky part of the common exception words. Write the words below on the lines, saying each letter name as they write. There are further opportunities to practise these spellings throughout the week.

Write the missing words.

Writing focus words - Encourage the children to look at the picture and read the cloze sentences. Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

Answer the questions.

Reading focus words - Children read the silly questions containing decodable words and common exception words and then answer each question by circling 'yes' or 'no'.

Lesson 2

Read and match.

Reading sentences containing homophones or near homophones - Depending on the children's stage of development, encourage them to read or use their blending skills to sound out and read the decodable words. Some of the homophones are previously taught common exception words and children should be encouraged to read these or be supported to identify the tricky part of the word to read it. Once the sentence has been read, encourage the children to draw a line to match the sentence to the corresponding picture. There is a 'spare' image that does not have a corresponding sentence to ensure that children are reading all of the sentences and not just the first three.

Lesson 3

Read the story.

Reading longer texts - Encourage the children to read the story, sounding out and decoding the words where appropriate. When they have read the story once, they can reread the text to look for and highlight all of the homophones and near homophones. Common exception words that have been previously taught for reading are also included in the story.

Write the homophones.

Writing homophones - Now that the children have found all of the pairs of homophones in the previous activity, encourage them to write three pairs in the table.

Lesson 4

Write the common exception words.

Writing common exception words - This is the second opportunity to practise spelling the focus common exception words for the week. Revisiting and regular spelling practice helps children to attain rapid recall. Encourage the children to identify the tricky part of the common exception word and either underline it or write it in a different colour. Write the word on the lines, saying each letter name as they write.

Write the words in sentences.

Writing homophones and near homophones - Encourage children to read the cloze sentences and identify which of the homophones would correctly complete the each one.

Lesson 5

Write the sentence your teacher says.

Dictated sentences - This is an adult-led dictation activity where the adult reads aloud each of the sentences that can be found in the table below.

When writing the words in the sentences, encourage children to say the word aloud, count the phonemes and write down the grapheme for each phoneme as they say it. Encourage them to think about which homophones to choose. Common exception words that have been previously taught for spelling are also included in the sentences. Encourage children to recall the tricky part of the word when spelling.

Children should then be encouraged to check what they have written by reading it back. Encourage children to work as independently as possible and to refer to their sound mats or your classroom sounds display for support.

	Dictated Sentences
1	Turn right at the lights.
2	I know the way there.
3	I can hear two birds singing.
4	He can see the sea from the top of the cliff.

Additional Activities

Write your own silly sentence.

Writing sentences containing decodable words - This section of the workbook provides children with an opportunity for open-ended writing. Encourage the children to think of their own silly sentence or normal sentence that contains homophones or near homophones. Children can refer to the sound mat below for support when spelling. Encourage the children to challenge themselves and check for appropriate punctuation.

Practise spelling the focus words.

Spelling decodable focus words and common exception words - Encourage children to use the following steps to practise spelling the focus words for the week.

1. Encourage the children to look at the word and say it out loud.
2. Next, look and say the word as they write it (the word remains in view at this stage).
3. After that, the children cover the word and write it.
4. Finally, they can check their spelling against the printed word.

Encourage the children to revisit any words they spelt incorrectly, identifying the part of the word they found difficult and repeating the 'cover and write' step again.

Minibooks

For further practice, children can complete the two reading minibooks and one writing minibook for the week.

How confident do you feel?

Self-evaluation - Encourage children to reflect on how confident they feel about using the focus sounds and common exception words for reading and spelling. Ask them to tick, circle or colour the face which best matches how they feel. Make a note of any children who indicate that they are less confident as they may need further consolidation.