

Lesson 38: Homophones — Sound-Alike Words**PLL PART TWO****Word Study**

Sound-Alike Words: Some words sound identical when spoken, but mean very different things.

Study carefully: Bees build **cells**; a merchant **sells**. A lion will **seize**; a child **sees**. Flowers have sweet **scent**; a boy was **sent** with a copper **cent**.

1 WORD BANK — MATCH SOUND TO MEANING**cells** (honeycomb) / **sells** (trades)**seize** (grab) / **sees** (looks)**buy** (purchase) / **by** (beside)**scent** (smell) / **sent** (mailed) / **cent** (coin)**2 SENTENCE COMPLETION & COPYING**

Copy each sentence on the line below, choosing the proper homophone:

1. Bees put honey in _____.

Write:

2. The merchant _____ his goods.

Write:

3. The lion will _____ his prey.

Write:

4. The child _____ the bright star.

Write:

5. We _____ peaches _____ the peck.

Write:

6. The _____ of the flower is pleasant.

Write:

7. He was _____ to the store with a _____.

Write:

3 ORIGINAL COMPOSITION — HOMOPHONE SENTENCES

Write two complete statements using any homophones from this lesson:

8. _____

9. _____

Semantic Distinction

Mastering Advanced Homophones & Triplets: This lesson introduces subtle phonetic twins (*cells/sells, seize/sees, buy/by*) and the classic English triplet (*scent/sent/cent*). Emphasize that spelling is the written guardian of word meaning.

Key SECTION 2: SOLUTION KEY & LINGUISTIC NOTES

1. Bees put honey in cells.

Analysis: **cells** refers to hexagonal honeycomb compartments (from Latin *cella*, a small room).

2. The merchant sells his goods.

Analysis: **sells** is the third-person present verb meaning to vend or transfer for money.

3. The lion will seize his prey.

Analysis: **seize** means to take hold of forcibly and suddenly.

4. The child sees the bright star.

Analysis: **sees** is the present tense verb of optical perception.

5. We buy peaches by the peck.

Analysis: **buy** = purchase. **by** = unit of measurement preposition ("a peck" is an old dry measure of 8 quarts).

6. The scent of the flower is pleasant.

Analysis: **scent** = natural perfume or fragrance.

7. He was sent to the store with a cent.

Analysis: **sent** = dispatched (passive participle of send). **cent** = one-cent copper coin (penny).

Model SECTION 3: EXEMPLAR STUDENT COMPOSITIONS

- Exemplar 1 [*seize / sees*]: The hawk **sees** the field mouse and swoops down to **seize** it.
- Exemplar 2 [*buy / by*]: We sat **by** the riverbank and ate fresh cherries we did **buy**.
- Exemplar 3 [*scent / sent / cent*]: Mother **sent** me to buy sweet lavender whose **scent** cost only one **cent**.

Evaluation Focus	Exemplary (Proficient)	Developing (Needs Support)
Homophone Accuracy	All 9 completion blanks filled with the exact word matching grammatical and semantic context.	Confuses 1 or more homophones (e.g. <i>"honey in sells"; "with a scent"</i>).
Copying Precision	Accurately copies every sentence with clean baseline penmanship, correct capitals, and periods.	Drops ending periods or omits letter combinations in copying.
Original Sentence Creation	Composes two rich, complete sentences demonstrating contextual understanding of target homophones.	Produces fragments or ungrammatical sentences.