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# Problematic Pairs

Homophones are words that have the same pronunciation but different spellings and meanings. Some examples of homophones are: in/inn, eight/ate, meet/meat.

**Directions:** In the following sentences taken from the October 13, 2008 issue of *Scope*, circle the correct homophones.

1. And **their/there/they're** off!
2. Today's cars are **made/maid** of **would/wood** and plastic, and can travel up to 30 miles per **hour/our**.
3. In Homer's ancient epic poem, *The Odyssey*, it takes King Odysseus 10 years **too/to/two sail/sale** to his beloved home **in/inn** Ithaca.
4. **Their/there/they're** is even a **knew/new** *Anne of Green Gables* movie coming out this year!
5. **Do/Due you/ewe** have a story other teens can relate **to/two/too**?
6. **Do/Due** you have a **tale/tail** to tell? Sue Monk Kidd shares her tips to help you **write/right** it.
7. They must travel **through/threw** different dimensions of **thyme/time** and space, known as "wrinkling" or "tessering," **to/too/two** free **their/there/they're** scientist father.
8. When science teacher Mr. Wheeler replaces **their/there/they're** beloved Coach Spangler, Ronde and Tiki face a **knew/new** challenge that could ruin the **hole/whole** season.
9. "People tell me **to/two/too** give my brother a hard **time/thyme** about the fact he didn't win a Super Bowl," Ronde jokes, "but that's **know/no way/weigh** to treat **your/you're** brother.
10. And the honor code **here/hear**—I will not **lie/lye**, I will not cheat, I will not **steel/steal**—was much the same as the code my parents had taught and which **would/wood** govern my behavior **in/inn** the Navy.