

# Homophones

Words that sound the same but are spelled differently.

## Practice

Today, it will be choir practice. (Noun)

## Practise

Today, I will practise for the choir. (Verb)

## Advise

They will advise you on what to do next. (Verb)

## Advice

They are good at giving advice. (Noun)

## Stationary

The car collided with a stationary vehicle. (Adjective)

## Stationery

The office workers used most of the stationery in the first week. (Noun)

## Lose

He was about to lose the race. (Verb)

## Loose

Those shoelaces are loose. (Adjective)

## Licence

Drivers of vehicles must give a valid licence. (Noun)

## License

That company is licensed to sell specific medication. (Verb)

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**Knowing when to use the right homophone is important. The class of a word can give you clues as to which homophone to use.**

**Practice is something you are going to do. Practise is something you are doing.**

**Practice with a 'ce' is a noun and often comes with an adjective to create a noun phrase.**

**Practise with a 'se': think 'I'm going to do something.' Remember the 's' in 'se' as doing something.**

# Which is the right homophone?

And with one turn, the car was no longer **stationary/stationery**.

The candidate was about to **lose/loose** the election.

Sometimes, we don't always get the best **advise/advice**.

It is imperative that you check the company's **licence/license** is valid.

Why don't you **practice/practise** playing chess?

# Correct the errors!

**With a huff, he losened his shoelaces. It had been a long day. Too many people giving advice for all the wrong reasons. He can't think of anything worse than poor advise. Some people think they have a licence to give out advise!**

**Grabbing a pen from the stationery drawer, he jotted down a few lines of advise. Maybe, some of it was useful! He would try to practise everything he wrote down.**

# Answers

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# Answers

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Grabbing a pen from the stationery drawer, he jotted down a few lines of **advice**. Maybe, some of it was useful! He would try to practise everything he wrote down.