



Words that Sound Alike

their - there - they're

their = (possessive); **their** books

there = that place; over **there**

they're = contraction for "they are"

we're - where - were

we're = contraction for "we are"

where = in what place

were = (verb); Where **were** you?

your - you're

your = (possessive) - your hat

you're = contraction for "you are"

accept - except

accept = (verb) to receive, to agree

He **accepted** the bribe.

except = (preposition) all but, other than

Everyone came, **except** Amy.

affect - effect

affect = (verb) to influence or change

Will lack of sleep **affect** your game?

effect = (noun) result

The medicine had positive **effects**.

effect = (verb) to cause, bring about or accomplish

It's possible to **effect** a change in the U.S.

than - then

than = 1.) used in comparison statements

He is richer than I.

2.) used in statements of preference

I would rather dance than eat.

3.) used in the sense of "beyond"

She ate more than Bill.

then = 1.) a time word - in the past

He was slimmer then.

2.) next in time, space, order

First study, then play.

3.) in that case, in addition, on the

other hand

When I see it, then I'll

believe

it.

to - too - two

to = (proposition)

I am going to the store.

too = also, very

I am too tired to go with

you.

two = the number 2

its = it's

its = possessive; its paw

it's = contraction for "it is"

sell - sale

sell = (verb) to give up for money

I sell tickets at the stadium.

sale = (noun) transfer of ownership

I am going to the sale.