Words That Sound Alike

Their - There - They’re
- Their = (possessive) - their books
- There = that place - over there
- They’re = they are

We’re - Where - Were
- We’re = we are
- Where = in what place
- Were = (verb) - Where was Sally?

Accept - Except
- Accept = (verb) to receive, to agree
  o Ex: He accepted the bribe.
- Except = (preposition) all but, other than
  o Ex: Everyone came, except Amy.

Affect - Effect
- Affect = (verb) to influence
  o Will lack of sleep affect Susan’s game?
- Effect = (noun) result
  o Will only two hours of sleep have an effect on Bill’s game?
- Effect = (verb) to cause, to accomplish
  o It is possible to effect a change in this university.

To - Too - Two
- To = (preposition) - to the shore
- Too = also, very - too tired, also sick
- Two = 2

Than - Then
- Than = used in comparison statements
  o Jenna is richer than Leonard.
- Used in statements of preference
  o Joe would rather dance than eat.
- Used in the sense of “beyond”
  o Read more than the first paragraph.
- Then = a time word - in the past
  o He was fatter then.
- Next in time, space, order
  o First study, then play.
- In that case, in addition, on the other hand
  o When she sees it, then she will believe it.

Its - It’s
- Its = (possessive) - its paw
- It’s = It is

Sell – Sale
- Sell = (verb) to give up for money
  o Bob sells tickets at the stadium.
- Sale = (noun) transfer of ownership
  o Bob is going to the sale.

Your - You’re
- Your = (possessive) - your hat
- You’re = You are