Spelling list: Key Stage 3: Common Homophones and Confusions (part 1) (copy)

A number of secondary schools have identified the following words as common errors among this age group.

advice The teacher gave me good **advice** .

advise Could you **advise** me on buying a new car?

affect The government cuts will **affect** everyone.

effect The stage lighting had a magical **effect** .

aloud Read the words **aloud**.

allowed The lady **allowed** the tea to brew.

bought I **bought** this dress at the new boutique.

brought The maid **brought** the tea on a tray.

brake The car had to **brake** hard.

break Be careful not to **break** that glass.

choose Choose a suitable card for Meg's birthday.

chose He **chose** to seclude himself from the others.

cloth This **cloth** is extremely absorbent.

clothe They already had six children to feed and **clothe** .

conscience My **conscience** is completely clear.

conscious She was **conscious** of what she said to her mother.

coarse Coarse means rough, or not fine.

course You seem to be doing very well at this **course** .

are Job vacancies **are** listed in the paper.