

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

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

advice	The teacher gave me good <b>advice</b> .
advise	Could you <b>advise</b> me on buying a new car?
affect	The government cuts will <b>affect</b> everyone.
effect	The stage lighting had a magical <b>effect</b> .
aloud	Read the words <b>aloud</b> .
allowed	The lady <b>allowed</b> the tea to brew.
bought	I <b>bought</b> this dress at the new boutique.
brought	The maid <b>brought</b> the tea on a tray.
brake	The car had to <b>brake</b> hard.
break	Be careful not to <b>break</b> that glass.
choose	<b>Choose</b> a suitable card for Meg's birthday.
chose	He <b>chose</b> to seclude himself from the others.
cloth	This <b>cloth</b> is extremely absorbent.
clothe	They already had six children to feed and <b>clothe</b> .
conscience	My <b>conscience</b> is completely clear.
conscious	She was <b>conscious</b> of what she said to her mother.
coarse	<b>Coarse</b> means rough, or not fine.
course	You seem to be doing very well at this <b>course</b> .
are	Job vacancies <b>are</b> listed in the paper.

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Will the boss deign to attend **our** party?