

Name _____

Teddy's Tale

Homophones are words that sound the same but have different meanings. Homophones are also usually spelled differently. The paragraphs below contain

pairs of words in bold letters. Cross out the incorrect word in each pair/pea~~r~~ to make the sentence correct.

My name is Teddy. My family gave me that name. They say that my fluffy **fir/fur** makes me look like a cuddly teddy **bear/bare**. I'm usually a **very/vary** friendly guy. But lately I haven't been feeling quite **right/write**. I guess I'm getting a little old—and a little bit cranky. Take the other day, **four/for** example.

I was in my yard, chewing on my **new/knew** **bawl/ball**. A stranger walked **by/buy**, then stopped outside the fence. I didn't recognize **hymn/him** or his **cent/scent**. When he opened the gate and came **in/inn** the yard, I got worried. I warned him with a quick bark and swish of my **tail/tale**. I thought I had **made/maid** myself clear: "This is my home. You don't belong **here/hear**." But he didn't stop. Instead, he reached for the ball between my **pause/paws**—my brand-new **read/red** ball! I didn't stop to think. **I/Eye** just reacted. I bit him.

The man said he was **knot/not** trying to take my ball. He just wanted to play. I'm sorry I hurt him. I just didn't **no/know**. My family gave him tips on avoiding dog bites. You should know them **to/too**!



Always follow these rules—even for dogs you know!

- 🐾 Ask the owner's permission before petting or playing with any dog.
- 🐾 Dogs may protect a toy, person, car, yard, food, or pups. If a dog is protecting something or someone, leave the dog alone.
- 🐾 If a dog chases you, be like a tree! Stand still, and let her sniff you.

Make a poster illustrating one of the safety tips on this page.