

**EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)**

*“demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by: (i) spelling multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables”*

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?**

**Your and you're sound alike. Your means belonging to you. You're means you are.**

**Its and it's sound alike. Its means belonging to it. It's means it is.**

**Replace the word with you are or it is to check the spelling.**

**THIS WEEK'S FOCUS**

## Homophones

### from “What We Carry Forward”

Your means belonging to you. You're means you are. Its means belonging to it. It's means it is. This week we practice these confused spellings.

This deck teaches **homophones** across the five RPLD thinking levels:

**NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.**

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**TEACHER SAYS & DOES · SLIDE 1 OF 10 ·**

**Introduce the Week**

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“ ” = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

**“This week we are studying syllable types. Our focus is homophone syllables. Your means belonging to you. You're is short for you are. Its means belonging to it. It's is short for it is.”**

▶ Show the cover. Read the exact TEKS wording aloud, then read the What does this mean to me box in your own warm voice.

**“Your means belonging to you. You're means you are. Its means belonging to it. It's means it is. This week we practice these confused spellings.”**

▶ Point to the five thinking levels. Preview the week: we NOTICE, CHOOSE, SHOW, OWN, and DEFEND the pattern.

**PREP & MATERIALS:** the Homophones slide deck for Cluster 7 Module 3  
· a class or student copy of “What We Carry Forward” · the student tracking sheet · pencils

**CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING**

Ask a student to name one homophone from the reading and tell how they know.

**RAISE THE THINKING**

Ask a student how reading the word would change if the homophone pattern were different.

## TODAY'S THINKING JOB

# NOTICE

"I can notice a homophone."

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## Notice the homophone.

Read this sentence from the passage. Find the bold word and the two spellings and the two meanings.

**"The poem says a rule is written, strong and clear, *its* meaning travels year to year."**

**I CAN** | I can notice a homophone and name the two spellings and the two meanings.

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## TEACHER SAYS & DOES · SLIDE 2 OF 10 ·

### Monday · NOTICE · Foundational

~4 min

" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

**"Today's thinking job is NOTICE. I can notice a homophone syllable."**

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

**"Listen as I read the sentence. I am looking for the homophone syllable in its."**

▶ Read the sentence aloud twice. Give think time, then have students copy the word on the NOTICE row of the tracking sheet.

**ANSWER KEY:** its (usage). Its means belonging to it. In a sentence like The poem has its rhythm, its shows the rhythm belongs to the poem.

## CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to explain the homophone syllable in their own words.

## COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may not identify the two spellings and the two meanings. Guide them to the pattern.

## POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

How do I know it is a homophone syllable? Look for the two spellings and the two meanings.

## RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

NOTICE at Foundational is about finding the homophone syllable. Keep the demand at this level.

## RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student what the word would sound like without the homophone pattern.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

## CHOOSE

"I can choose a homophone."

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### Choose the homophone.

Read the sentence. Which word is a homophone? Use the rule.

**"Your ideas and choices can shape what happens next."**

**A** you're (you are) • **B** its (belonging to it) • **C** your (belonging to you)

**I CAN** | I can choose the homophone and explain how I know.

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### TEACHER SAYS & DOES · SLIDE 3 OF 10 ·

Tuesday · CHOOSE · Developing

~4 min

" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

**"Today's thinking job is CHOOSE. I can choose a word with a homophone syllable."**

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

**"Read the sentence and all three choices. Only one word has the homophone pattern."**

▶ Have students choose privately, then share with a partner before you reveal the answer on slide 8.

**ANSWER KEY:** C. your. In a sentence like Your ideas matter, your means belonging to you. Replace with you are. If it does not work, use your.

### CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name the two spellings and the two meanings in the answer.

### COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may choose by ear. Use the rule to check the two spellings and the two meanings.

### POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Two words seem close. How do I pick? Check for the two spellings and the two meanings.

### RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

CHOOSE at Developing is about selecting the word the rule fits. Keep the demand at this level.

### RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to find another homophone syllable in the sentence.

## TODAY'S THINKING JOB

# SHOW

"I can show how a homophone works."

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## Show the homophone.

Read the sentence. In the bold word, name the two spellings and the two meanings.

**"It's** true that a dream can travel heart to heart."

**I CAN** | I can show the two spellings and the two meanings.

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## TEACHER SAYS & DOES · SLIDE 4 OF 10 ·

Wednesday · SHOW · Independent

 ~4 min

" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

**"Today's thinking job is SHOW. I can show how a homophone syllable works."**

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

**"The bold word is it's. Name the two spellings and the two meanings."**

▶ Take two or three answers. Push students to name all the parts.

**ANSWER KEY:** it's (usage). It's is short for it is. In It's a wonderful day, replace it's with it is. If the sentence makes sense, use it's.

## CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to point to the two spellings and the two meanings in the word.

## COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may name only part of the pattern. Require all parts.

## POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Can a word have more than one homophone syllable? Yes, a longer word can.

## RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

SHOW at Independent is about explaining how the rule works. Keep the demand at this level.

## RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student what would change if the pattern were different.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

## OWN

**"I can choose the right homophone to spell the word."**

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### Own it. Read the longer word.

Split the word into its parts. Name the two spellings and the two meanings.

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**I CAN** | I can choose the right homophone to spell the word.

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#### TEACHER SAYS & DOES · SLIDE 5 OF 10 ·

Thursday · OWN · Advanced

 ~4 min

" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

**"Today's thinking job is OWN. I can choose the right homophone to spell the word."**

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

**"You're is a longer word. Split it and read each syllable."**

▶ Model the cover-and-read once, then have students split the word on the OWN row of the tracking sheet.

**ANSWER KEY:** you're. You're is short for you are. In You're a great reader, replace you're with you are. The sentence still makes sense.

#### CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name each syllable in you're and its type.

#### COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may read the first syllable with the wrong vowel sound. Guide them to the pattern.

#### POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

How do I know where to split the word? Look for the syllable boundary.

#### RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

OWN at Advanced is about using the rule inside a longer word. Keep the demand at this level.

#### RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to apply the rule to another longer word.

## TODAY'S THINKING JOB

# DEFEND

"I can prove which homophone fits the sentence."

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## Defend the rule.

Prove the bold word follows the rule. Name the two spellings and the two meanings.

**"A lesson learned from long ago can keep *its* meaning for centuries."**

**I CAN** | I can prove which homophone fits the sentence.

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## TEACHER SAYS & DOES · SLIDE 6 OF 10 ·

Friday · DEFEND · Reflective

 ~4 min

" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

**"Today's thinking job is DEFEND. I can prove which homophone fits the sentence."**

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

**"For its, name the two spellings and the two meanings and prove it."**

▶ Have students write a because statement on the DEFEND row, then share two strong answers.

**ANSWER KEY:** its. Its means belonging to it. There is no apostrophe because it is not a contraction. In The tree lost its leaves, its shows the leaves belong to the tree.

## CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to explain how they proved its follows the rule.

## COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may name the whole word instead of the two spellings and the two meanings. Require all parts.

## POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Is every word with this pattern homophone? Yes, if it has the two spellings and the two meanings.

## RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

DEFEND at Reflective is about proving the rule. Keep the demand at this level.

## RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to defend why another word in the sentence is NOT a homophone syllable.

## Find a homophone on your own.

Go back to the passage. Find one homophone. Copy the sentence and name the two spellings and the two meanings.

**Go back to the reading.  
Find one homophone.  
Copy the exact sentence. Then name the two spellings and the  
two meanings.**

**I CAN** | I can find a homophone and prove it.

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### TEACHER SAYS & DOES · SLIDE 7 OF 10 ·

#### Independent Practice · YOUR TURN

 ~5 min

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**"Now it is your turn to find a homophone syllable on your own."**

▶ Read the Your Turn task. Students work independently on the tracking sheet.

**"Copy the exact sentence. Then name the two spellings and the two meanings."**

▶ Circulate and note who can name all the parts without help.

**ANSWER KEY:** you're. You're is short for you are. Replace to check.

### CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Scan for students who name the two spellings and the two meanings together.

### COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may write a word without naming all the parts. Require the two spellings and the two meanings.

### POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

What if my word has more than one syllable? Pick the syllable that is homophone and prove it.

### RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

Independent practice shows who owns the rule. Look for the two spellings and the two meanings.

### RAISE THE THINKING

Ask an early finisher to check their word by reading it aloud.

## Answers, across the five thinking levels.

**NOTICE its (usage).** Its means belonging to it. In a sentence like The poem has its rhythm, its shows the rhythm belongs to the poem.

**CHOOSE C. your.** In a sentence like Your ideas matter, your means belonging to you. Replace with you are. If it does not work, use your.

**SHOW it's (usage).** It's is short for it is. In It's a wonderful day, replace it's with it is. If the sentence makes sense, use it's.

**OWN you're.** You're is short for you are. In You're a great reader, replace you're with you are. The sentence still makes sense.

**DEFEND its.** Its means belonging to it. There is no apostrophe because it is not a contraction. In The tree lost its leaves, its shows the leaves belong to the tree.

**YOUR TURN you're.** You're is short for you are. Replace to check.

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## TEACHER SAYS & DOES · SLIDE 8 OF 10 ·

### Review the Answers

 ~4 min

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### “Let's check our work across the five thinking levels.”

▶ Reveal the answer slide one row at a time. Have students check their own tracking sheets.

### “If you missed one, that is where your learning is. Go back to the word and find the pattern.”

▶ Celebrate students who explained the rule, not only students who named the word.

## CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Students can explain the rule, not just name the word.

## COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Naming the word without the two spellings and the two meanings. Ask how and why for at least two answers.

## POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Why not just memorize the list? Because readers meet new words in books and tests, and the rule reads them.

## RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

Reviewing is where OWN turns into DEFEND. Push for the two spellings and the two meanings.

## RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to explain what would change if the syllable type were different.

READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

**"A song is sung, a story told; New hands can carry what is old. ... The things we learn and things we do May someday travel beyond us too."**

**Which sentence uses its correctly?**

**A** The poem has it's own rhythm.

**B** The poem has its' own rhythm.

**C** The poem has its own rhythm.

**D** The poem has their own rhythm.

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## TEACHER SAYS & DOES · SLIDE 9 OF 10 ·

### Show What You Know

 ~4 min

" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

**"Here is a test-style question, the kind you see on the state assessment."**

▶ Read the excerpt and the question aloud.

**"Read all four choices before you decide. The best answer is the one the rule fits."**

▶ Give think time. Students choose privately and bubble their letter on the tracking sheet.

**ANSWER KEY:** The answer is C.

## CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Students choose by the rule, not by which word looks familiar.

## COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Choosing by guess or by a word they like. Check the pattern in each choice.

## POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Two answers seem close. How do I pick? Check for the two spellings and the two meanings.

## RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

A clean test item is DEFEND in action under assessment conditions.

## RAISE THE THINKING

Ask why each wrong choice is wrong, which leads into the next slide.

## The answer is C.

- A The poem has it's own rhythm.**  
It's means it is. The poem has it is own rhythm does not make sense.
- B The poem has its' own rhythm.**  
Its' is not a real word. Its needs no apostrophe.
- C The poem has its own rhythm. Correct.**  
Its means belonging to it. The rhythm belongs to the poem.
- D The poem has their own rhythm.**  
Their means belonging to them, but the subject is a poem (it), not them.

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### The Answer, and Why

 ~4 min

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**"The correct answer is C. The most important part is understanding why."**

▶ Reveal each choice's reason. Spend the most time on the wrong answers.

**"Each wrong choice is a real word from the reading, but it does not fit the pattern."**

▶ Have students write one sentence on the tracking sheet explaining why the correct answer is right.

## CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Students can explain why the correct word fits the rule.

## COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Knowing the answer but not why. Insist on the reason.

## POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Why is the second choice wrong? Because it has a different syllable type.

## RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

Explaining the distractors is the highest DEFEND move of the week.

## RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to write a new sentence using a homophone syllable word and prove the rule.