

Heteronyms

Affect *ehFEKT*- to change; *AFFeKt*- a person's feelings or emotion

Alternate *ALternit*- the next choice; *ALternait*- switch back and forth

Are *AHR*- plural present tense of "to be"; *AIR*- 100 square meters (1/100th of a hectare) [although may also be pronounced *AHR*]

Ares *AIRS*- 100 square meter units [plural]; *AIRreez*- Greek god of war [capitalized]

Attribute *ahTRIByoot*- to consider resulting from; *AHtribyoot*- a characteristic of someone (12)

August *AUgust*- month [capitalized]; *auGUST*- important, eminent

Axes *AKsiz*- more than one ax or axe; *AKseez*- the plural of axis

Bass *BASE*- a string instrument; (*rhymes with mass*)- a fish

Bow *BAU*- to lower one's head or the front of a ship; *BOH*- used to shoot arrows

Bowed *BAU-d*- to bend over; *BOH-d*- bent

Buffet *BUFFet*- to pound or bump; *booFAY*- place where you serve yourself

Close *CLOZE*- to shut; *CLOS*- near

Combine *komBYNE*- put together; *KOMbyne*- a threshing machine

Conduct *KONduckt*- behavior; *kunDUCKT*- to lead (see this heteronym below)

Conflict *kunFLIKT*- to act against; *KAHNflict*- a fight or disagreement

Console *KAHNsole*- an upright case; *kunSOLE*- to comfort

Content *KAHNtent*- meaning; *kunTENT*- satisfied

Contest *kunTEST*- to argue; *KAHNtest*- a match of skill

Contract *CONtract*- an agreement; *conTRACT*- to shrink or to agree on a project

Convert *conVERT*- to change one's belief; *CONvert*- one whose belief was changed

Converse *KAHNvers*- the opposite; *kunVERS*- to talk

Convict *kunVIKT*- to find guilty; *KAHNvikt*- a prisoner

Crooked *KROOKt*- to bend your neck; *KROOK*-ed- having a curve

Deliberate *diLiBerit*- carefully considered; *diLiBerATE*- to consider

Desert *dihZURT*- to leave ; *DEZert*- arid region

Digest *DYEjest*- collection of published material; *dieJEST*- absorb nutrients

Do *DOO*- to accomplish; *DOE*- a musical note

Does *DUZ*- performs; *DOZE*- more than one female deer

Dove *DUV*- a bird; *DOEV*- jumped off

Drawer *DROR*- the compartment you pull out from the dresser; *DRAWer*- one who draws

Excuse *EKskyooz*- to let someone off; *EKskyoos*- a reason or explanation

House *HAUS*- a building that serves as living quarters; *HOWZ*- to provide with living quarters

Incense *INsens*- burnt aromatic; *inSENS*- to make angry

Intern *INtern*- a physician in training; *inTERN*- confine to prescribed area

Invalid *inVALLid*- not valid; *INvallid*- an ill person

Laminate *LAMinate*- to construct by adding layers; *LAMinit* [although both pronunciations are listed]- the cover itself

Lather (*rhymes with rather*)- foam or suds; (*rhymes with bath fur*)- a worker who installs lath (lattice work)

Lead *LEED*- to guide; *LED*- a metallic element

Minute *MINNit*- 60 seconds; *myNOOT*- tiny

Moderate *MODerit*- keeping within reason; *MODerATE*- to preside over

Mow *MOH*- to cut grass; *MAU*- a pile of hay

Multiply *MULLtihPLIE*- multiply two numbers; *MULLtihplee*- in a multiple manner

Number *NUMber*- one, two, three ...; *NUMMER*- more numb [many dictionaries do not list this use, which suggests that "more numb" is preferred; however, the listed use is given in The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Third Edition, Electronic version.]

Nun *NUN*- women in religious order; *NOON*- 14th letter in Hebrew alphabet

Object *ubJEKT*- to complain; *AHBjekt*- a thing

Pasty *PAste*- like glue; *PASStee*- a meat pie

Pate *PAIT*- a bald head; *paTAY*- a minced food; *PAHT*- a porcelain paste [diacritics in *pâté* and *pâte* don't count!]

Perfect *PERfekt*- exactly correct; *perFEKT*- to make correct

Periodic *PEEReeODDiK*- occasional; *PUREeyeODDiK*- an iodine compound

Permit *perMIT*- to allow some event to occur; *PERmit* [although both pronunciations are listed]- a document giving permission

Polish *POELish*- from Poland; *PAHLish*- shine [capitalization doesn't count!]

Present *PREZent*- a gift; *preeSENT*- to give a talk

Primer *PRIHMer*- an elementary book; *PRYmer*- the preparatory coat of paint

Produce *PROdoos*- vegetables; *proDOOS*- bring forth

Project *proJEKT*- to show a movie; *PRAHjekt*- a task

Pussy *PUHSee*- having pus; *POOHSee*; a kitten

Raven *RAYven*- black bird; *RAVen*- hungry

Rebel *REBBell*- a resister; *rihBELL*- to resist

Record *RECKord*- a list; *reKORD*- to write down

Recreation *rek-ree-Ashun*- pastime; *REEcreeAshun*- remake (also, **recreate**)

Refuse *reFUSE*- to deny; *REFFyoos*- garbage

Relay *reeLAY*- to put it down again, such as a carpet; *REElay*- a race by teams; *rihLAY*- to pass along, such as information [One of our dictionaries gives these pronunciations, but does not distinguish meanings among the latter two. The pronunciation may vary among individuals.]

Rerun *reRUN*- to race again or to repeat a show on television; *RErun*- a repeated TV show

Reside: *reZIDE*- to stay put; *RE-SYD*- [Slang] to change places (change teams) [usu. hyphenated as re-side] (

Resign *reZYN*- to quit; *reSYN*- to sign again (e.g., a contract) [usu. hyphenated as re-sign]

Resume *reeZOOM*- to restart; *REHZoomay*- a document of experience [also *résumé*; diacritics don't count!]

Row *ROH*- a line; *ROUW*- a fight

Sake *SAHkey*- alcoholic drink; *SAYK*- a purpose

Secrete *seeKREET*- to discharge; *sehKRET*- an armored skullcap [secrète, diacritics don't count!]

Secreted *seeKREETed*- having put out; *SEEkrehted*- placed out of sight

Separate *SEPerATE*- to divide into groups; *SEPre*- not joined together

Sewer *SOwer*- one who sews; *SOOwer*- place for human waste

Slough *SLUFF*- the outer layer of skin of a snake; [*rhymes with OW!*]- a hole of deep mud or mire; *SLOO*- a marshy pond

Sow *SOUW*- a pig; *SO*- to plant seed

Subject *SUBjekt*- the theme; *subJEKT*- to force upon someone

Tear *TARE*- to rip; *TEER*- fluid in eye

Wind *WHINED*- to coil up; *WIND*- the blowing air

Wound *WOOND*- to injure; *WOWND*- coiled up

Reference: <http://www.english-for-students.com/Heteronyms.html>