

**Consonant clusters The same or different game  
with homophones and minimal pairs**

*Listen to your teacher or a classmate read out two words from below and raise one of your two cards depending on what you think about the pronunciation.*

*Circle the two words with the same pronunciation in each line below.*

balled	bawled	bowled
billed	build	built
bled	bread	bred
blew	blue	brew
blues	brews	bruise
chords	codes	cords
clause	claws	close
clues	crews	cruise
flaw	floor	flow
flea	flee	free
fleck	flecks	flex
fold	hold	holed
grade	grate	great
grease	greases	Greece
kneads	knees	needs
lacks	lax	racks
links	lynx	rinks
pealed	peeled	peered
play	pray	prey
plays	prays	praise
pleas	please	police
sacks	sax	sucks
slew	threw	through
staid	state	stayed
stair	stare	steer
steal	steel	still
straight	straights	straits
straight	strait	strayed
tacked	tact	tucked
tacks	tax	tux
wax	whack	whacks

*Test each other in the same way, making sure that you pronounce each word with just one syllable.*

## Cards to hold up

The same	Different

## Suggested answers

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blues	<b>brews</b>	<b>bruise</b>
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fleck	<b>flecks</b>	<b>flex</b>
fold	<b>hold</b>	<b>holed</b>
grade	<b>grate</b>	<b>great</b>
<b>grease</b>	greases	<b>Greece</b>
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<b>tacks</b>	<b>tax</b>	tux
<b>wax</b>	whack	<b>whacks</b>

*Test each other on the same words in different ways:*

- Read out two from one line and see if your partner can say if they are homophones or not
- Spell two homophones and see if your partner can pronounce them
- Spell two words from the same line and see if your partner can pronounce them
- Read one of the homophones and see if your partner can spell the other
- Read out one of the homophones and see if your partner can spell it both ways
- Read out the odd one out and see if your partner can spell it
- Read out one word and see if your partner can spell it, with two different spellings if there is a homophone