

## Financial vocabulary homophones

*Listen to your teacher or partner say something from one box below in a sentence or two, and say from the context if they are saying the thing in column A or the thing in column B. If you aren't sure, you can ask which row below and/ or ask for the other example on the same line in a different context.*

*When your teacher tells you to, test other people in the same way. Your teacher will tell you if you can use the example contexts below, if you should make up your own contexts, or if you should mix up those below and your own ideas.*

*When you finish, ask about any which you are not sure of the meaning of, can't imagine contexts for, working together to think of other suitable example sentences each time.*

*Underline the example or examples on each line that are most connected to finance.*

*Test each other on the words:*

- say and spell both homophones and see if your partner can repeat back the spelling of which is more connected to finance
- say how the words are pronounced and see if your partner can spell the word or words which are clearly connected to finance
- spell both homophones and see if your partner can say the shared pronunciation
- spell one word and see if your partner can spell the homophone
- say the homophones on one line and see if your partner can spell both
- say the same word in two different contexts or the two different words in suitable contexts, and see if your partner can notice which of those things you are doing
- spell one word and see if your partner can repeat it back with the correct pronunciation and in a suitable context

**Without example contexts version**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
account	a count
air	heir
bare	bear
budget	budge it
caw	core
ceiling	sealing
cellar	seller
cent	sent
climbs	climes
currant	current
D	de-
earn	urn
ease	Es
fair	fare
find	fined
Hi	high
higher	hire
leased	least
loan	lone
market	mark it
missed	mist
oh	owe
one	won
peak	peek
principal	principle
raise	rays
raw	roar
rose	rows
sail	sale
sauce	source
sawed	soared
sees	seize
some	sum
stake	steak
steal	steel
suite	sweet
tacks	tax
tear	tier
too	two
wait	weight
weak	week
wind	wined

**With example contexts version**

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
1	(savings) account	a count (or a duke)
2	(hot) air	heir (to the fortune)
3	bare (skin)	bear (market)
4	(annual) budget	budge it (up to the end of the sofa)
5	caw (like a crow)	core (area of business)
6	(debt) ceiling	sealing (off from infection)
7	(wine) cellar	seller (and buyer)
8	(one) cent	sent (by snail mail)
9	climbs (rapidly)	(sunny) climes
10	currant (bun)	current (account)
11	D(-class shares)	de-(fault on a debt)
12	earn (commission)	(Greek) urn
13	ease(-ing the financial conditions)	(spelled with two) Es
14	fair (value)	(train) fare
15	find (new markets)	fined (by the SEC)
16	Hi (John!)	(a new all-time) high
17	higher (than last year)	hire (car)
18	leased (back)	least (valuable)
19	(home) loan	lone (wolf)
20	(stock) market	mark it (with a red tick)
21	missed (key targets)	mist (, fog or smog)
22	oh (seven nine two)	owe (seven million pounds)
23	one (billion)	won (the bidding war)
24	(reach a) peak	peek (into the room)
25	principal (amount)	(moral) principle
26	raise (prices)	(laser) rays
27	raw (materials)	roar (of a lion)
28	(stock prices) rose	rows (of figures)
29	sail (across the sea)	(fire) sale
30	(Worcestershire) sauce	source (of income)
31	sawed (the wood)	(share prices) soared
32	sees (a new opportunity)	seize (criminals' assets)
33	some (issues)	sum (of the two numbers)
34	(take a minority) stake	(medium-rare) steak
35	steal (from clients)	(stainless) steel
36	suite (of fintech products)	sweet(en the deal)
37	(thumb) tacks	(corporation) tax
38	tear (rolling down his cheek)	tier (one capital)
39	too (expensive)	two (thirds)
40	wait (in the lobby)	(portfolio) weight
41	weak (currencies)	(next) week
42	wind (up the local subsidiary)	wined (and dined)

## Financial English collocations

*Without looking above, match the words on the left and right of the same section to make expressions related to finance:*

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1. savings/ current                       | area of business       |
| 2. heir                                   | account                |
| 3. bear/ bull                             | back                   |
| 4. core                                   | ceiling                |
| 5. debt                                   | commission             |
| 6. climbed/ rose                          | high/ peak             |
| 7. earn                                   | loan                   |
| 8. fair                                   | value                  |
| 9. reach a new all-time                   | market                 |
| 10. lease                                 | rapidly/ dramatically  |
| 11. home                                  | to the fortune/ throne |
|   |                        |
| 12. stock                                 | materials              |
| 13. pay                                   | market (trader)        |
| 14. raw                                   | of income              |
| 15. fire                                  | raise/ rise            |
| 16. source                                | sale                   |
| 17. take a minority/ majority             | stake                  |
| 18. sweeten                               | tax                    |
| 19. corporate/ corporation/ income/ sales | the offer/ the deal    |
| 20. portfolio                             | up that business       |
| 21. weak                                  | weight                 |
| 22. wind                                  | yen/ Euro/ currencies  |

*Check above. Other matches may be possible, but there's probably only one way to match them all.*