Homophones pronunciation odd one out Elementary

Without looking below, listen to your teacher say three words and hold up one to three fingers to show which has different pronunciation (e.g. two fingers to show that the second word isn’t pronounced the same).

One each line below, two of the words have the same pronunciation and the other is pronounced differently. Circle the one word that doesn’t sound the same on each line, then check your answers on the next page. (If a word has a star *, you don’t need to know what it means but its spelling might still help with learning the pronunciation of the other words.)

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- ant/ aren’t/ aunt
- are/ R/ rare*
- at/ ate/ eight
- axe*/ ex*/ X
- B/ bay*/ be
- bread/ bred*/ breed*
- C/ key/ see
- cent/ Kent*/ sent
- cheese/ Ts/ teas
- dare*/ their/ they’re
- he/ hi/ high
- hi/ why/ Y
- hitch*/ which/ witch*
- hour/ or/ our
- P/ pair/ pee*
- sea/ see/ she
- some/ Somme*/ sum*
- son/ Son* (= a kind of Cuban music, like Salsa)/ sun
- there is/ there’s/ theirs*
- U/ you/ your
- walled*/ wood/ would
- we have/ weave*/ we’ve
- wear/ were/ where
- white/ write/ right
- you are/ your/ you’re

Check with the answer key or as a class.

Teach each other on the words:
- do the same listening for which is different activity
- say just two and see if your partner can say if they have the same pronunciation or not
- say the pronunciation and spelling of one and see if your partner can say and spell the homophone
- say one with a homophone in context in a sentence and see if your partner can spell it (using the context to work out which is meant)
Answer key

The words in **bold** are the ones that have different pronunciation. Some words, e.g. aunt and aren't, do not have the pronunciation for all English speakers.

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