

# Homophones

*Homophones* are words that sound alike but have different spellings and meanings. See and sea are homophones. In “An Octopus Is Amazing,” you read both of these words.

An octopus is an animal that lives in the **sea**.

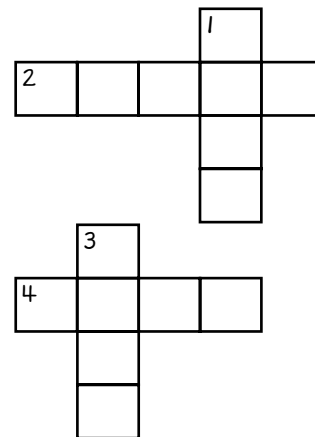
An octopus often blends into its surroundings and is hard to **see**.

Read the homophones in dark print and their definitions in the box.

<b>pail</b>	a bucket with a handle
<b>pale</b>	having skin that is a lighter color than usual
<b>wait</b>	to stay someplace until something happens
<b>weight</b>	how heavy something is
<b>pray</b>	to hope very much
<b>prey</b>	an animal hunted or caught by another animal for food
<b>board</b>	a piece of sawed lumber
<b>bored</b>	not interested in something because it is dull

Circle the homophone that makes sense in each sentence. Then write the circled words in the correct boxes in the puzzles.

- The mouse didn't want to be the fox's (pray/prey).
- The mouse dashed across a (board/bored) to escape the fox.
- The mouse turned (pail/pale) when it saw the fox.
- The mouse hid in a hole. It would (wait/weight) for a safe time to come out.



## Challenge

Look up *brake/break*, *some/sum*, *tea/tee*, *toad/towed*, *waist/waste*, and *weak/week* in a dictionary. Write the definitions. Choose at least one set of homophones and write a silly sentence that includes both words.