

Same sound – different meaning

The words in each pair are pronounced alike but are different in spelling and meaning.

ball	anything round; a large party for dancing
bawl	to shout loudly
bean	a vegetable; a plant
been	e.g. has been; have been
flour	finely ground wheat
flower	a blossom
grate	a fireplace; to scrape
great	large; important
him	e.g. Let him come
hymn	a song of praise
hole	an open place
whole	all of it; complete
leak	escape of gas, water, etc.
leek	a vegetable
mail	posted letters; armour
male	e.g. Boys and men are males
peace	quiet; stillness; freedom from war
piece	a bit or part

A Choose the correct word from the pair above to complete each sentence.

- flower flour**
The cook used self-raising ____ for the cakes.
- whole hole**
The greedy boy ate the ____ cake himself.
- whole hole**
The ____ in the pipe was soon mended.
- great grate**
The strong wind made the door ____ on its hinges.
- peace piece**
The mouse nibbled the ____ of cheese.

B To complete each sentence below you need a pair of words from the list. Be sure to put each word in the right place.

- The cook had ____ slicing runner ____ for two hours.
- Nobody got any ____ until the baby was given a ____ of chocolate.
- John was pleased when the music teacher asked ____ to play the organ for the morning ____.
- The little boy started to ____ when the dog ran off with his rubber ____.

