

THEIR THERE THEY'RE

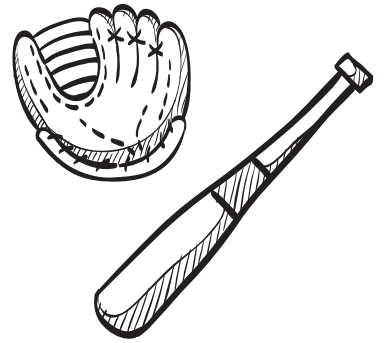
Homophones sound the same but have different meanings.



THEIR: Possessive, belonging to them

THERE: An adverb, a location

THEY'RE: A contraction of they and are



DIRECTIONS: Write **their**, **there**, or **they're** in the spaces below.

1. " **They're** up first," I told the team. Everyone ran out to **their** places on the field. I walked to the mound. It was my first time pitching.
2. The air was perfectly still. **There** wasn't the slightest breeze. I wound up, then gave the pitch all I had. "Ball!" the umpire called.
3. **There** were still three more balls to go. I took a deep breath and concentrated.
4. From the stands, I heard chanting: " **They're** gonna lose! We're gonna win! **They're** gonna lose! We're gonna win!"
5. I tuned out the chanting. I thought only of the baseball in my hand and the pitcher's glove. This one would be a strike, I thought to myself. **There** wasn't going to be another ball.
6. I looked at the opposite team leaning against the chain link fence. **Their** faces were tense with determination. I threw. "Ball!" called the umpire.
7. For a moment, I closed my eyes. Then I wound up for my third pitch. I threw hard and fast. With a loud crack, the bat hit the ball, which flew toward me. **There** wasn't a moment to think. I lifted my glove and caught the ball.
8. "Out!" yelled the umpire. I turned to my team and saw smiles on **their** faces. Only two more outs to go.