

Auditory Discrimination – words that sound similar!

Here is a list of words that sound similar and can be confusing – and sometimes even funny! We come across many similar sounding words every day. Hearing them in a noisy environment makes it even more challenging.

Look at the words below and then keep a list of the words that you come across every day that you have misheard or found difficult. Practice listening to the pairs and picking out which word is being said.

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| • Bitter/bidder | • Peace/beast |
| • Lichen/likin | • Shoulder/soldier |
| • Tyre/dire | • Praise/braise/blaze/phase/phrase |
| • Treacle/tickle | • Convict/tricked |
| • Irate/irritate | • Metal/medal |
| • Dire/Desire | • Shone/shorn/Shawn |
| • Laboratory/Lavatory | • Pacific/specific |
| • Destitute/Desolate | • Are/our |

Keep a list of words and phrases that you find tricky.

Writing them down and talking about them makes it easier to remember them. Sometimes they can be funny and make us laugh!

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