

VOCABOLI OMOFONI

Si dicono *omofoni* i vocaboli che sono diversi nella grafia e nel significato ma non nella pronuncia. Diamo qui un elenco degli omofoni inglesi più notevoli.

<i>ad add</i>	æd	<i>course coarse</i>	kɔ:s
<i>air heir</i>	eə	<i>court caught</i>	kɔ:t
<i>aisle isle</i>	ail	<i>current currant</i>	'kʌrənt
<i>ale ail</i>	eil	<i>days daze</i>	deɪz
<i>allowed aloud</i>	ə'laʊd	<i>dear deer</i>	dɪə
<i>altar alter</i>	'ɔ:ltə	<i>dependant dependent</i>	dɪ'pendənt
<i>are R</i>	a:	<i>dessert desert (v)</i>	dɪ'zɜ:t
<i>aren't aunt</i>	a:nt	<i>die dye</i>	dai
<i>aught ought</i>	ɔ:t	<i>died dyed</i>	daid
<i>away aweigh</i>	ə'wei	<i>dough doe</i>	dəʊ
<i>bale bail</i>	beɪl	<i>draft draught</i>	dra:f:t
<i>band banned</i>	bænd	<i>dram drachm</i>	dræm
<i>base bass (in music)</i>	beɪs	<i>due dew</i>	dju:
<i>be bee B</i>	bɪ:	<i>dying dyeing</i>	'daɪnɪŋ
<i>beach beech</i>	bɪ:tʃ	<i>ewe Uyew you</i>	ju:
<i>bear bare</i>	beə	<i>ewes U's use (v) yews</i>	ju:z
<i>beet beat</i>	bɪ:t	<i>eyes ayes I's</i>	aɪz
<i>berth birth</i>	bɜ:θ	<i>fair fare</i>	feə
<i>blue blew</i>	blu:	<i>feet feat</i>	fɪ:t
<i>boar bore</i>	bɔ:ə	<i>find fined</i>	faind
<i>board bored</i>	bɔ:d	<i>fisher fissure</i>	'fɪʃə
<i>border boarder</i>	'bɔ:rdə	<i>flee flea</i>	fli:
<i>bow bough</i>	bau	<i>flew flu</i>	flu:
<i>boy buoy</i>	bɔ:i	<i>flour flower</i>	flaʊə
<i>brake break</i>	breɪk	<i>formally formerly</i>	'fɔ:rməli
<i>bread bred</i>	bred	<i>four fore for</i>	fɔ:
<i>brood brewed</i>	bru:d	<i>fourth forth</i>	fɔ:θ
<i>bury berry</i>	beri	<i>fowl foul</i>	faʊl
<i>buy by bye</i>	baɪ	<i>frays phrase</i>	freɪz
<i>C sea see si</i>	si:	<i>freeze frieze</i>	fri:z
<i>calendar calender</i>	'kælɪndə	<i>fur fir</i>	fɜ:
<i>canvas canvass</i>	'kænvəs	<i>gamble gambol</i>	'gæmbəl
<i>capital capitol</i>	'kæpɪtlə	<i>gate gait</i>	geit
<i>ceiling sealing</i>	'sɪ:lɪŋ	<i>gee G</i>	dʒi:
<i>cent scent sent</i>	sent	<i>gene Jean</i>	dʒi:n
<i>cereal serial</i>	'sɪəriəl	<i>genes jeans</i>	dʒɪnz
<i>cession session</i>	'seʃən	<i>gin jinn</i>	dʒɪn
<i>check cheque</i>	tʃek	<i>grease Greece</i>	grɪ:s
<i>chews choose</i>	tʃu:z	<i>great grate</i>	greit
<i>colonel kernel</i>	'kɔ:nəl	<i>grown groan</i>	grəʊn
<i>complement</i>	'kɒmplɪment	<i>guest guessed</i>	gest
<i>compliment (nomi)</i>		<i>guilt gilt</i>	gilt
<i>complement</i>	'kɒmplɪment	<i>hail hale</i>	heil
<i>compliment (verbi)</i>		<i>hair hare</i>	heə
<i>core corps</i>	kɔ:	<i>hangar hanger</i>	'haenɡə
<i>council counsel</i>	'kaʊnsəl	<i>hay hey</i>	hei

heal heel he'll	hi:l	one won	wʌn
hear here	hiə	our hour	aʊə
heard herd	hɜ:d	pail pale	peɪl
hew hue Hugh	hju:	pain pane	peɪn
hi high	hai	pair pare pear	peə
him hymn	him	passed past	pa:st
hire higher	haɪə	pea P	pi:
hole whole	həʊl	peace piece	pi:s
I eye ay aye	aɪ	peak peek pique	pi:k
idol idle	'aɪdəl	pedal peddle	'pedəl
in inn	ɪn	peer pier	piə
jay J	dʒeɪ	practice practise	'præktɪs
key quay	ki:	pray prey	preɪ
lacks lax	læks	principal principle	'prɪnsɪpəl
lane lain	leɪn	queue cue Kew Q	kju:
lays laze	leɪz	rain reign rein	reɪn
lead(n) led	led	raise rase rays raze	reɪz
leads Leeds	li:dz	raiser razor	reɪzə
least leased	li:st	rap wrap	ræp
lee lea Leigh	li:	read red	red
lent leant	lent	read reed	ri:d
lesson lessen	'lesən	rest wrest	rest
licence license	'laɪsəns	review revue	rɪ'vju:
list Liszt	list	right rite write	raɪt
lone loan	ləʊn	ring wring	rɪŋ
lord laud	lɔ:d	road rode Rhode	rəʊd
lynx links	lɪŋks	roam Rome	rəʊm
made maid	meɪd	roe row rho	rəʊ
mail male	meɪl	roll role	rəʊl
main mane Maine	meɪn	root route	rʊt
manner manor	'mænə	rose rows roes	rəʊz
mare mayor	meə	rung wrung	rʌŋ
marshal martial	'ma:ʃəl	rye wry	rai
maze maize	meɪz	sail sale	seɪl
meat meet	mi:t	sauce source	sɔ:s
medal meddle	'medəl	scene seen	si:n
mind mined	maɪnd	seam seem	si:m
miner minor	'maɪnə	seas sees seize	si:z
mist missed	mɪst	serf surf	sɜ:f
muscle mussel	'mʌsl	serge surge	sɜ:
naval navel	'neɪvəl	sew so sow	səʊ
nave knave	neɪv	soar sore	sɔ:
need knead	ni:d	soared sword	sɔ:d
new knew	nju:	some sum	sʌm
night knight	nait	son sun	sʌn
no know	nəʊ	stair stare	steə
none nun	nʌn	stake steak	steɪk
nose knows noes	nəʊz	stationary stationery	'steɪʃənəri
not knot	nɒt	steal steel	sti:l
O oh owe	əʊ	storey story	'stɔ:ri
oar or ore	ɔ:	straight strait	streɪt

<i>suite sweet</i>	swi:t
<i>tacked tact</i>	tækt
<i>tacks tax</i>	tæks
<i>tale tail</i>	teil
<i>taxes taxis</i>	'tæksɪz
<i>tea tee T</i>	ti:
<i>tear (n) tier</i>	tiə
<i>tear (v) tare</i>	teə
<i>their there</i>	ðeə
<i>threw through</i>	θru:
<i>throne thrown</i>	θrəʊn
<i>tide tied</i>	taid
<i>tire tyre</i>	taɪə
<i>to too two</i>	tu:
<i>toe tow</i>	təʊ
<i>trait tray</i>	treɪ
<i>treaties treatise</i>	'tri:tɪz
<i>vain vane vein</i>	veɪn
<i>vale veil</i>	veil
<i>wail whale</i>	weɪl
<i>waist waste</i>	weɪst
<i>wait weight</i>	weɪt
<i>waiver waver</i>	'weɪvə
<i>war wore</i>	wɔ:
<i>ware wear where</i>	weə
<i>watt what Wat</i>	wɒt
<i>way weigh</i>	wei
<i>weak week</i>	wi:k
<i>weather whether</i>	'weðə
<i>which witch</i>	wɪtʃ
<i>why Y</i>	wai
<i>yore your</i>	yɔ: