

There, Their and They're: A Simple Guide for Year 2 Parents and Carers

Key points

- Homophones are words that sound the same but have different meanings and spellings.
- It is very common for children in Year 2 to mix these three words up as they develop their writing.
- 'There' usually refers to a place or is used to start a sentence.
- 'Their' is used when something belongs to a group of people.
- 'They're' is a short version of 'they are', which is called a contraction.

Things to try at home

- Play a 'swap' game: if your child uses 'they're', ask them to try saying 'they are' to see if the sentence still makes sense.
- Point out 'their' in a storybook and look for the person or thing that belongs to them.
- Use a finger to point to a place in the room while saying 'over there' to link the word to a location.

Find out more

- Your child's class teacher
- The GOV.UK website for National Curriculum guidance
- Your school's literacy or phonics handbook