Homophone Activities

Activity #1 ~ Preparation

Your booklet pages must be duplicated on the front and the back. I ran my pages front and back directly from the printer. This is a simple process with only four pages. Simply place the page that has been printed on one side back into the printer for the reverse side to be printed. Once all the pages have been printed arrange them in numerical order, add the cover page, and staple down the middle to form the book.

Here is the guide for printing the 8 page book:

- Pages 8 & 1 front with Pages 2 & 7 on back
- Pages 6 & 3 front with Pages 4 & 5 on back

Print the "Student Response Page" for students to record their answers.

How to Use the Booklet

This book contains two tales: "The Four-Leaved Clover" by May H. Horton from *Child-Garden of Story* and "The Sleeping Princess" from *For the Children's Hour* by Carolyn S. Bailey. "The Sleeping Princess" is a version of "Sleeping Beauty" with 13 fairies. After reading dozens of Irish folk and fairy tales, I decided this was the story the children would enjoy the most. Both stories are in public domain. I changed some of the vocabulary to make the stories more appropriate for children today.

As students read the book, they will find **100** homophone pairs in numbered boldface. Have students write the correct word from each set on the "Student Response Page."

Activity #2 ~ Preparation

Print the cards on heavyweight paper or cardstock. Laminate for repeated use. Cut the cards apart.

How to Use the Cards

The cards may be used for a number of matching activities including Memory.

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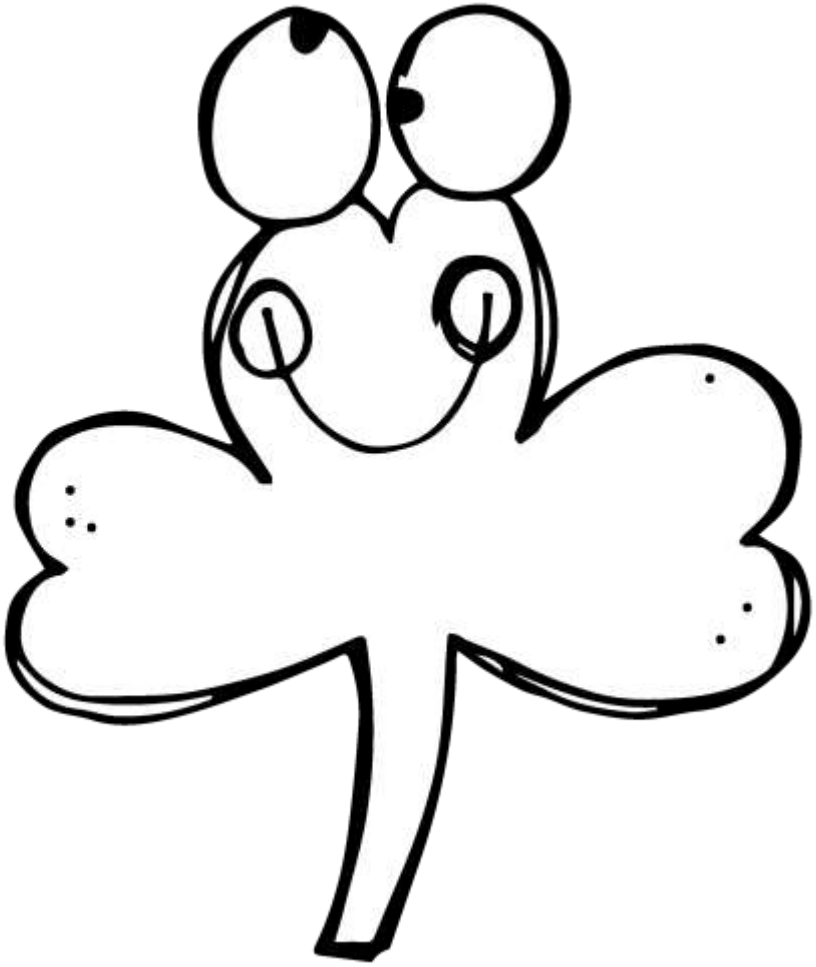
THE FOUR-LEAVED CLOVER & THE SLEEPING PRINCESS



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It was very old and still in the courtyard. The watchdogs were asleep with the weeds and grasses growing **87) away aweigh** up over their heads. The pigeons still sat on the roof with **88) they're their there** heads tucked under **89) they're their there** wings. Softly the **90) prints prince** went **91) through threw** the kitchen, where the cook stood sleeping with a roast of **92) meet meat** in his hand; through the throne room; and he wandered about until he came to the tower where the little princess slept.

She **93) lei lay** just as she had fallen asleep a hundred years before. Her cheeks **94) whir were** warm and pink; her long, golden **95) hair hare** had grown until it covered her like a yellow cloak; her little hands were folded. She looked so sweet that the prince stooped and kissed her—and the little princess opened her **96) ayes eyes** and smiled! The prince had broken the wicked fairy's enchantment, and he took the little princess **97) by buy bye** the hand and they went down the stairs together. The king and queen awoke, and rubbed **98) they're their there** eyes. The dogs began to bark. The pigeons **99) flu flew**—cooing—here and there. The fire crackled merrily again, and the **100) hole whole** castle was awake once more.

The Four-Leaved Clover

THE queen of the fairies walked **1) inn in** the meadows in the early **2) morning mourning**. The **3) do dew** sparkled on the grasses and the birds sang happily, **4) but butt** the queen of the fairies was weary.

At last she came **5) two too to** a spot **6) sew so** soft and green, **7) by bye** the meadow fence, that she **8) through threw** herself down upon it to take a **9) nap knap**. **10) While wile** she slept she dreamed; and **11) inn in** her dream she saw a beautiful meadow with **12) do dew** sparkling on the grasses. In the midst of the meadow grew a beautiful plant, **13) sew so** tall that it **14) caste cast 15) it's its** shadow over her and made a nice cool spot **16) four for** her **17) two too to** rest in. She looked at the plant and saw that it had dark green leaves, with downy white crescents on them, and that each stem **18) bore boar 19) four for** leaves. Then she remembered **20) they're their there** were many plants in the meadow like it, but only three leaves crowned each stem.

The little princess fell upon the floor, and her **72) blew blue** eyes closed tight. The king and queen slept upon v thrones below. The horses in the stable, the stable boys, the maids, even the flies on the wall slept. The pigeons in the courtyard tucked **73) they're their there** heads under **74) they're their there** wings and closed **75) they're their there** eyes. The fire in the kitchen flickered, and then went out. The winds in the trees were still, not a leaf moved, and a thick hedge of thorns grew up **76) higher hire** and **77) higher hire**, until you could not **78) see sea** the castle at all.

So they slept **79) four for** years and years. The young people in the kingdom grew old, and only the very oldest grandfathers remembered about the little sleeping princess.

But **80) won one 81) morning mourning 82) they're their there** came a prince through the woods. His great-great-grandfather had **83) told tolled** him about the strange castle where everyone was asleep, and he wanted to **84) fined find** it. Other princes had tried, and had failed; but the morning this prince started out in was the last day of an hundred years, and the hedge of thorns opened wide for him, like a **85) gate gait** with flowers growing on either **86) sighed side**.

Well, the baby princess grew to be a **60) suite sweet** little girl-princess, who was good, and kind, and **61) vary very** beautiful. The king ordered **62) all awl** the spindles in the kingdom burned; and, after a while, no **63) won one** remembered the wicked fairy's wish. But the day she was ten years old the little princess wandered off by herself until she came to a **64) high hi** tower in the castle, **65) wear where** she had never **66) been bin** before. She climbed the dusty stairs, and she came to a little door. In the **67) lock loch** was a rusty key, and as she turned it the door sprang open, and **68) they're their there** in the room sat an old woman spinning flax.

"Good day, old woman," said the princess. "What are you doing?"

"I am spinning flax, **69) you're your** highness," said the old woman.

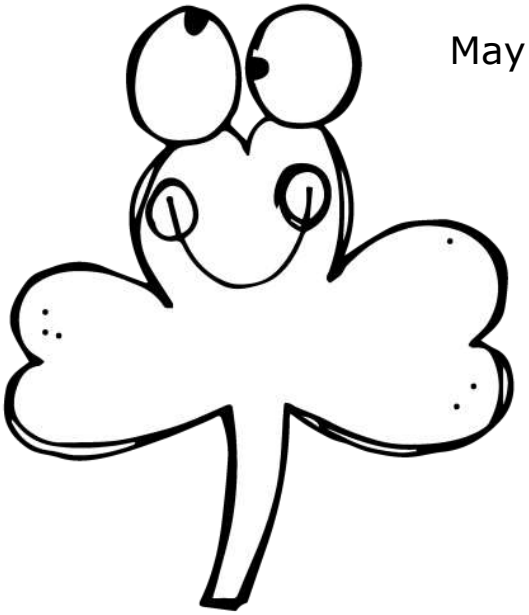
"Oh, may I try, **70) pleas please**?" said the princess. "This is my birthday, you know, and you must not say 'no' to me."

So the princess took the spindle from the old woman's hand and started spinning, but before the **71) we'll wheel** had turned twice she pricked her finger and the wicked fairy's wish came true.

And a beautiful thought came to her: this **21) four for**-leaved clover should **22) be bee** the fairies' plant, and **23) it's its** shadow should **24) marc mark** the fairies' resting place.

When she awoke and looked about her, she saw that the spot she had **25) been bin** lying upon was a clover bed; but the clovers **26) were whir** just everyday three-leaved plants that the cattle loved to **27) byte bite**. And she remembered her dream; and plucking a leaf, she pulled off **28) won one** of **29) it's its** leaflets and placed it on another stem, making a **30) four for**-leaf clover, and healed the new leaf fast with a kiss. Then she said: "Grow, my clover, and **31) bare bear** more **32) four for** leaves; **33) four for 34) you're your** shadow marks the spot **35) wear where** a **36) ferry fairy** has slept."

May H. Horton



The Sleeping Princess

LONG, long ago, **37) they're their there** lived a king and queen who had a **38) grate great** deal **39) two too to** make them happy—waiting servants, and lands, and gold, and a fine castle—but they had no little child, **40) which witch** was what they both wanted most of all. At last **41) they're their there** came to them a baby girl, and the king ordered a fine party the day she was christened. **42) Not Knot** only did he invite all his relations and friends, but the fairies, also, who **43) wood would 44) be bee** able to give the little princess good gifts.

Now, **45) they're their there 46) whir were** thirteen fairies, and the king had just twelve gold plates—fairies always **47) ewes use** gold plates when they dine, you know—so the thirteenth fairy was not asked to the party; and, oh, she was very angry! When the party was nearly over, and **48) all awl** the relatives and friends had piled a table with silver spoons, and gold rings, and jeweled robes, and diamond mugs for the baby princess, the twelve fairies stood in the magic circle about her cradle to wish her good wishes.

"She shall **49) be bee** good," said the first fairy.

"She shall be rich," said the second **50) ferry fairy.**

"She shall be **51) vary very** beautiful," said the third fairy; and so they went on **52) two too to** the eleventh fairy, when—slam, bang—the castle door burst open, and **53) inn in** came the angry thirteenth fairy, who had changed herself to an old woman, in a long, **54) red read** cloak. She never stopped until she reached the princess' cradle, and she said, in a terrible voice: "On the day she is ten years old the princess shall prick her finger with a spindle, and **55) dye die**."

Then everyone was frightened, but the twelfth fairy, who had **56) not knot** wished her wish yet, stepped up and said, in a soft voice: "The princess shall **57) not knot 58) dye die**. She shall fall asleep **59) four for** a hundred years."

Student Response Sheet

1)	2)	3)	4)	5)
6)	7)	8)	9)	10)
11)	12)	13)	14)	15)
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Student Response Sheet ~ Answer Key

1) in	2) morning	3) dew	4) but	5) to
6) so	7) by	8) threw	9) nap	10) While
11) in	12) dew	13) so	14) cast	15) its
16) for	17) to	18) bore	19) four	20) there
21) four	22) be	23) its	24) mark	25) been
26) were	27) bite	28) one	29) its	30) four
31) bear	32) four	33) for	34) your	35) where
36) fairy	37) there	38) great	39) to	40) which
41) there	42) Not	43) would	44) be	45) there
46) were	47) use	48) al	49) be	50) fairy
51) very	52) to	53) in	54) read	55) die
56) not	57) not	58) die	59) for	60) sweet
61) very	62) all	63) one	64) high	65) where
66) been	67) lock	68) there	69) your	70) please
71) wheel	72) blue	73) their	74) their	75) their
76) higher	77) higher	78) see	79) for	80) one
81) morning	82) there	83) told	84) find	85) gate
86) side	87) away	88) their	89) their	90) prince
91) through	92) meat	93) lay	94) were	95) hair
96) eyes	97) by	98) their	99) flew	100) whole

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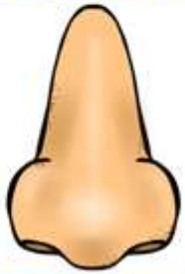

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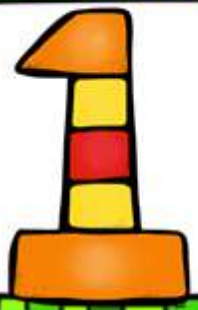

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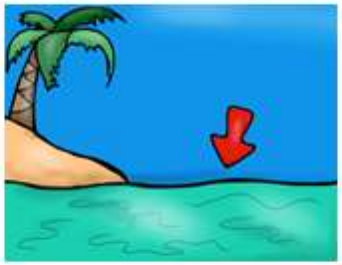

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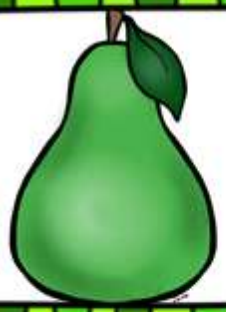

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