

DEFINITIVE TAIL HOMOPHONES

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Susan Thorpe introduced Homophonic Relationships (HR) in the February Kickshaws (07-41) in which a phonic part of a word is a related word, eg, “forestry: tree”. When she asked for further examples, I doubt she had in mind this many, but she had stumbled, literally through the back door, into an area I’ve been going at for awhile I call Definitive Homophones (DH), where a homophone of the *whole* target word or phrase is a synonym or strong affinitive. I plan to present them at a later date. Because her term “HR” would cover these as well as her partials, I’ll call the latter (hers and those here) Definitive Tail Homophones (DTH) after the predominant example, although a few are from the heads or middles of the targets. Several of my growing list of DHs already contained many DTHs. I’ve beefed them up with a bit of further research. (A confession: most of these are tails because I used a rhyming dictionary for ideas.) Her other three examples are also in the list below. A thorough search should reveal far more than those presented here. All are synonyms [s] or cognates except a few antonyms [ant]; [s’] = a synonym but for tense, part of speech, etc. The first bunch don’t give the homophone since it’s spelled the same as the bold, italicised part of the original word (except sweet = eat).

append / extend [ants]	consummate [s]	doff / don [s’]
groats [s]	hear [s’]	heretofore [s’]
homegrown	masticate / plate / sate	predicant
prod [(n.) s]	resold / retold	rout / roust / walkabout
shaft [s]	spark (“make out”)	suspend
treats [s] / meat / sweet (Thorpe)	ushering in [s]	wail

adolescence less sense (not a put down, just immature)		
bare (vb) air [s]	borrow owe [s]	cheer Hear! (Hear!)
contraband banned [s’]	copped opt [ant]	disconnects, ejects, rejects ex
evasion, rejection shun [s’]	existence ens [s]	expense pence [s]
eyeball bawl	flier higher	floor (vb) lower [s]
frequent (vb) went [s’]	mistake missed (Thorpe)	mod odd [ant]
monarching (nonce) king [s’]	mortally wounded dead	nappy pee (Thorpe)
nevermore o’er [s]	overthrown throne [ant’]	pad (vb) add [s]
persuade swayed [s’]	precede seed [s]	pregnant egg
purchase (n.) perch (foothold)	puer* “Pew!”	repugnance “Ugh!”
rower oar	shriek “Eek!” [s]	spark arc [s]
spied eyed [s]	vilify “Fie!” [s’]	

* Puer (*Obs.*) is a var. of pure (def.⁴ in Webster’s 3rd NI): a solution of dog dung once used to bate hides.