

## HOMOPHONE COUPLETS

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Each couplet includes two pairs of homophones which rhyme.

drinking ALE would sometimes cause her to AIL,  
then she'd turn PALE and be sick in the PAIL

CY cried and heaved a great big SIGH  
when he saw that DAI was about to DIE

as the PLANE flew low, over the PLAIN,  
CAIN spotted the field of sugar CANE

as DEAN walked through the verdant DENE  
the magic SCENE was a sight to be SEEN

she can SEE the golf course and in the distance the SEA  
but she drinks her TEA before she shoots from the TEE

the KNELL was clearly audible to NELL  
and the BELL was also heard by BELLE

THEIR eyes were all rooted THERE,  
when the MAYOR arrived on a MARE!

the FINN discarded the fishes' FIN  
during his fish course IN the INN

the SPECKS of dust on his SPECS  
prevented REX from seeing the WRECKS

the priest says 'PRAISE be to God' as he PRAYS  
and his arms RAISE up, towards the sun's RAYS

tethered with BRAID the donkey BRAYED  
but he STAYED where he was, upright and STAID

a drop of MATT paint fell on the MAT  
and drowned a GNAT, according to NAT

last WEEK his leg had been especially WEAK  
even giving a CREAK as he traversed the CREEK

the EWE had taken cover under the YEW  
and TWO roe deer were sheltering there TOO

the POOR old dog had long nails on his PAW  
and these caused a nasty FLAW on the FLOOR

she'd been in a DAZE for several DAYS  
after going through the MAZE in the MAIZE

when the cold wind BLEW she turned quite BLUE  
and HUGH commented on her change of HUE

as the LOAD went past, all the cattle LOWED  
and again when a horse was RODE up the ROAD

today the CLIME was favourable to a CLIMB,  
so he took his TIME and picked some THYME

FLO was suitably impressed by the enormous ice FLOE,  
while her BEAU was only concerned with his dickie BOW

the POOR dead bird succumbed to the lion's PAW  
and the RAW meat provoked a really loud ROAR

FOR the first time in his life, he hit a FOUR  
and watched with glee as he SAW the ball SOAR

a GREAT deal of heat came from the GRATE  
which kept her warm when she ATE at EIGHT

as she lay down on her SIDE she SIGHED  
she'd DYED her hair but now she DIED

he had a MOAN when the grass needed to be MOWN,  
also a GROAN because of the amount it had GROWN

the cows in the field COULD be chewing their CUD  
or WOULD they prefer to retire to the WOOD?

she PRIED into others' affairs to satisfy her PRIDE  
so they TIED her up and awaited the oncoming TIDE!

ER, he can't really be the only son and HEIR,  
his HAIR is much more like that of a HARE!

surely NO one needs to KNOW  
that she can't SO much as sing a SOH

the CLERK whose name was inevitably CLARKE,  
was the owner of an ARK shaped like an ARC

the HORSE had a bad throat and was very HOARSE  
because it had eaten the COARSE grass of COURSE

he did SOME calculations and came up with a SUM.  
He'd enough to buy some RHUM baba but not any RUM!

there are MORE than a few people with the surname MOORE  
FOR example Thomas, Bobby, Roger and Demi are FOUR

the soldiers BORE up to fighting the BOER  
but they WORE themselves out in the WAR

their walking TOUR included the highest TOR  
which enabled them to see MORE of the MOOR

as she BREWED tea for her happy BROOD  
she RUED the day she had been so RUDE

he found a FAUN which was coloured FAWN  
and SEAN decided that it should be SHORN

the QUEUES keenly wanted to see the action of CUES  
and LEW'S snooker fans wanted him to win, not LOSE

on landing in Australia, the CREWS of the CRUISE  
were subjected by the locals to a RUSE about ROOS

to sit in the shade, he'd make USE the YEWS  
where he'd MUSE about his house in the MEWS

her mother sent JILL for some milk, a GILL,  
for her grandfather PHIL, his mug to FILL

Mr COLE brought in a supply of COAL  
the WHOLE of it from its dirty cubby HOLE

I'm not telling TALES when I say the dogs wagged their TAILS  
when they saw the WHALES off the west coast of WALES