



## DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

### Words That Sound Alike

#### **Their - There - They're**

- Their = (*possessive*) - their books
- There = that place - over there
- They're = they are

#### **We're - Where - Were**

- We're = we are
- Where = in what place
- Were = (*verb*) - Where was Sally?

#### **Accept - Except**

- Accept = (*verb*) to receive, to agree
  - Ex: He accepted the bribe.
- Except = (*preposition*) all but, other than
  - Ex: Everyone came, except Amy.

#### **Affect - Effect**

- Affect = (*verb*) to influence
  - Will lack of sleep affect Susan's game?
- Effect = (*noun*) result
  - Will only two hours of sleep have an effect on Bill's game?
- Effect = (*verb*) to cause, to accomplish
  - It is possible to effect a change in this university.

#### **To - Too - Two**

- To = (*preposition*) - to the shore
- Too = also, very - too tired, also sick
- Two = 2

#### **Than - Then**

- Than = used in comparison statements
  - Jenna is richer than Leonard.
- Used in statements of preference
  - Joe would rather dance than eat.
- Used in the sense of "beyond"
  - Read more than the first paragraph.
- Then = a time word - in the past
  - He was fatter then.
- Next in time, space, order
  - First study, then play.
- In that case, in addition, on the other hand
  - When she sees it, then she will believe it.

#### **Its - It's**

- Its = (*possessive*) - its paw
- It's = It is

#### **Sell - Sale**

- Sell = (*verb*) to give up for money
  - Bob sells tickets at the stadium.
- Sale = (*noun*) transfer of ownership
  - Bob is going to the sale.

#### **Your - You're**

- Your = (*possessive*) - your hat
- You're = You are