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### ***Fun with Tricky Spelling: Don't Let the Same Sounds Fool You!***



Kids can get tripped up easily by words when they're early readers. The chances of that happening are multiplied when a word they're learning sounds just like another word they've heard before—one they're sure has an alternate meaning. Couple that realization with the fact that these homonyms are also spelled differently and confusion is certain to appear on their otherwise eager-to-learn faces. ***Buz Words: Discovering Words in Pairs™*** will replace those perplexed expressions with the satisfied looks of understanding.

Note: The book contains a warning at the beginning...

### ***“CAUTION: Words that Sound the Same May Have Different Meanings!”***

Author and illustrator, María Felicia Kelley, realized the potential for confusion when feeding one of her young sons and encouraging him to “*chew, chew*” his food carefully. She'd just read him a story about a train that whistled “*choo, choo.*” It dawned on her that the English language is full of these “*pair*” (not “*pear*”) words, which are apt to cause uncertainty in a young mind when clarity in learning is essential.

***Buz Words: Discovering Words in Pairs™*** is a fictional story about a boy's exciting journey into the world of attention-grabbing words. With his mother's help, Buz becomes a pro at recognizing and using “tricky” vocabulary. “Buz” learns that bees “buzz” and that a “flower” in his garden is very different than the “flour” he eats in his cookies. It's a book that encourages the reader to listen to and have fun with rhythmic verse, as Buz eventually masters the world of homonyms. Buz even discovers that his own name is a pair word!

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**Buz Words: Discovering Words in Pairs™** is the first in a series of **Buz Words™** books. It can be purchased from your favorite bookstore or directly from the publisher, April Arts Press & Productions, POB 64, Dept. NR, Morgan Hill, CA 95038-0064 for \$14.95 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling. For more details about this book and subsequent titles in the series, please visit <http://www.AprilArtsPress.com> or email [books@AprilArtsPress.com](mailto:books@AprilArtsPress.com).

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### Book Statistics

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