Dear Deer: A Book of Homophones

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Reading Level: Preschool, Primary
Rating: Outstanding
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The zoo is Aunt Ant's new home and she writes to her friend Deer, who lives in the forest, about all of her new friends. She ingeniously writes in homophones, words that sound alike, but are spelled differently and have different meanings. Over 30 homophones are used in the text.

This fun picture book can be used to introduce children to this interesting language form. Baretta is both author and illustrator. His colorful water color illustrations cleverly show a moose eating mousse, a ewe in a "daze for days," a giraffe who gets to choose what he chews, a red fox who "blew blue bubbles" etc. The homophones appear in capital bolded letters in the text.

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