

The Whys? & Wherefores?

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A 7s

ABLINGS	ABGILNS	ablins (perhaps) [adv]
ABREAST	AABERST	side by side [adv]
ACRIDLY	ACDILRY	in acrid (sharp and harsh to taste or smell) manner [adv]
ACUTELY	ACELTUY	ACUTE, marked by sharpness or severity [adv]
ADDEDLY	ADDDELY	additionally (in additional (pertaining to addition (something added)) manner) [adv]
ADULTLY	ADLLTUY	in manner typical of adult [adv]
AFFABLY	AABFFLY	AFFABLE, easy to talk to [adv]
AGILELY	AEGILLY	AGILE, able to move quickly and easily [adv]
AGROUND	ADGNORU	on ground [adv]
AIBLINS	ABIILNS	ablins (perhaps) [adv]
AIRWARD	AADIRRW	toward sky [adv]
ALERTLY	AELLRTY	ALERT, ready for sudden action [adv]
ALIENLY	AEILLNY	in foreign (situated outside place or country) manner [adv]
ALIUNDE	ADEILNU	from source extrinsic to matter at hand [adv]
ALOOFLY	AFLLOOY	ALOOF, distant in interest or feeling [adv]
ALREADY	AADELRY	by this time [adv]
AMIABLY	AABILMY	AMIABLE, having pleasant disposition [adv]
ANGERLY	AEGLNRY	in angry (feeling strong displeasure or hostility) manner [adv]
ANGLICE	ACEGILN	in readily understood English [adv]
ANGRILY	AGILNRY	ANGRY, feeling strong displeasure or hostility [adv]
ANTICLY	ACILNTY	in clownish (resembling or befitting clown) manner [adv]
ANYMORE	AEMNORY	at present time [adv]
ANYTIME	AEIMNTY	at any time [adv]
ANYWAYS	AANSWYY	anyway (in any way) [adv]
ANYWISE	AEINSWY	in any way [adv]
APISHLY	AHILPSY	APISH, slavishly or foolishly imitative [adv]
AREALLY	AAELLRY	AREA, particular extent of space or surface [adv]
ASKANCE	AACEKNS	with side glance [adv]
ASQUINT	AINQSTU	with sidelong glance [adv]
ASTRIDE	ADEIRST	with one leg on each side [adv]
ASUNDER	ADENRSU	into pieces [adv]
ATHWART	AAHRTTW	from side to side [adv]
AUDIBLY	ABDILUY	in way so as to be heard [adv]
AURALLY	AALLRUY	AURAL, pertaining to sense of hearing [adv]
AWFULLY	AFLLUWY	AWFUL, extremely bad or unpleasant [adv]
AXIALLY	AAILLXY	AXIAL, pertaining to or forming axis [adv]

B 7s

BAGGILY	ABGGILY	BAGGY, loose-fitting [adv]
BALKILY	ABIKLLY	BALKY, stubborn (unyielding (not yielding (yield))) [adv]
BALMILY	ABILLMY	BALMY, mild (not harsh or rough) [adv]
BANALLY	AABLLNY	BANAL, ordinary (of kind to be expected in normal order of events) [adv]
BARMILY	ABILMRY	BARMY, full of barm; frothy [adv]
BASALLY	AABLLSY	BASAL, pertaining to foundation [adv]
BATTILY	ABILTTY	in batty (crazy (insane (mentally unsound))) manner [adv]
BAWDILY	ABDILWY	in bawdy (obscene (indecent (not decent))) manner [adv]

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BEADILY	ABDEILY	in beady (resembling beads) manner [adv]
BEAMILY	ABEILMY	in beamy (beaming) manner [adv]
BEDWARD	ABDDERW	toward bed [adv]
BEEFILY	BEEFILY	in beefy (brawny (muscular (pertaining to muscle))) manner [adv]
BEERILY	BEEILRY	BEERY, affected by beer [adv]
BESIDES	BDEEISS	in addition [adv]
BETIMES	BEEIMST	soon (in near future) [adv]
BIFIDLY	BDFIILY	BIFID, divided into two parts [adv]
BITTILY	BIILTTY	BITTY, tiny (very small) [adv]
BLACKLY	ABCKLLY	in black (being of darkest color) manner [adv]
BLANDLY	ABDLLNY	BLAND, soothing [adv]
BLANKLY	ABKLLNY	in blank (empty (containing nothing (absence of all quantity or magnitude))) manner [adv]
BLEAKLY	ABEKLLY	in bleak (dreary (dismal (cheerless and depressing))) manner [adv]
BLINDLY	BDILLNY	in blind (sightless) manner [adv]
BLUFFLY	BFFLLUY	BLUFF, having broad front [adv]
BLUNTLY	BLLNTUY	BLUNT, not sharp or pointed [adv]
BOGUSLY	BGLOSUY	BOGUS, not genuine; fake [adv]
BONNILY	BILNNOY	BONNY, pretty (pleasing to eye) [adv]
BOOZILY	BILOOYZ	BOOZY, drunken (drunk (intoxicated)) [adv]
BOSSILY	BILOSSY	BOSSY, domineering [adv]
BRASHLY	ABHLRSY	BRASH, rash; hasty [adv]
BRAVELY	ABELRVY	BRAVE, showing courage (quality that enables one to face danger fearlessly; spirit) [adv]
BRAWLIE	ABEILRW	splendidly (in splendid (magnificent) manner) [adv]
BRIEFLY	BEFILRY	in brief (short (having little length)) manner [adv]
BRISKLY	BIKLSRY	in brisk (lively (full of energy)) manner [adv]
BRITTLY	BILRTTY	in brittle (likely to break) manner [adv]
BROADLY	ABDLORY	in broad (wide (having great extent from side to side)) manner [adv]
BRUTELY	BELRTUY	in brutal (cruel; savage) manner [adv]
BULKILY	BIKLLUY	BULKY, massive (of considerable size) [adv]
BUMPILY	BILMPUY	BUMPY, of uneven surface [adv]
BURLILY	BILLRUY	BURLY, heavy and muscular [adv]
BUSHILY	BHILSUY	in bushy (covered with bushes) manner [adv]
BUXOMLY	BLMOUXY	BUXOM, healthily plump [adv]

C 7s

CAMPILY	ACILMPY	in campy (comically exaggerated) manner [adv]
CANNILY	ACILNNY	in canny (prudent (having, showing, or exercising good judgment)) manner [adv]
CAPABLY	AABCLPY	CAPABLE, having ability (quality of being able to do something) [adv]
CATTILY	ACILTTY	in catty (catlike; spiteful) manner [adv]
CECALLY	ACCELLY	CECUM, bodily cavity with one opening [adv]
CHARILY	ACHILRY	in chary (cautious (exercising prudence to avoid danger)) manner [adv]
CHEAPLY	ACEHLPY	in cheap (inexpensive) manner [adv]
CHEERLY	CEEHLRY	cheerily (in cheery (cheerful (full of spirits)) manner) [adv]
CHIEFLY	CEFHILY	above all [adv]
CIVILLY	CIILLVY	politely (showing consideration for others) [adv]
CLEARLY	ACELLRY	in clear (clean and pure) manner [adv]
CLOSELY	CELLOSY	CLOSE, near (situated within short distance) [adv]

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COCKILY	CCIKLOY	in cocky (arrogantly self-confident) manner [adv]
COMFILY	CFILMOY	COMFY, comfortable [adv]
CORNILY	CILNORY	in corny (trite (used so often as to be made commonplace)) manner [adv]
COWEDLY	CDELOWY	in cowed manner [adv]
CRANKLY	ACKLNRY	in crank (lively (full of energy)) manner [adv]
CRASSLY	ACLRSSY	CRASS, grossly vulgar or stupid [adv]
CRAZILY	ACILRYZ	CRAZY, insane (mentally unsound) [adv]
CRISPLY	CILPRSY	in crisp (brittle (likely to break)) manner [adv]
CROSSLY	CLORSSY	in cross (ill-tempered) manner [adv]
CRUDELY	CDELROY	CRUDE, unrefined (not refined (to free from impurities)) [adv]
CRUELLY	CELLRUY	CRUEL, indifferent to pain of others [adv]
CUBICLY	BCCILUY	in form of cube [adv]
CURABLY	ABCLRUY	CURABLE, capable of being cured [adv]
CURLILY	CILLRUY	CURLY, tending to curl [adv]
CUSHILY	CHILSUY	in cushy (easy (not difficult)) manner [adv]

D 7s

DAFFILY	ADFFILY	DAFFY, silly (showing lack of good sense) [adv]
DANDILY	ADDILNY	in dandy (fine (excellent)) manner [adv]
DATEDLY	ADDELT	in old-fashioned manner [adv]
DAZEDLY	ADDELYZ	DAZE, to stun (to render senseless or incapable of action) [adv]
DENSELY	DEELNSY	DENSE, compact (closely and firmly united) [adv]
DINGILY	DGIILNY	in dingy (grimy (dirty (unclean))) manner [adv]
DIRTILY	DIILRTY	DIRTY, unclean (not clean (free from dirt or stain)) [adv]
DIZZILY	DIILYZZ	DIZZY, having sensation of whirling [adv]
DOOMILY	DILMOOY	DOOMY, doomful (ominous (portending evil (something that is evil))) [adv]
DOTTILY	DILOTTY	in dotty (crazy (insane (mentally unsound))) manner [adv]
DOUCELY	CDELOUY	DOUCE, sober, sedate [adv]
DOWDILY	DDILOWY	DOWDY, lacking in stylishness or neatness [adv]
DOWNILY	DILNOWY	in downy (soft (yielding readily to pressure)) manner [adv]
DUCALLY	ACDLLUY	DUCAL, pertaining to duke (high-ranking nobleman) [adv]
DUMPILY	DILMPUY	in dumpy (short and thick) manner [adv]
DURABLY	ABDLRUY	DURABLE, able to withstand wear or decay [adv]
DUSKILY	DIKLSUY	DUSKY, somewhat dark [adv]
DUSTILY	DILSTUY	in dusty (full of dust) manner [adv]

E 7s

EAGERLY	AEEGLRY	EAGER, impatiently longing [adv]
EARLIER	AEEILRR	EARLY, near beginning of period of time or series of events [adv]
EFTSOON	EFNOOST	soon afterward [adv]
EMPTILY	EILMPTY	in empty (containing nothing (absence of all quantity or magnitude)) manner [adv]
ENDLONG	DEGLNNO	lengthwise [adv]
ENDWAYS	ADENSWY	endwise (lengthwise) [adv]
ENDWISE	DEEINSW	lengthwise [adv]
EQUABLY	ABELQUY	EQUABLE, not changing or varying greatly [adv]
EQUALLY	AELLQUY	in equal (having same capability, quantity, or effect as another) manner [adv]
ERECTLY	CEELRTY	in upright manner [adv]
ERELONG	EEGLNOR	soon (in near future) [adv]

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EROSELY	EELORSY	EROSE, uneven (not even (flat and smooth)) [adv]
EXACTLY	ACELTXY	in exact (precise (sharply and clearly defined or stated)) manner [adv]

F 7s

FADEDLY	ADDEFLY	FADE, to lose color or brightness [adv]
FAINTLY	AFILNTY	in faint (lacking strength or vigor) manner [adv]
FALSELY	AEFLLSY	FALSE, contrary to truth or fact [adv]
FANCILY	ACFILNY	FANCY, ornamental [adv]
FARTHER	AEFHRRT	FAR, at or to great distance [adv]
FATALLY	AAFLLTY	in fatal (causing or capable of causing death) manner [adv]
FATTILY	AFILTTY	in fatty (greasy; oily) manner [adv]
FETIDLY	DEFILTY	FETID, having offensive odor [adv]
FIERILY	EFIILRY	FIERY, intensely hot [adv]
FIFTHLY	FFHILTY	in fifth place [adv]
FILMILY	FIILLMY	in filmy (resembling or covered with film; hazy) manner [adv]
FINALLY	AFILLNY	at end [adv]
FIRSTLY	FILRSTY	before all others [adv]
FISHILY	FHIILSY	in fishy (of or resembling fish) manner [adv]
FIXEDLY	DEFILXY	firmly (in firm (unyielding to pressure) manner) [adv]
FIZZILY	FIILYZZ	FIZZY, fizzing [adv]
FLAKILY	AFIKLLY	FLAKY, resembling flakes [adv]
FLEETLY	EEFLLTY	FLEET, swift (moving with great rate of motion) [adv]
FLUIDLY	DFILLUY	with fluidity [adv]
FLUKILY	FIKLLUY	FLUKY, happening by or depending on chance [adv]
FOAMILY	AFILMOY	in foamy (covered with foam) manner [adv]
FOCALLY	ACFLLOY	with regard to focus [adv]
FOGGILY	FGGILOY	FOGGY, filled with fog [adv]
FRAILLY	AFILLRY	FRAIL, fragile (easily broken or damaged) [adv]
FRANKLY	AFKLNRY	in frank (honest and unreserved in speech) manner [adv]
FRESHLY	EFHLRSY	in fresh (new (existing only short time)) manner [adv]
FUGALLY	AFGLLUY	FUGAL, being in style of fugue [adv]
FUGGILY	FGGILUY	FUGGY, stuffy and odorous [adv]
FUNKILY	FIKLNUY	FUNKY, having offensive odor [adv]
FUNNILY	FILNNUY	FUNNY, causing laughter or amusement [adv]
FURIOSO	FIOORSU	with great force -- used as musical direction [adv]
FURRILY	FILRRUY	in furry (covered with fur) manner [adv]
FURTHER	EFHRRTU	FAR, at or to great distance [adv]
FUSIBLY	BFILSUY	FUSIBLE, capable of being melted [adv]
FUSSILY	FILSSUY	FUSSY, overly concerned with small details [adv]
FUSTILY	FILSTUY	FUSTY, musty (having stale odor) [adv]
FUZZILY	FILUYZZ	FUZZY, blurry (unclear (not clear (clean and pure))) [adv]

G 7s

GASSILY	AGILSSY	GASSY, containing gas [adv]
GAUDILY	ADGILUY	GAUDY, tastelessly showy [adv]
GAUNTLY	AGLNTUY	GAUNT, emaciated [adv]
GAUZILY	AGILUYZ	GAUZY, resembling gauze (transparent fabric) [adv]
GAWKILY	AGIKLWY	GAWKY, awkward (lacking skill, dexterity, or grace) [adv]

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GELIDLY	DEGILLY	GELID, icy (covered with ice) [adv]
GEMMILY	EGILMMY	in manner suggesting gem [adv]
GIDDILY	DDGIILY	GIDDY, dizzy (having sensation of whirling) [adv]
GLAZILY	AGILLYZ	GLAZY, covered with smooth, glossy coating [adv]
GODLILY	DGILLOY	GODLY, pious (marked by religious reverence) [adv]
GODWARD	ADDGORW	toward God [adv]
GOOFILY	FGILOOY	GOOFY, silly (showing lack of good sense) [adv]
GOUTILY	GILOTUY	GOUTY, affected with gout [adv]
GRANDLY	ADGLNRY	in grand (large and impressive) manner [adv]
GRAVELY	AEGLRVY	in grave (extremely serious) manner [adv]
GREATLY	AEGLRTY	in great (large (of considerable size or quantity)) manner [adv]
GREENLY	EEGLNRY	in green (of color of growing foliage) manner [adv]
GRIMILY	GIILMRY	in grimy (dirty (unclean (not clean))) manner [adv]
GROSSLY	GLORSSY	in gross (flagrant (extremely conspicuous)) manner [adv]
GRUFFLY	FFGLRUY	in gruff (low and harsh in speech) manner [adv]
GUMMILY	GILMMUY	in toothless manner [adv]
GUSHILY	GHILSUY	GUSHY, overly sentimental [adv]
GUSTILY	GILSTUY	in gusty (blowing in gusts) manner [adv]
GUTSILY	GILSTUY	in gutsy (brave (showing courage (quality that enables one to face danger fearlessly; spirit))) manner [adv]
GYRALLY	AGLLRYY	GYRAL, gyrotory (moving in circle or spiral) [adv]

H 7s

HAIRILY	AHIILRY	in hairy (covered with hair) manner [adv]
HAMMILY	AHILMMY	in hammy (overly theatrical) manner [adv]
HANDILY	ADHILNY	in handy (convenient for handling) manner [adv]
HAPPILY	AHILPPY	HAPPY, marked by joy [adv]
HARDILY	ADHILRY	in hardy (very sturdy) manner [adv]
HARSHLY	AHHLRSY	HARSH, severe (unsparing in treatment of others) [adv]
HASTILY	AHILSTY	HASTY, speedy (swift (moving with great rate of motion)) [adv]
HEADILY	ADEHILY	in heady (intoxicating) manner [adv]
HEAVILY	AEHILVY	HEAVY, having much weight [adv]
HEFTILY	EFHILTY	HEFTY, heavy (having much weight) [adv]
HOARILY	AHILORY	in hoary (white with age) manner [adv]
HORNILY	HILNORY	in horny (hornlike in hardness) manner [adv]
HORSILY	HILORSY	in horsy (resembling horse) manner [adv]
HOWBEIT	BEHIOTW	nevertheless [adv]
HOWEVER	EEHORVW	nevertheless [adv]
HUFFILY	FFHILUY	HUFFY, easily offended [adv]
HUMANLY	AHLMNUY	in human manner [adv]
HUMIDLY	DHILMUY	in humid (having much humidity) manner [adv]
HUSKILY	HIKLSUY	in husky (hoarse (low and rough in sound)) manner [adv]

I 7s

IDEALLY	ADEILLY	perfectly (in perfect (lacking fault or defect; of extreme kind) manner) [adv]
IGNOBLY	BGILNOY	IGNOBLE, of low character [adv]
INANELY	AEILNNY	INANE, nonsensical [adv]
INAPTLY	AILNPTY	INAPT, not apt (suitable (appropriate)) [adv]
INDOORS	DINOORS	in or into house [adv]

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INEPTLY	EILNPTY	INEPT, not suitable (appropriate) [adv]
INERTLY	EILNRTY	inactively (in inactive (not active) manner) [adv]
INNERLY	EILNNRY	inwardly (on inside) [adv]
INSOFAR	AFINORS	to such extent [adv]
INSTEAD	ADEINST	as substitute or equivalent [adv]
INWARDS	ADINRSW	inward (toward inside) [adv]
IRATELY	AEILRTY	IRATE, angry (feeling strong displeasure or hostility) [adv]
ITCHILY	CHIILTY	ITCHY, causing itching sensation [adv]

J 7s

JADEDLY	ADDEJLY	JADE, to weary (to make or become weary) [adv]
JAZZILY	AIJLYZZ	JAZZY, lively (full of energy) [adv]
JERKILY	EIJKLRY	JERKY, characterized by jerking movements [adv]
JOINTLY	IJLNOTY	together (into union or relationship) [adv]
JOLLILY	IJLLOY	JOLLY, cheerful (full of spirits) [adv]
JOLTILY	IJLLOTY	JOLTY, marked by jolting motion [adv]
JUICILY	CIIJLUY	JUICY, full of juice [adv]
JUMPILY	IJLMPUY	JUMPY, nervous (easily excited) [adv]
JURALLY	AJLLRUY	JURAL, pertaining to law [adv]

K 7s

KINKILY	IIKKLNy	KINKY, tightly curled [adv]
KOOKILY	IKKLOOY	KOOKY, eccentric [adv]

L 7s

LAITHLY	AHILLTY	LAITH, loath (unwilling (not willing (inclined or favorably disposed in mind))) [adv]
LANKILY	AIKLLNY	LANKY, ungracefully tall and thin [adv]
LARGELY	AEGLLRY	LARGE, of considerable size or quantity [adv]
LATERAD	AADELRT	toward side [adv]
LEAKILY	AEIKLLY	LEAKY, tending to leak [adv]
LEERILY	EEILLRY	LEERY, suspicious [adv]
LEGALLY	AEGLLLY	in lawful (allowed by law (body of rules governing affairs of community)) manner [adv]
LEGIBLY	BEGILLY	LEGIBLE, capable of being read [adv]
LEVELLY	EELLVY	in even (flat and smooth) manner [adv]
LICHTLY	CHILLTY	lightly (to moderate degree) [adv]
LICITLY	CIILLTY	LICIT, lawful (allowed by law (body of rules governing affairs of community)) [adv]
LIEVEST	EEILSTV	LIEVE, gladly (in glad (feeling pleasure) manner) [adv]
LIGHTLY	GHILLTY	to moderate degree [adv]
LIKABLY	ABIKLLY	LIKABLE, pleasant (pleasing) [adv]
LITHELY	EHILLTY	LITHE, bending easily [adv]
LIVIDLY	DIILLVY	LIVID, having skin abnormally discolored [adv]
LOCALLY	ACLLLOY	in particular area [adv]
LOFTILY	FILLOTY	in lofty (extending high in air) manner [adv]
LOONILY	ILLNOOY	LOONY, crazy (insane (mentally unsound)) [adv]
LOOPILY	ILLOOPY	LOOPY, full of loops [adv]
LOOSELY	ELLOOSY	LOOSE, not firm, taut, or rigid [adv]
LOUSILY	ILLOSUY	LOUSY, mean or contemptible [adv]
LOVABLY	ABLLOVY	LOVABLE, having qualities that attract love [adv]
LOWLILY	ILLLOWY	LOWLY, low in position or rank [adv]

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LOYALLY	ALLLOY	in loyal (faithful to one's allegiance) manner [adv]
LUCIDLY	CDILLUY	LUCID, easily understood [adv]
LUCKILY	CIKLLUY	LUCKY, having good fortune [adv]
LUMPILY	ILLMPUY	LUMPY, full of lumps [adv]
LURIDLY	DILLRUY	LURID, causing shock or horror [adv]
LUSTILY	ILLSTUY	in lusty (full of vigor) manner [adv]
LYINGLY	GILLNYY	falsely (contrary to truth or fact) [adv]

M 7s

MAJORLY	AJLMORY	mainly (for most part) [adv]
MANGILY	AGILMNY	in mangy (affected with mange) manner [adv]
MANLILY	AILLMNY	MANLY, having qualities of man [adv]
MANWARD	AADMNRW	toward man [adv]
MANWISE	AEIMNSW	in manner characteristic of man [adv]
MAZEDLY	ADELMYZ	MAZE, to bewilder (to confuse (to mix up mentally)) [adv]
MEATILY	AEILMTY	in meaty (full of meat) manner [adv]
MERRILY	EILMRRY	MERRY, cheerful (full of spirits) [adv]
MESALLY	AELLSY	medially (in central (situated at, in, or near center) manner) [adv]
MESSILY	EILMSSY	in messy (dirty or untidy) manner [adv]
MILKILY	IIKLLMY	in milky (resembling or suggestive of milk) manner [adv]
MINGILY	GIILMNY	MINGY, mean and stingy [adv]
MIRKILY	IIKLMRY	MIRKY, murky (dark (having little or no light)) [adv]
MISTILY	IILMSTY	in misty (blurry (unclear (not clear))) manner [adv]
MIXEDLY	DEILMX	MIX, to put together into one mass [adv]
MODALLY	ADLLMOY	in manner pertaining to mode [adv]
MOISTLY	ILMOSTY	in moist (slightly wet) manner [adv]
MOODILY	DILMOOY	MOODY, given to changing moods [adv]
MOONILY	ILMNOOY	in moony (resembling moon) manner [adv]
MORALLY	ALLMORY	in moral (pertaining to principles of right and wrong) manner [adv]
MOUSILY	ILMOSUY	in mousy (resembling mouse (small rodent)) manner [adv]
MOVABLY	ABLMOVY	so as to be capable of being moved [adv]
MUCKILY	CIKLMUY	in mucky (filthy (offensively dirty)) manner [adv]
MUDDILY	DDILMUY	in muddy (covered or filled with mud) manner [adv]
MUGGILY	GGILMUY	in muggy (warm and humid) manner [adv]
MURKILY	IKLMRUY	MURKY, dark (having little or no light) [adv]
MUSHILY	HILMSUY	MUSHY, pulpy (resembling pulp) [adv]
MUSKILY	IKLMSUY	in musky (resembling musk (strongly odorous substance secreted by certain animals)) manner [adv]
MUSSILY	ILMSSUY	MUSSY, messy (dirty or untidy) [adv]
MUSTILY	ILMSTUY	MUSTY, having stale odor [adv]
MUTABLY	ABLMTUY	MUTABLE, capable of change [adv]
MUTEDLY	DELMTUY	MUTE, to deaden sound of [adv]
MUZZILY	ILMUZZ	in muzzy (confused) manner [adv]

N 7s

NAIVELY	AEILNVY	NAIVE, lacking sophistication [adv]
NAKEDLY	ADEKLN	NAKED, being without clothing or covering [adv]
NASALLY	AALLNSY	through nose [adv]
NASTILY	AILNSTY	NASTY, offensive to senses [adv]

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NATTILY	AILNTTY	NATTY, neatly dressed [adv]
NAVALLY	AALLNVY	NAVAL, pertaining to ships [adv]
NEEDILY	DEEILNY	in needy (in state of poverty) manner [adv]
NERVILY	EILNRVY	in nervy (impudent (offensively bold or disrespectful)) manner [adv]
NIFTILY	FIILNTY	NIFTY, stylish; pleasing [adv]
NIGHTLY	GHILNTY	every night; at night [adv]
NINTHLY	HILNNTY	in ninth place [adv]
NIPPILY	IILNPPY	in nippy (sharp or biting) manner [adv]
NOBBILY	BBILNOY	in nobby (elegant (tastefully opulent)) manner [adv]
NODALLY	ADLLNOY	NODAL, of nature of node [adv]
NOISILY	IILNOSY	NOISY, making loud sounds [adv]
NOPLACE	ACELNOP	not in or at any place [adv]
NOTABLY	ABLNOTY	in distinguished manner [adv]
NOTEDLY	DELNOTY	in famous (well-known) manner [adv]
NOVELLY	ELLNOVY	in new or unusual manner [adv]
NUTTILY	ILNTTUY	NUTTY, silly; crazy [adv]

O 7s

OBESELY	BEELOS Y	OBESE, very fat [adv]
OCTUPLY	CLOPTUY	to eight times degree [adv]
OFFHAND	ADFFHNO	without preparation [adv]
OFTENER	EEFNORT	OFTEN, frequently (in frequent (occurring again and again) manner) [adv]
ONSHORE	EHNOORS	toward shore [adv]
ONWARDS	ADNORSW	onward (toward point ahead or in front) [adv]
OUTWARD	ADORTUW	toward outside [adv]
OVATELY	AELOTVY	OVATE, egg-shaped [adv]
OVERSEA	AAEORSV	overseas (beyond or across sea) [adv]
OVERTLY	ELORTVY	in overt (open to view) manner [adv]

P 7s

PAPALLY	AALLPPY	PAPAL, pertaining to pope (head of Roman Catholic Church) [adv]
PARTWAY	AAAPT WY	to some extent [adv]
PASTILY	AILPSTY	in manner that is pasty [adv]
PAWKILY	AIKLPWY	PAWKY, sly (crafty (skillful in deceiving)) [adv]
PAYABLY	AABLPHY	PAYABLE, profitable [adv]
PEARTLY	AELPRTY	PEART, lively (full of energy) [adv]
PENALLY	AELLNPY	in penal (pertaining to punishment) manner [adv]
PEPPILY	EILPPPY	PEPPY, full of energy [adv]
PERKILY	EIKLPRY	PERKY, jaunty (having lively and self-confident manner) [adv]
PESKILY	EIKLPSY	PESKY, annoying [adv]
PETTILY	EILPTTY	in petty (insignificant) manner [adv]
PHONILY	HILNOPY	in phony (not genuine or real) manner [adv]
PIOUSLY	ILOPSUY	PIOUS, marked by religious reverence [adv]
PITHILY	HIILPTY	PITHY, concise (succinct (clearly expressed in few words)) [adv]
PLAINLY	AILLNPY	PLAIN, evident (clear to vision or understanding) [adv]
PLIABLY	ABILLPY	PLIABLE, easily bent [adv]
PLUMPLY	LLMPPUY	in plump (well-rounded and full in form) way [adv]
PLUSHLY	HLLPSUY	PLUSH, luxurious [adv]

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POCKILY	CIKLOPY	POCKY, covered with pocks [adv]
PODGILY	DGILOPY	PODGY, pudgy (short and fat) [adv]
PRICILY	CIILPRY	PRICY, pricey (expensive) [adv]
PRIMELY	EILMPRY	excellently (in excellent manner) [adv]
PRIORLY	ILOPRRY	previously (in previous (coming or occurring before in time or order) manner) [adv]
PRIVILY	IILPRVY	PRIVY, private (not for public use or knowledge) [adv]
PRONELY	ELNOPRY	PRONE, lying with front or face downward [adv]
PROSILY	ILOPRSY	in prosy (prosaic (pertaining to prose)) manner [adv]
PROUDLY	DLOPRUY	PROUD, having or displaying pride [adv]
PUDGILY	DGILPUY	PUDGY, short and fat [adv]
PUFFILY	FFILPUY	PUFFY, swollen [adv]
PULPILY	ILLPPUY	in pulpy (resembling pulp) manner [adv]
PURSILY	ILPRSUY	in pursy (short of breath) manner [adv]
PUSHILY	HILPSUY	in pushy (offensively aggressive) manner [adv]

Q 7s

QUAKILY	AIKLQUY	QUAKY, tending to quake [adv]
QUEERLY	EELQRUY	in queer (deviating from expected or normal) manner [adv]
QUICKLY	CIKLQUY	in quick (acting or capable of acting with speed) manner [adv]
QUIETLY	EILQTUY	in quiet (making little or no noise) manner [adv]

R 7s

RABIDLY	ABDILRY	RABID, affected with rabies [adv]
RAINILY	AIILNRY	in rainy (marked by rain) manner [adv]
RAPIDLY	ADILPRY	RAPID, fast-moving [adv]
RATABLY	AABLRTY	RATABLE, capable of being rated [adv]
RATTILY	AILRTTY	in manner suggestive of rats [adv]
READILY	ADEILRY	in ready (prepared) manner [adv]
REEDILY	DEEILRY	with thin, piping sound [adv]
REGALLY	AEGLLRY	in regal (of or befitting king) manner [adv]
RIANTLY	AILNRTY	RIANT, cheerful (full of spirits) [adv]
RIGHTLY	GHILRTY	in right (being in accordance with what is good, proper, or just) manner [adv]
RIGIDLY	DGIILRY	in rigid (not flexible; strict, harsh) manner [adv]
RISIBLY	BIILRSY	RISIBLE, inclined to laugh [adv]
RISKILY	IIKLRSY	RISKY, dangerous [adv]
RITZILY	IILRTYZ	RITZY, elegant (tastefully opulent) [adv]
ROCKILY	CIKLORY	in rocky (unsteady (not steady (firm in position))) manner [adv]
ROOMILY	ILMOORY	ROOMY, spacious (vast or ample in extent) [adv]
ROUGHLY	GHLORUY	in rough (having uneven surface) manner [adv]
ROUNDLY	DLNORUY	in round (shaped like sphere) manner [adv]
ROUPILY	ILOPRUY	ROUPY, hoarse (low and rough in sound) [adv]
ROWDILY	DILORWY	ROWDY, disorderly in behavior [adv]
ROYALLY	ALLORYY	in kingly (of or befitting king) manner [adv]
RUDDILY	DDILRUY	in ruddy (having healthy, reddish color) manner [adv]
RURALLY	ALLRRUY	in rural (pertaining to country (territory of nation)) manner [adv]
RUSTILY	ILRSTUY	in rusty (covered with rust) manner [adv]
RUTTILY	ILRTTUY	in rutty (marked by ruts) manner [adv]

S 7s

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SALABLY	AABLLSY	SALABLE, capable of being or fit to be sold [adv]
SALTILY	AILLSTY	in salty (tasting of or containing salt) manner [adv]
SAPPILY	AILPPSY	SAPPY, silly (showing lack of good sense) [adv]
SARKILY	AIKLSY	SARKY, sarcastic [adv]
SASSILY	AILSSSY	in sassy (impudent (offensively bold or disrespectful)) manner [adv]
SAUCILY	ACILSUY	SAUCY, impudent (offensively bold or disrespectful) [adv]
SAVVILY	AILSVVY	SAVVY, to understand (to grasp mentally) [adv]
SCANTLY	ACLNSTY	in scant (meager (deficient in quantity or quality)) manner [adv]
SCARILY	ACILRSY	in scary (frightening) manner [adv]
SEEDILY	DEEILSY	in seedy (containing seeds; inferior in condition or quality) manner [adv]
SHADILY	ADHILSY	in shady (shaded) manner [adv]
SHAKILY	AHIKLSY	in shaky (shaking) manner [adv]
SHARPLY	AHLPRS	in sharp (suitable for or capable of cutting or piercing) manner [adv]
SHEERLY	EEHLRSY	SHEER, of very thin texture [adv]
SHINILY	HIILNSY	in shiny (filled with light) manner [adv]
SHORTLY	HLORSTY	in short time [adv]
SHOWILY	HILOS	in showy (making great or brilliant display) manner [adv]
SHRILLY	HILLRSY	SHRILL, having high-pitched and piercing quality [adv]
SIDEDLY	DDEILSY	in manner of something with given number of sides [adv]
SIDEWAY	ADEISWY	sideways (toward or from one side) [adv]
SILKILY	IIKLLSY	in silky (resembling silk) manner [adv]
SILLILY	IILLLSY	SILLY, showing lack of good sense [adv]
SINSYNE	EINSSY	since (from then until now) [adv]
SITHENS	EHINSST	since (from then until now) [adv]
SIXTHLY	HILSTXY	in sixth place [adv]
SIZABLY	ABILSYZ	SIZABLE, of considerable size [adv]
SKYWARD	ADKRSWY	toward sky [adv]
SLACKLY	ACKLLSY	in slack (not tight or taut) manner [adv]
SLANTLY	ALLNSTY	SLANTY, deviating from horizontal or vertical [adv]
SLEEKLY	EEKLLSY	in sleek (smooth and glossy) manner [adv]
SLICKLY	CIKLLSY	in slick (smooth and slippery) manner [adv]
SLIMILY	IILLMSY	in slimy (resembling slime) manner [adv]
SMARTLY	ALMRSTY	in smart (characterized by mental acuity) manner [adv]
SMOKILY	IKLMOSY	SMOKY, filled with smoke [adv]
SNAKILY	AIKLNSY	SNAKY, resembling snake [adv]
SNIDELY	DEILNSY	SNIDE, maliciously derogatory [adv]
SNOWILY	ILNOSWY	in snowy (abounding in snow) manner [adv]
SOAPILY	AILOPSY	in soapy (containing or resembling soap) manner [adv]
SOBERLY	BELORSY	in sober (having control of one's faculties) manner [adv]
SOGGILY	GGILOS	SOGGY, heavy with moisture [adv]
SOLIDLY	DILLOS	in solid (having definite shape and volume) manner [adv]
SOLUBLY	BLLOSUY	in soluble manner [adv]
SOMEDAY	ADEMOSY	at some future time [adv]
SOMEHOW	EHMOOSW	by some means [adv]
SOMEWAY	AEMOSWY	somehow (by some means) [adv]
SOONEST	ENOOSST	SOON, in near future [adv]



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SOOTHLY	HLOOSTY	in truth [adv]
SOOTILY	ILOOSTY	SOOTY, covered with soot [adv]
SOPPILY	ILOPPSY	SOPPY, very wet [adv]
SORRILY	ILORRSY	in sorry (feeling grief or penitence) manner [adv]
SOUNDLY	DLNOSUY	in sound (being in good health or condition) manner [adv]
SOUPILY	ILOPSUY	SOUPY, foggy (filled with fog) [adv]
SPARELY	AELPRSY	SPARE, meager (deficient in quantity or quality) [adv]
SPICILY	CIILPSY	in spicy (containing spices) manner [adv]
SPIKILY	IIKLPSY	SPIKY, resembling spike [adv]
SQUATLY	ALQSTUY	SQUAT, short and thick [adv]
STAGILY	AGILSTY	in stagy (having theatrical quality) manner [adv]
STAILY	ADILSTY	STAIID, sober and sedate [adv]
STALELY	AELLSTY	STALE, not fresh (new (existing only short time)) [adv]
STARKLY	AKLRSTY	STARK, harsh in appearance [adv]
STEEPLY	EELPSTY	in steep (inclined sharply) manner [adv]
STERNLY	ELNRSTY	in stern (unyielding (not yielding (yield))) manner [adv]
STIFFLY	FFILSTY	in stiff (difficult to bend or stretch) manner [adv]
STONILY	ILNOSTY	in stony (abounding in stones) manner [adv]
STOUTLY	LOSTTUY	in stout (fat (having abundance of flesh)) manner [adv]
SUAVELY	AELSUVY	SUAVE, smoothly affable and polite [adv]
SULKILY	IKLLSUY	SULKY, sullenly aloof or withdrawn [adv]
SUNNILY	ILNNSUY	SUNNY, filled with sunlight [adv]
SUNWARD	ADNRSUW	toward sun [adv]
SUNWISE	EINSSUW	from left to right [adv]
SURLILY	ILLRSUY	SURLY, sullenly rude [adv]
SWEETLY	EELSTWY	in sweet (pleasing to taste) manner [adv]
SWIFTLY	FILSTWY	in swift (moving with great rate of motion) manner [adv]
SWITHLY	HILSTWY	swith (quickly (in quick (acting or capable of acting with speed) manner)) [adv]

T 7s

TACITLY	ACILTTY	TACIT, unspoken [adv]
TACKILY	ACIKLTY	in tacky (adhesive) manner [adv]
TARDILY	ADILRTY	TARDY, late (coming or occurring after expected time) [adv]
TARTILY	AILRTTY	TARTY, suggestive of prostitute [adv]
TASTILY	AILSTTY	TASTY, pleasant to taste [adv]
TATTILY	AILTTTY	in tatty (shabby (ragged (tattered))) manner [adv]
TAWNILY	AILNTWY	TAWNY, light brown [adv]
TAXABLY	AABLTXY	TAXABLE, subject to tax [adv]
TEARILY	AEILRTY	in teary (tearful (full of tears)) manner [adv]
TECHILY	CEHILTY	TECHY, tetchy (irritable) [adv]
TENABLY	ABELNTY	TENABLE, capable of being held [adv]
TENSELY	EELNSTY	TENSE, taut (fully stretched, so as not to be slack) [adv]
TENTHLY	EHLNTTY	in tenth place [adv]
TEPIDLY	DEILPTY	TEPID, moderately warm [adv]
TERSELY	EELRSTY	TERSE, succinct (clearly expressed in few words) [adv]
TESTILY	EILSTTY	in testy (irritable) manner [adv]
TEUGHLY	EGHLTUY	TEUGH, tough (strong and resilient) [adv]

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THEREAT	AEHRTT	at that place or time [adv]
THEREBY	BEEHRTY	by that means [adv]
THEREIN	EEHINRT	in that place [adv]
THEREOF	EEFHORT	of that [adv]
THEREON	EEHNORT	on that [adv]
THERETO	EEHORTT	to that [adv]
THICKLY	CHIKLTY	in thick (having relatively great extent from one surface to its opposite) manner [adv]
THIRDLY	DHILRTY	in third place [adv]
THITHER	EHHIRTT	in that direction [adv]
TIDALLY	ADILLTY	TIDAL, pertaining to tides [adv]
TIGHTLY	GHILTYY	TIGHT, firmly or closely fixed in place [adv]
TIMIDLY	DIILMYY	TIMID, lacking courage or self-confidence [adv]
TINNILY	IILNNTY	in tinny (of or resembling tin) manner [adv]
TIPSILY	IILPSTY	in tipsy (slightly drunk) manner [adv]
TIREDLY	DEILRTY	TIRED, sapped of strength [adv]
TONALLY	ALLNOTY	TONAL, pertaining to tone [adv]
TOTALLY	ALLOTTY	completely (in complete (having all necessary parts) manner) [adv]
TOUGHLY	GHLOTUY	in tough (strong and resilient) manner [adv]
TRITELY	EILRTTY	TRITE, used so often as to be made commonplace [adv]
TUFTILY	FILTTUY	TUFTY, abounding in tufts [adv]
TUMIDLY	DILMTUY	TUMID, swollen [adv]
TUNABLY	ABLNTUY	TUNABLE, capable of being tuned [adv]

U 7s

UNAPTLY	ALNPTUY	not aptly (in apt (suitable (appropriate)) manner) [adv]
UNFITLY	FILNTUY	in unsuitable (not suitable (appropriate)) manner [adv]
UNTRULY	LNRTUUY	not truly (in conformity with fact or reality) [adv]
UPCOAST	ACOPSTU	up coast [adv]
UPCOURT	COPRTUU	in opposite half of basketball court [adv]
UPFIELD	DEFILPU	into part of field toward which offensive team is going [adv]
UPWARDS	ADPRSUU	upward (toward higher place or position) [adv]
USEABLY	ABELSUY	USEABLE, usable (capable of being used) [adv]
USUALLY	ALLSUUY	ordinarily (in ordinary (of kind to be expected in normal order of events) manner) [adv]
UTTERLY	ELRTTUY	totally (completely (in complete (having all necessary parts) manner)) [adv]

V 7s

VAGALLY	AAGLLVY	VAGAL, pertaining to vagus nerve [adv]
VAGUELY	A EGLUVY	VAGUE, not clearly expressed or understood [adv]
VALIDLY	ADILLVY	in valid (based on evidence that can be supported) manner [adv]
VANWARD	AADNRVW	toward front [adv]
VAPIDLY	ADILPVY	VAPID, insipid (dull and uninteresting) [adv]
VENALLY	AELLNYY	VENAL, open to bribery [adv]
VEXEDLY	DEELVXY	in vexed manner [adv]
VIRALLY	AILLRVY	VIRAL, pertaining to or caused by virus [adv]
VISIBLY	BIILSVY	in manner capable of being seen [adv]
VITALLY	AILLTVY	in vital (necessary to life) manner [adv]
VIVIDLY	DIILVVY	VIVID, strikingly bright or intense [adv]
VOCABLY	ABCLOVY	in manner that may be voiced aloud [adv]



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VOCALLY	ACLLOVY	with voice [adv]
VOLUBLY	BLLOUVY	VOLUBLE, talkative [adv]
VYINGLY	GILNVYY	in vying manner [adv]

W 7s

WACKILY	ACIKLWY	WACKY, very irrational [adv]
WASPILY	AILPSWY	WASPY, resembling wasp (stinging insect) [adv]
WEARILY	AEILRWY	WEARY, tired (sapped of strength) [adv]
WEEDILY	DEEILWY	in weedy (resembling weed) manner [adv]
WEEPILY	EEILPWY	WEEPY, tending to weep [adv]
WEIRDLY	DEILRWY	in weird (mysteriously strange) manner [adv]
WHITELY	EHILTWY	in white (of color of pure snow) manner [adv]
WHITHER	EHHIRTW	to what place [adv]
WINDILY	DIILNWX	in windy (marked by strong wind) manner [adv]
WISPILY	IILPSWY	in wispy (resembling wisp) manner [adv]
WITTILY	IILTTWY	in witty (humorously clever) manner [adv]
WOFULLY	FLLOUWY	WOFUL, woeful (full of woe) [adv]
WONKILY	IKLNOWY	WONKY, unsteady (not steady (firm in position)) [adv]
WOOZILY	ILOOWYZ	WOOZY, dazed [adv]
WORDILY	DILORWY	in wordy (using many or too many words) manner [adv]
WRONGLY	GLNORWY	in wrong (not according to what is right, proper, or correct) manner [adv]

X 7s

Y 7s

Z 7s

ZESTILY	EILSTYZ	ZESTY, marked by zest [adv]
ZIPPILY	IILPPYZ	ZIPPY, full of energy [adv]
ZONALLY	ALLNOYZ	ZONAL, pertaining to zone [adv]