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## A 7s

ABOUGHT	ABGHOTU	ABY (to pay penalty for) [v] / ABYE, to aby [v]
ABROACH	AABCHOR	astir (moving about) [adv]
ACCURST	ACCRSTU	accursed (damnable) [adj]
ATHWART	AAHRTTW	from side to side [adv]

## B 7s

BEBLOOD	BBDELOO	to cover with blood [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BECALMS	ABCELMS	to make calm [v]
BECHALK	ABCEHKL	to cover with chalk [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BECLASP	ABCELPS	embrace [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BECLOAK	ABCEKLO	to place cloak on [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BECLOGS	BCEGLOS	clogs thoroughly [v]
BECLOUD	BCDELOU	to make cloudy [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BECLOWN	BCELNOW	to cause to appear [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BECOMES	BCEEMOS	comes to be [v]
BECRAWL	ABCELRW	to crawl over [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BECRIME	BCEEIMR	to make guilty of crime [v -D, -MING, -S]
BECROWD	BCDEORW	to crowd closely [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BECRUST	BCERSTU	to cover with crust [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BECURSE	BCEERSU	to curse severely [v -D or -ST, -SING, -S]
BEDAMNS	ABDEMNS	swears at [v]
BEDAUBS	ABBDESU	besmears [v]
BEDECKS	BCDEEKS	clothes with finery [v]
BEDEVIL	BDEEILV	to harass [v -LLED or -ED, -LLING or -ING, -S]
BEDEWED	BDDEEEW	wetted with dew [v]
BEDIGHT	BDEGHIT	to bedeck [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BEDIRTY	BDEIRTY	to make dirty [v -TIED, -TYING, -TIES]
BEDIZEN	BDEEINZ	to dress gaudily [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BEDRAPE	ABDEEPR	to drape [v -D, -PING, -S]
BEDRUGS	BDEGRSU	to make sleepy [v]
BEDUMBS	BBDEMSU	to render speechless [v]
BEDUNCE	BCDEENU	to make dunce of [v -D, -CING, -S]
BEDWARF	ABDEFRW	to cause to appear small by comparison [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BEFALLS	ABEFLLS	happens to [v]
BEFLAGS	ABEFGLS	to deck with flags [v]
BEFLEAS	ABEEFLS	infests with fleas [v]
BEFLECK	BCEEFKL	to fleck [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BEFOOLS	BEFLOOS	to deceive [v]
BEFOULS	BEFLOSU	to foul [v]
BEFRETS	BEEFRST	to gnaw [v]
BEGALLS	ABEGLLS	to make sore by rubbing [v]
BEGAZES	ABEEGSZ	to gaze at [v]
BEGIRDS	BDEGIRS	to surround [v]
BEGLADS	ABDEGLS	to gladden [v]
BEGLOOM	BEGLMOO	to make gloomy [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BEGRIME	BEEGIMR	to dirty [v -D, -MING, -S]
BEGRIMS	BEGIMRS	to begrime [v]



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BEGROAN	ABEGNOR	to groan [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BEGUILE	BEEGILU	to deceive [v -D, -LING, -S]
BEGULFS	BEFGLSU	to engulf [v]
BEHOofs	BEFHOOs	benefits or advantages [n]
BEHOoVE	BEEHOoV	to be proper for [v -D, -VING, -S]
BEHOVES	BEEHOSV	to behoove [v]
BEHOWLS	BEHLOSW	to howl [v]
BEJEWEL	BEEEJLW	to adorn with jewels [v -LLED or -ED, -LLING or -ING, -S]
BEKNOTS	BEKNOST	to tie in knots [v]
BELACED	ABCDEEL	adorned with lace [adj]
BELATED	ABDEELT	late or too late [adj]
BELAUDS	ABDELSU	to praise [v]
BELAYED	ABDEELY	to fasten rope [v]
BELAYER	ABEELRY	one that belays [n -S]
BELEAPS	ABEELPS	to leap upon [v]
BELEAPT	ABEELPT	leapt upon [v]
BELIERS	BEEILRS	ones that belie [n]
BEMADAM	AABDEMM	to call by title of madam [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BEMEANS	ABEEMNS	debases [v]
BEMIRES	BEEIMRS	soils with mud [v]
BEMISTS	BEIMSS	envelops in mist [v]
BEMIXES	BEEIMSX	to mix thoroughly [v]
BEMOANS	ABEMNOS	laments [v]
BEMOCKS	BCEKMOS	mocks [v]
BEMUSES	BEEMSSU	confuses [v]
BENAMES	ABEEMNS	names [v]
BENEMPT	BEEMNPT	named [v]
BENUMBS	BBEMNSU	numbs [v]
BEPAINT	ABEINPT	to tinge [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BEQUEST	BEEQSTU	legacy [n -S]
BERAKES	ABEEKRS	to rake all over [v]
BERATES	ABEERST	to scold severely [v]
BEREAVE	ABEEERV	to deprive [v -D or -FT, -VING, -S]
BERHYME	BEEHMRY	to compose in rhyme [v -D, -MING, -S]
BERIMES	BEEIMRS	berhymes [v]
BEROBED	BBDEEOR	wearing robe [adj]
BESCOUR	BCEORSU	to scour thoroughly [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BESEECH	BCEEEHS	to implore [v -ED or -SOUGHT, -ING, -ES]
BESEEMS	BEEEMSS	is suitable [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BESHAME	ABEEHMS	to put to shame [v -D, -MING, -S]
BESHOUT	BEHOSTU	to shout at [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BESHREW	BEEHRWS	to curse [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BESIEGE	BEEEGIS	to surround [v -D, -GING, -S]
BESLIME	BEEILMS	to cover with slime [v -D, -MING, -S]
BESMEAR	ABEEMRS	to smear over [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BESMILE	BEEILMS	to smile on [v -D, -LING, -S]
BESMOKE	BEEKMOS	to soil with smoke [v -D, -KING, -S]



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BESMUTS	BEMSSTU	to blacken with smut [v]
BESNOWS	BENOSSW	to cover with snow [v]
BESPEAK	ABEEKPS	to claim in advance [v -POKE or -PAKE, -POKEN, -ING, -S]
BESTEAD	ABEEDST	to help [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BESTIRS	BEIRSST	rouse [v]
BESTOWS	BEOSSTW	presents as gift [v]
BESTREW	BEERSTW	to scatter [v -ED, -N, -ING, -S]
BESTUDS	BDESSTU	dots [v]
BESWARM	ABEMRSW	to swarm all over [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BETAKES	ABEEKST	to cause to go [v]
BETAXED	ABDEETX	burden with taxes [adj]
BETHANK	ABEHKNT	to thank [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BETHINK	BEHIKNT	to consider [v -THOUGHT, -ING, -S]
BETHORN	BEHNORT	to fill with thorns [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BETHUMP	BEHMPTU	to thump soundly [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BETIDES	BDEEIST	befalls [v]
BETIMES	BEEIMST	soon [adv]
BETOKEN	BEEKNOT	to indicate [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BETRAYS	ABERSTY	to aid enemy of [v]
BETROTH	BEHORTT	to engage to marry [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BETWIXT	BEITTWX	between [prep]
BEVOMIT	BEIMOTV	to vomit all over [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BEWAILS	ABEILSW	laments [v]
BEWEARY	ABEERWY	to make weary [v -RIED, -RYING, -RIES]
BEWEEPS	BEEEPSW	laments [v]
BEWORMS	BEMORSW	infests with worms [v]
BEWORRY	BEORRWY	to worry [v -RIED, -RYING, -RIES]
BEWRAPS	ABEPRSW	to wrap completely [v]
BEWRAPT	ABEPRTW	wrapped completely [v]
BEWRAYS	ABERSWY	to divulge [v]
BYGONES	BEGNOSY	BYGONE, past occurrence [n]

## C 7s

COOLTHS	CHLOOST	coolnesses [n]
COULDST	CDLOSTU	can [v]

## D 7s

DARESAY	AADERSY	to venture to say [v; only form; does not conjugate]
DRUTHER	DEHRTTU	one's preference [n -S]

## E 7s

EFTSOON	EFNOOST	soon afterward [adv]
ENDLONG	DEGLNNO	lengthwise [adv]
ENDWISE	DEEINSW	lengthwise [adv]
ERELONG	E EGLNOR	soon [adv]

## F 7s

FLOREAT	AEFLORT	may he/she/it flourish [v -ED, -ING, -S]
FOREBYE	BEEFORY	close by [prep]
FOREDID	DDEFIOR	destroyed [v]
FORFEND	DEFFNOR	to protect [v -ED, -ING, -S]



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FORNENT	EFNNORT	near to [prep]
FORWENT	EFNORTW	refrained from [v]
FROWARD	ADFORRW	disobedient [adj]

**G 7s**

GREENTH	EEGHNRT	verdure [n -S]
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**H 7s**

HADDEST	ADDEHST	2 <sup>nd</sup> person singular of have (to hold as possession, privilege, or entitlement) [v]
HOWBEIT	BEHIOTW	nevertheless [adv]
HUSWIFE	EFHISUW	sewing kit [n -IVES or -S]

**I 7s**

**J 7s**

**K 7s**

**L 7s**

**M 7s**

MESEEMS	EEEMMSS	it seems to me [v]
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**N 7s**

**O 7s**

**P 7s**

PRITHEE	EEHIPRT	used to express wish or request [interj]
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**Q 7s**

**R 7s**

**S 7s**

**T 7s**

THEREIN	EEHINRT	it that place [adv]
THEREOF	EEFHORT	of that [adv]
THEREON	EEHNORT	on that [adv]
THERETO	EEHORTT	to that [adv]
THITHER	EHHIRTT	in that direction [adv]
THOUING	GHINOTU	to address as thou [v]

**U 7s**

UNBOSOM	BMNOOSU	to reveal [v -ED, -ING, -S]
UNCLEFT	CEFLNTU	not cleft (to split or divide) [adj]
UNCLOAK	ACKLNOU	to remove cloak from [v -ED, -ING, -S]
UNCOMIC	CCIMNOU	not comic [adj]
UNGLOVE	EGLNOUV	to uncover by removing glove [v -D, -VING, -S]
UNHAIRS	AHINRSU	UNHAIR, to remove hair from [v]
UNHANDS	ADHNNSU	UNHAND, to remove hand from [v]
UNHELMS	EHLMNSU	UNHELM, to remove helmet of [v]
UNHOODS	DHNOOSU	UNHOOD, to remove hood from [v]
UNHORSE	EHNORSU	to cause to fall from horse [v -D, -SING, -S]
UNMEWED	DEEMNUW	UNMEW, to set free [v]
UNSHIPS	HINPSSU	UNSHIP, to unload from ship [v]
UNSIGHT	GHINSTU	to prevent from seeing [v -ED, -ING, -S]
UNTRUSS	NRSSTUU	to remove from truss [v -ED, -ING, -S]
UNWOODED	DENOOUW	not wooed (to seek affection of) [adj]
UNYOKED	DEKNOUY	UNYOKE, to free from yoke (wooden frame for joining together draft animals) [v]

**V 7s**



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## **W 7s**

WAENESS	AEENSSW	woeness [n -ES]
WAESUCK	ACEKSUW	WAESUCKS, used to express pity [interj]
WHEREAS	AEHRSW	introductory statement [n -ES]
WHEREAT	AEHRTW	at which [conj]
WHEREBY	BEEHRWY	by which [conj]
WHEREIN	EEHINRW	in which [conj]
WHEREOF	EEFHORW	of which [conj]
WHEREON	EEHNORW	on which [conj]
WHERE TO	EEHORTW	to which [conj]
WHITHER	EHHIRTW	to what place [adv]
WHOSE SO	EHOSSW	possessive of whose [pron]

## **X 7s**

## **Y 7s**

YCLEPED	CDEELPY	called, named [adj]
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## **Z 7s**