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## A 8s

## B 8s

|          |          |   |
|----------|----------|---|
| BECAPPED | ABCDEEPP | to put cap on [v]   |
| BECARPET | ABCEEPRT | to cover with carpet [v -ED, -ING, -S]                    |
| BECHANCE | ABCCEEHN | to befall [v -D, -CING, -S]                               |
| BECLAMOR | ABCELMOR | to clamor loudly [v -ED, -ING, -S]                        |
| BECLOTHE | BCEEHLOT | to clothe [v -D, -HING, -S]                               |
| BECOWARD | ABCDEORW | to accuse of cowardice [v -ED, -ING, -S]                  |
| BECUDGEL | BCDEEGLU | to cudgel thoroughly [v -LLED or -ED, -LLING or -ING, -S] |
| BEDABBLE | ABBBDEEL | to soil [v -D, -LING, -S]                                 |
| BEDARKEN | ABDEEKNR | to darken [v -ED, -ING, -S]                               |
| BEDAZZLE | ABDEELZZ | to confuse [v -D, -LING, -S]                              |
| BEDEAFEN | ABDEEEFN | to deafen [v -ED, -ING, -S]                               |
| BEDIAPER | ABDEEIPR | to ornament with kind of design [v -ED, -ING, -S]         |
| BEDIMMED | BDDEEIMM | made dimmed [v]   |
| BEDIMPLE | BDEEILMP | to dimple [v -D, -LING, -S]                               |
| BEDOTTED | BDDEEOTT | covered with dots [adj]                                   |
| BEDRENCH | BCDEEHNR | to drench thoroughly [v -ED, -ING, -S]                    |
| BEDRIVEL | BDEEILRV | to cover with saliva [v -LLED or -ED, -LLING or -ING, -S] |
| BEFINGER | BEEFGINR | to touch all over [v -ED, -ING, -S]                       |
| BEFLOWER | BEEFLORW | to cover with flowers [v -ED, -ING, -S]                   |
| BEFOGGED | BDEEFGGO | enveloped with fog [v]                                    |
| BEFOULER | BEEFLORU | one that befouls [n -S]                                   |
| BEFRINGE | BEEFGINR | to border with fringe [v -D, -GING, -S]                   |
| BEFUDDLE | BDDEEFLU | to confuse [v -D, -LING, -S]                              |
| BEGEMMED | BDEEEGMM | to gem (to adorn with precious stones) [v]                |
| BEGETTER | BEEEGRTT | one that begets (causes to exist) [n -S]                  |
| BEGIRDLE | BDEEGILR | to surround [v -D, -LING, -S]                             |
| BEGLAMOR | ABEGLMOR | to dazzle with glamor [v -ED, -ING, -S]                   |
| BEGOTTEN | BEEGNOTT | caused to exist [v]                                       |
| BGRUDGE  | BDEEGGRU | to concede reluctantly [v -D, -GING, -S]                  |
| BEGUILER | BEEGILRU | one that beguiles [n -S]                                  |
| BEHOLDER | BDEEHLOR | one that beholds [n -S]                                   |
| BEJUMBLE | BBEEJLMU | to jumble [v -D, -LING, -S]                               |
| BEKISSES | BEEIKSSS | to cover with kisses [v]                                  |
| BEKNIGHT | BEGHIKNT | to raise to knighthood [v -ED, -ING, -S]                  |
| BELABOUR | ABBELORU | to belabor [v -ED, -ING, -S]                              |
| BELADIES | ABDEEILS | to apply title of lady to [v]                             |
| BELIQUOR | BEILOQRU | to soak with liquor [v -ED, -ING, -S]                     |
| BEMADDEN | ABDDEEMN | to madden [v -ED, -ING, -S]                               |
| BEMINGLE | BEEGILMN | to mix together [v -D, -LING, -S]                         |
| BEMUDDLE | BDDEELMU | to confuse completely [v -D, -LING, -S]                   |
| BEMURMUR | BEMMRRUU | to murmur at [v -ED, -ING, -S]                            |
| BEMUZZLE | BEELMUZZ | to muzzle [v -D, -LING, -S]                               |
| BEPIMPLE | BEEILMPP | to cover with pimples [v -D, -LING, -S]                   |
| BERASCAL | AABCELRS | to accuse of being rascal [v -ED, -ING, -S]               |



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|----------|----------|---|
| BERINGED | BDEEGINR | adorned with rings [adj]                        |
| BEROUGED | BDEEGORU | obviously or thickly rouged [adj]               |
| BESCORCH | BCCEHORS | to scorch [v -ED, -ING, -S]                     |
| BESCREEN | BCEEENRS | to screen [v -ED, -ING, -S]                     |
| BESETTER | BEEERSTT | one that besets [n -S]                          |
| BESHADOW | ABDEHOSW | to cast shadow on [v -ED, -ING, -S]             |
| BESHIVER | BEEHIRSV | to break into small pieces [v -ED, -ING, -S]    |
| BESHROUD | BDEHORSU | to cover [v -ED, -ING, -S]                      |
| BESIEGER | BEEEGIRS | one that besieges [n -S]                        |
| BESLAVED | ABDEELSV | filled with slaves [adj]                        |
| BESMOOTH | BEHMOOST | to smooth [v -ED, -ING, -S]                     |
| BESMUDGE | BDEEGMSU | to smudge [v -D, -GING, -S]                     |
| BESOOTHE | BEEHOOST | to soothe [v -D, -HING, -S]                     |
| BESOTTED | BDEEOSTT | stupefied [v]                                   |
| BESPOUSE | BEEOPSSU | to marry [v -D, -SING, -S]                      |
| BESPREAD | ABDEEPRS | to spread [v -SPREAD, -ING, -S]                 |
| BESPRENT | BEENPRST | sprinkled over [adj]                            |
| BESTRIDE | BDEEIRST | to straddle [v -RODE or -RID, -DDEN, -DING, -S] |
| BESTROWN | BENORSTW | bestrewed [v]                                   |
| BESUITED | BDEEISTU | wearing suit [adj]                              |
| BETATTER | ABEERTTT | to tatter [v -ED, -ING, -S]                     |
| BEUNCLED | BCDEELNU | having many uncles [adj]                        |
| BEWAILER | ABEEILRW | one that bewails [n -S]                         |
| BEWIGGED | BDEEGGIW | adorned with wig [v]                            |
| BEWILDER | BDEEILRW | to confuse [v -ED, -ING, -S]                    |
| BEWINGED | BDEEGINW | having wings [adj]                              |
| BEWRAYER | ABEERRWY | one that bewrays [n -S]                         |

## C 8s

|          |          |                         |
|----------|----------|-------------------------|
| COMETHER | CEEHMORT | affair or matter [n -S] |
| COULDEST | CDELOSTU | can [v]                 |

## D 8s

## E 8s

|          |          |                               |
|----------|----------|-------------------------------|
| EFTSOONS | EFNOOSST | EFTSOON, soon afterward [adv] |
| EREWHILE | EEEHILRW | some time ago [adv]           |

## F 8s

|          |          |   |
|----------|----------|---|
| FLOREATS | AEFLORST | may he/she/it flourish [v]                    |
| FOREDOOM | DEFMOOOR | to doom in advance [v -ED, -ING, -S]          |
| FOREFEEL | EEEFFLOR | to have premonition of [v -FELT, -LING, -S]   |
| FOREFEND | DEEFFNOR | to protect [v -ED, -ING, -S]                  |
| FOREKNOW | EFKNOORW | to know in advance [v -NEW, -N, -ING, -S]     |
| FORENOON | EFNNOOOR | period of daylight before noon [n -S]         |
| FORETIME | EEFIMORT | past [n -S]                                   |
| FOREWENT | EEFNORTW | went before [v]                               |
| FORSOOTH | FHOOORST | in truth [adv]                                |
| FORSPENT | EFNOPRST | worn out [adj]                                |
| FORSWEAR | AEFORRSW | to deny under oath [v -WORE, -WORN, -ING, -S] |



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## G 8s

|          |          |                                   |
|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| GADZOOKS | ADGKOOSZ | used as mild oath [interj]        |
| GARDYLOO | ADGLOORY | used as warning cry [interj]      |
| GRAMERCY | ACEGMRRY | expression of gratitude [n -CIES] |

## H 8s

|          |          |                                  |
|----------|----------|----------------------------------|
| HEREAWAY | AAEEHRWY | in this vicinity [adv]           |
| HEREINTO | EEHINORT | into this place [adv]            |
| HEREUNTO | EEHNORTU | to this matter [adv]             |
| HEREUPON | EEHNOPRU | immediately following this [adv] |
| HEREWITH | EEHHIRTW | along with this [adv]            |

## I 8s

## J 8s

## K 8s

## L 8s

|          |          |                                 |
|----------|----------|---------------------------------|
| LACKADAY | AAACDKLY | used to express regret [interj] |
| LOQUITUR | ILOQRTUU | he or she speaks [v]            |

## M 8s

|          |          |                     |
|----------|----------|---------------------|
| MESEEMED | DEEEEMMS | it seemed to me [v] |
| METHINKS | EHIKMNST | it seems to me [v]  |

## N 8s

|          |          |                |
|----------|----------|----------------|
| NAETHING | AEGHINNT | nothing [n -S] |
|----------|----------|----------------|

## O 8s

## P 8s

|          |          |                |
|----------|----------|----------------|
| PUISSANT | AINPSSTU | powerful [adj] |
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## Q 8s

## R 8s

## S 8s

|          |          |                               |
|----------|----------|-------------------------------|
| SELCOUTH | CEHLOSTU | unusual [adj]                 |
| SOMEDEAL | ADEELMOS | to some degree [adv]          |
| SOMEWAYS | AEMOSSWY | someway [adv]                 |
| SOMEWHEN | EEHMNOSW | sometime [adv]                |
| SOMEWISE | EEIMOSSW | somehow [adv]                 |
| SOOTHSAY | AHOOSSTY | to predict [v -AID, -ING, -S] |

## T 8s

## U 8s

|          |          |   |
|----------|----------|---|
| UNBITTED | BDEINTTU | not bitted (to seize with teeth) [adj]                            |
| UNBONNET | BENNOSTU | to uncover head [v -ED, -ING, -S]                                 |
| UNBREECH | BCEEHNRU | to remove breeches of [v -ED, -ING, -ES]                          |
| UNCHURCH | CCHHNRUU | to expel from church [v -ED, -ING, -S]                            |
| UNCOFFIN | CFFINNOU | to remove from coffin [v -ED, -ING, -S]                           |
| UNCOMELY | CELMNOUY | not comely (pleasing to look at) [adj]                            |
| UNFORGOT | FGNOORTU | not forgotten [adj]   |
| UNGRACED | ACDEGNRU | not graced (to give beauty to) [adj]                              |
| UNHAired | ADEHINRU | UNHAIR, to remove hair from [v]                                   |
| UNHAIRER | AEHINRRU | one that unhairst (to remove hair from) [n -S]                    |
| UNHALLOW | AHLLNOUW | to profane (to treat with irreverence or abuse [v -ED, -ING, -S]) |



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|-----------|-----------|---|
| UNHANDED  | ADDEHNNU  | UNHAND, to remove hand from [v]   |
| UNHATTED  | ADEHNNTU  | UNHAT, to remove one's hat [v]  |
| UNHELMED  | DEEHLMNU  | UNHELM, to remove helmet of [v]   |
| UNHOODED  | DDEHNOOU  | UNHOOD, to remove hood from [v]   |
| UNKENNED  | DEEKNNNU  | not known or recognized [adj]   |
| UNLEARNT  | EALNNRTU  | UNLEARN, to put out of one's knowledge or memory [v]                            |
| UNLETTED  | DEELNTTU  | not letted (to hinder (to impede)) [adj]  |
| UNMEETLY  | EELMNTUY  | UNMEET, improper (not proper (suitable (appropriate))) [adv]                    |
| UNMEWING  | EGIMNNUW  | UNMEW, to set free [v]  |
| UNREASON  | AENNORSU  | to disrupt sanity of [v -ED, -ING, -S]  |
| UNRIDDLER | DDEILNRU  | to solve [v -D, -LING, -S]  |
| UNSICKER  | CEIKNRSU  | unreliable (not reliable) [adj]   |
| UNSWATHE  | AEHNSTUW  | to unbind (to free from bindings) [v -D, -HING, -S]                             |
| UNTENTED  | DEENNTTU  | not probed or attended to [adj]   |
| UNTHRONE  | EHNNTORTU | to remove from throne (v -D, -NING, -S)   |
| UNWEIGHT  | EGHINTUW  | to reduce weight of [v -S, -ING, -ED]   |
| UNWIFELY  | EFILNUWY  | not wifely (of or befitting wife [adj])   |
| UNWISDOM  | DIMNOSUW  | lack of wisdom [n -S]   |
| UNWITTED  | DEINTTUW  | UNWIT, to make insane [v]   |
| UNWONTED  | DENNOTUW  | unusual (not usual) [adj]   |
| UNYEANED  | ADEENNUY  | unborn (not born (having particular qualities from birth)) [adj]                |
| UNYOKING  | GIKNNOUY  | UNYOKE, to free from yoke (wooden frame for joining together draft animals) [v] |

**V 8s**

**W 8s**

|          |          |                               |
|----------|----------|-------------------------------|
| WAESUCKS | ACEKSSUW | used to express pity [interj] |
| WELLADAY | AADELLWY | expression of sorrow [n -S]   |
| WELLAWAY | AAELLWWY | expression of sorrow [n -S]   |

**X 8s**

**Y 8s**

**Z 8s**