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## A 8s

ABORNING	ABGINNOR	while being born [adv]
AFFOREST	AEFFFORST	to convert into forest [v -ED, -ING, -S]
AFFRIGHT	AFFGHIRT	to frighten [v -ED, -ING, -S]

## 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]
BEGRUDGE	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]



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BERASCAL	AABCELR	to accuse of being rascal [v -ED, -ING, -S]
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]



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**FORSWEAR** AEFORRSW to deny under oath [v -WORE, -WORN, -ING, -S]

## 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]

**NIDERING** DEGIINNR coward (one who lacks courage (quality that enables one to face danger fearlessly; spirit)) [n -S]

## O 8s

## P 8s

**PUISSANT** AINPSSTU powerful [adj]

## 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 unhair (to remove hair from) [n -S]



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UNHALLOW	AHLLNOUW	to profane (to treat with irreverence or abuse [v -ED, -ING, -S])
UNHANDED	ADDEHNNU	UNHAND, to remove hand from [v]
UNHATTED	ADEHNNTTU	UNHAT, to remove one's hat [v]
UNHELMED	DEEHLMNNU	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]
UNRIDDLE	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