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## A 7s

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]  
BECHARM    ABCEHMR    to hold under spell [v -ED, -ING, -S]  
BECLASP    ABCELPS    embrace [v -ED, -ING, -S]  
BECLOAK    ABCEKLO    to place cloak on [v -ED, -ING, -S]  
BECLOGS    BCEGLOS    clogs thouroughly [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]  
BEGROAN    ABEGNOR    to groan [v -ED, -ING, -S]



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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	BEIMSST	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, -MS]
BESHOUT	BEHOSTU	to shout at [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BESHREW	BEEHRsw	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

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]	
			<b>G 7s</b>
GREENTH	EEGHNRT	verdure [n -S]	
			<b>H 7s</b>
HOWBEIT	BEHIOTW	nevertheless [adv]	
			<b>I 7s</b>
			<b>J 7s</b>
			<b>K 7s</b>
			<b>L 7s</b>
			<b>M 7s</b>
MESEEMS	EEEMMSS	it seems to me [v]	
			<b>N 7s</b>
			<b>O 7s</b>
			<b>P 7s</b>
PRITHEE	EEHIPRT	used to express wish or request [interj]	
			<b>Q 7s</b>
			<b>R 7s</b>
			<b>S 7s</b>
			<b>T 7s</b>
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]	
			<b>U 7s</b>
			<b>V 7s</b>
			<b>W 7s</b>
WAENESS	AEENSSW	woeness [n -ES]	
WAESUCK	ACEKSUW	WAESUCKS, used to express pity [interj]	
WHEREAS	AEEHRWS	introductory statement [n -ES]	
WHEREAT	AEEHRTW	at which [conj]	
WHEREBY	BEEHRWY	by which [conj]	
WHEREIN	EEHINRW	in which [conj]	
WHEREOF	EEFHORW	of which [conj]	
WHEREON	EEHNORW	on which [conj]	
WHERETO	EEHORTW	to which [conj]	
WHITHER	EHHIRTW	to what place [adv]	
WHOSOSO	EHOOSSW	possessive of whoso [pron]	
			<b>X 7s</b>
			<b>Y 7s</b>
YCLEPED	CDEELPY	called, named [adj]	
			<b>Z 7s</b>