

BEFORE

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A

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| ACHED | ACDEH | ACHE, to suffer dull, continuous pain |
| ACHES | ACEHS | ACHE, to suffer dull, continuous pain |
| ACTED | ACDET | ACT, to do something |
| ADAPT | AADPT | to make suitable |
| ADMIT | ADIMT | to allow to enter |
| ADOPT | ADOPT | to take into one's family by legal means |
| ALLOT | ALLOT | to give as share or portion |
| ALTER | AELRT | to make different |
| AMBLE | ABELM | to saunter (to walk in leisurely manner) |
| APPLY | ALPPY | to bring into contact with something |
| ARMED | ADEMR | ARM, to supply with weapons |
| AUDIT | ADITU | to examine with intent to verify |
| AVERS | AERSV | AVER, to declare positively |

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B

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|-------|-------|---|
| BAKED | ABDEK | BAKE, to prepare food in oven |
| BAKES | ABEKS | BAKE, to prepare food in oven |
| BENDS | BDENS | BEND, to curve (to deviate from straightness) |
| BILLS | BILLS | BILL, to present statement of costs to |
| BINDS | BDINS | BIND, to tie or secure |
| BIRTH | BHIRT | to originate |
| BLESS | BELSS | to sanctify (to make holy) |
| BOARD | ABDOR | to take meals for fixed price |
| BOILS | BILOS | BOIL, to vaporize liquid |
| BOOKS | BKOOS | BOOK, to engage services |
| BOUND | BDNOU | BIND, to tie or secure / to leap (to spring off ground) |
| BUILD | BDILU | to construct |
| BUILT | BILTU | BUILD, to construct |

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C

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| CASTS | AC SST | CAST, to throw with force |
| CEDED | CDDEE | CEDE, to yield (to give up) |
| CEDES | CDEES | CEDE, to yield (to give up) |
| CHECK | CCEHK | to inspect (to look carefully at or over) |
| CHILL | CHILL | to make cold |
| CHOSE | CEHOS | CHOOSE, to take by preference |
| CITED | CDEIT | CITE, to quote as authority or example |
| CLEAN | ACELN | to rid of dirt or stain |
| CLEAR | ACELR | to remove obstructions |
| CODED | CDDEO | CODE, to convert into symbols |
| CODES | CDEOS | CODE, to convert into symbols |
| COOKS | CKOOS | COOK, to prepare food by heating |

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| COOLS | CLOOS | COOL, to make less warm |
| CRASH | ACHRS | to collide noisily |
| CURED | CDERU | CURE, to restore to health |
| CURES | CERSU | CURE, to restore to health |

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| DATED | ADDET | DATE, to determine or record date of |
| DATES | ADEST | DATE, to determine or record date of |
| DAWNS | ADNSW | DAWN, to begin to grow light in morning |
| DRAFT | ADFRT | to conscript for military service |
| DRIED | DDEIR | DRY, to make dry |
| DRIES | DEIRS | DRY, to make dry |
| DRILL | DILLR | to bore hole in |
| DUSKS | DKSSU | DUSK, to become dark |

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| EDITS | DEIST | EDIT, to correct and prepare for publication |
| ELECT | CEELT | to select by vote for office |
| ENACT | ACENT | to make into law |
| ERECT | CEERT | to build (to construct) |
| EXIST | EISTX | to be (to have actuality) |

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| FACED | ACDEF | FACE, to oppose or meet defiantly |
| FACES | ACEFS | FACE, to oppose or meet defiantly |
| FADED | ADDEF | FADE, to lose color or brightness |
| FADES | ADEFS | FADE, to lose color or brightness |
| FIGHT | FGHIT | to attempt to defeat adversary |
| FILED | DEFIL | FILE, to arrange in order for future reference |
| FILES | EFILS | FILE, to arrange in order for future reference |
| FIRE | DEFIR | FIRE, to project by discharging from gun |
| FIRES | EFIRS | FIRE, to project by discharging from gun |
| FIXED | DEFIX | FIX, to repair (to restore to good condition) |
| FIXES | EFISX | FIX, to repair (to restore to good condition) |
| FLAME | AEFLM | to burn brightly |
| FOCUS | CFOSU | to bring to focus |
| FORMS | FMORS | FORM, to produce (to bring into existence) |
| FRANK | AFKNR | to mark (piece of mail) for free delivery |
| FROZE | EFORZ | FREEZE, to become hardened into solid body by loss of heat |
| FUNDS | DFNSU | FUND, to provide money for |

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| GAMED | ADEGM | GAME, to gamble (to play game of chance for money or valuables) |
| GAMES | AEGMS | GAME, to gamble (to play game of chance for money or valuables) |
| GUIDE | DEGIU | to show way to |

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| HEATS | AEHST | HEAT, to make hot |
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| JUDGE | DEGJU | to decide on critically |
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| LIMIT | IILMT | to restrict (to keep within certain boundaries) |
| LIVES | EILSV | LIVE, to function as animal or plant |
| LOADS | ADLOS | LOAD, to place in or on means of conveyance |
| LUNCH | CHLNU | to eat noonday meal |

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| MAKES | AEKMS | MAKE, to cause to exist |
| MIXED | DEIMX | MIX, to put together into one mass |
| MIXES | EIMSX | MIX, to put together into one mass |
| MOLDS | DLMOS | MOLD, to work into particular shape |
| MOTOR | MOORT | to travel by automobile |

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| NAMES | AEMNS | NAME, to give title to |
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| ORDER | DEORR | to give command or instruction to |
| OWNED | DENOW | OWN, to have as belonging |

Can add **PRE-** in front **P**

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| PACKS | ACKPS | PACK, to put into receptacle for transportation or storage |
| PARED | ADEPR | PARE, to cut off outer covering of |

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| PARES | AEPRS | PARE, to cut off outer covering of |
| PASTE | AEPST | to fasten with sticky mixture |
| PAVED | ADEPV | PAVE, to cover with material that forms firm, level surface |
| PAVES | AEPSV | PAVE, to cover with material that forms firm, level surface |
| PLACE | ACELP | to set in particular position |
| PLANS | ALNPS | PLAN, to formulate plan (method for achieving end) |
| PLANT | ALNPT | to place in ground for growing |
| POSED | DEOPS | POSE, to assume fixed position |
| POSES | EOPSS | POSE, to assume fixed position |
| PRESS | EPRSS | to act upon with steady force |
| PRICE | CEIPR | to set value |
| PRINT | INPRT | to produce by pressed type on surface |
| PUNCH | CHNPU | to perforate with type of tool |

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| RADIO | ADIOR | to transmit by radio (apparatus for wireless communication) |
| RINSE | EINRS | to cleanse with clear water |

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| SCORE | CEORS | to make point in game or contest |
| SELLS | ELLSS | SELL, to give up to another for money or other valuable consideration |
| SERVE | EERSV | to work for |
| SHAPE | AEHPS | to give shape (outward form) to |
| SHIPS | HIPSS | SHIP, to transport by ship (vessel suitable for navigation in deep water) |
| SHOWN | HNOSW | SHOW, to cause or permit to be seen |
| SHOWS | HOSSW | SHOW, to cause or permit to be seen |
| SIDED | DDEIS | SIDE, to agree with or support |
| SIDES | DEISS | SIDE, to agree with or support |
| SIFTS | FISST | SIFT, to sieve (to pass through sieve (utensil for separating coarse parts from fine parts of loose matter)) |
| SLEEP | EELPS | to be in natural, periodic state of rest |
| SLICE | CEILS | to cut into thin, flat pieces |
| SOAKS | AKOSS | SOAK, to wet something thoroughly |
| SOLVE | ELOSV | to find answer or explanation for |
| SORTS | ORSST | SORT, to arrange according to kind, class, or size |
| SPLIT | ILPST | to separate lengthwise |
| STAMP | AMPST | to bring foot down heavily |
| STORE | EORST | to put away for future use |

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| TAPED | ADEPT | TAPE, to fasten with tape (long, narrow strip or band) |
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| TAPES | AEPST | TAPE, to fasten with tape (long, narrow strip or band) |
| TASTE | AESTT | to perceive flavor of by taking into mouth |
| TELLS | ELLST | TELL, to give detailed account of |
| TENDS | DENST | TEND, to be disposed or inclined |
| TENSE | EENST | to make tense |
| TERMS | EMRST | TERM, to give name to |
| TESTS | ESSTT | TEST, to evaluate by examination |
| TEXTS | ESTTX | TEXT, to send message from one cell phone to another |
| TRAIN | AINRT | to instruct systematically |
| TREAT | AERTT | to behave in particular way toward |
| TRIAL | AILRT | to test something to assess its performance |
| TRIMS | IMRST | TRIM, to make trim by cutting |
| TYPED | DEPTY | TYPE, to write with typewriter |
| TYPES | EPSTY | TYPE, to write with typewriter |

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| UNITE | EINTU | to bring together so as to form whole |
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| VAILS | AILSV | VAIL, to lower (to appear dark and threatening) |
| VALUE | AELUV | to estimate value (quality that renders thing useful or desirable) of |
| VENTS | ENSTV | VENT, to provide with vent (opening for escape of gas or liquid) |
| VEWS | EISVW | VIEW, to look at |
| VISED | DEISV | WISE, to hold in vise (clamping device) |
| VISES | EISSV | WISE, to hold in vise (clamping device) |
| VISIT | IISTV | to go or come to see someone or something |
| VISOR | IORSV | to provide with visor (projecting brim) |

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| WARMS | AMRSW | WARM, to make warm |
| WARNS | ANRSW | WARN, to make aware of impending or possible danger |
| WEIGH | EGHIW | to determine weight of |
| WIRED | DEIRW | WIRE, to fasten with wire (slender rod, strand, or thread of ductile metal) |
| WIRES | EIRSW | WIRE, to fasten with wire (slender rod, strand, or thread of ductile metal) |
| WORKS | KORSW | WORK, to exert one's powers of body or mind for some purpose |
| WRAPS | APRSW | WRAP, to enclose in something wound or folded about |

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