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A

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

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

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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D

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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E

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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F

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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L

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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M

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

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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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R

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

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S

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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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
TONIC	CINOT	(referring to tone (particular sound of definite pitch and vibration to))
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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V

VAILS	AILSU	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)
VIEWS	EISVW	VIEW, to look at
VISED	DEISV	VISE, to hold in vise (clamping device)
VISES	EISSV	VISE, 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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W

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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