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A

ABSORB	ABBORS	to take up or in
ACCUSE	ACCESU	to make assertion against
ACHING	ACGHIN	ACHE, to suffer dull, continuous pain
ACTING	ACGINT	ACT, to do something
ADAPTS	AADPST	ADAPT, to make suitable
ADJUST	ADJUSTU	to bring to more satisfactory state
ADMITS	ADIMST	ADMIT, to allow to enter
ADOPTS	ADOPST	ADOPT, to take into one's family by legal means
ALLOTS	ALLOST	ALLOT, to give as share or portion
ALTERS	AELRST	ALTER, to make different
AMBLEM	ABDELM	AMBLE, to saunter (to walk in leisurely manner)
AMBLES	ABELMS	AMBLE, to saunter (to walk in leisurely manner)
ARMING	AGIMNR	ARM, to supply with weapons
ASSIGN	AGINSS	to set apart for particular purpose
ASSURE	AERSSU	to insure (to guarantee against loss)
ATTUNE	AENTTU	to bring into harmony
AUDITS	ADISTU	AUDIT, to examine with intent to verify

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B

BAKING	ABGIKN	BAKE, to prepare food in oven
BATTLE	ABELTT	to fight (to attempt to defeat adversary)
BIDDEN	BDDEIN	BID, to make bid (offer of price)
BILLED	BDEILL	BILL, to present statement of costs to
BIRTHS	BHIRST	BIRTH, to originate
BOARDS	ABDORS	BOARD, to take meals for fixed price
BOILED	BDEILO	BOIL, to vaporize liquid
BOOKED	BDEKOO	BOOK, to engage services
BOUGHT	BGHOTU	BUY, to purchase (to acquire by payment of money)
BUDGET	BDEGTU	to estimate expenditures
BUILDS	BDILSU	BUILD, to construct
BUYING	BGINUY	BUY, to purchase (to acquire by payment of money)

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C

CANCEL	ACCELN	to annul (to make or declare void or invalid)
CEDING	CDEGIN	CEDE, to yield (to give up)
CENSOR	CENORS	to delete objectionable word or passage
CESSED	CDEESS	CESS, to tax or assess
CESSES	CEESSS	CESS, to tax or assess
CHARGE	ACEGHR	to accuse formally
CHECKS	CCEHKS	CHECK, to inspect (to look carefully at or over)
CHILLS	CHILLS	CHILL, to make cold
CHOOSE	CEHOOS	to take by preference

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CHOSEN	CEHNOS	CHOOSE, to take by preference
CLEANS	ACELNS	CLEAN, to rid of dirt or stain
CLEAR	ACELRS	CLEAR, to remove obstructions
CODING	CDGINO	CODE, to convert into symbols
COOKED	CDEKOO	COOK, to prepare food by heating
COOLED	CDELOO	COOL, to make less warm
CREASE	ACEERS	to make fold or wrinkle in
CURING	CGINRU	CURE, to restore to health

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D

DATING	ADGINT	DATE, to determine or record date of
DEBATE	ABDEET	to argue about
DEDUCT	CDDetu	to subtract (to take away)
DEFINE	DEEFIN	to state meaning of
DIGEST	DEGIST	to render food usable for body
DRILLS	DILLRS	DRILL, to bore hole in
DRYING	DGINRY	DRY, to make dry

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E

EDITED	DDEEIT	EDIT, to correct and prepare for publication
ELECTS	CEELST	ELECT, to select by vote for office
ENACTS	ACENST	ENACT, to make into law
ERECTS	CEERST	ERECT, to build (to construct)
EXCITE	CEEITX	to arouse emotions of
EXEMPT	EEMPTX	to free from obligation required of others
EXISTS	EISSTX	EXIST, to be (to have actuality)
EXPOSE	EEOPsx	to lay open to view

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F

FACING	ACFGIN	FACE, to oppose or meet defiantly
FADING	ADFGIN	FADE, to lose color or brightness
FIGURE	EFGIRU	to compute (to calculate)
FILING	FGIILN	FILE, to arrange in order for future reference
FILLED	DEFILL	FILL, to put as much as can be held into
FIRING	FGIINR	FIRE, to project by discharging from gun
FIXING	FGIINX	FIX, to repair (to restore to good condition)
FLIGHT	FGHILT	to fly in flock
FORMAT	AFMORT	to produce in specified style
FORMED	DEFMOR	FORM, to produce (to bring into existence)
FRANKS	AFKNRS	FRANK, to mark (piece of mail) for free delivery
FREEZE	EEEFrz	to become hardened into solid body by loss of heat
FROZEN	EFNORZ	FREEZE, to become hardened into solid body by loss of heat
FUNDED	DDEFNU	FUND, to provide money for

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GAMING	AGGIMN	GAME, to gamble (to play game of chance for money or valuables)
GUIDED	DDEGIU	GUIDE, to show way to
GUIDES	DEGISU	GUIDE, to show way to

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H

HANDLE	ADEHLN	to touch with hands
HARDEN	ADEHNR	to make hard
HEATED	ADEEHT	HEAT, to make hot
HIRING	GHIINR	HIRE, to engage services of for payment

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I

IMPOSE	EIMOPS	to establish as compulsory
INFORM	FIMNOR	to supply with information
INSERT	EINRST	to put in
INVITE	EIINTV	to request presence of

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J

JUDGED	DDEGJU	JUDGE, to decide on critically
JUDGES	DEGJSU	JUDGE, to decide on critically

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L

LAUNCH	ACHLNU	to set in motion
LIMITS	IILMST	LIMIT, to restrict (to keep within certain boundaries)
LOADED	ADDELO	LOAD, to place in or on means of conveyance
LOCATE	ACELOT	to determine position of

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M

MAKING	AGIKMN	MAKE, to cause to exist
MARKET	AEKMRT	to offer for sale
MATURE	AEMRTU	to make or become mature
MISSES	EIMSSS	MISS, to fail to make contact with
MIXING	GIIMNX	MIX, to put together into one mass
MODIFY	DFIMOY	to change in form or character
MOLDED	DDELMO	MOLD, to work into particular shape
MONISH	HIMNOS	to warn (to make aware of impending or possible danger)

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NOTIFY	FINOTY	to inform (to supply with information)
NUMBER	BEMNRU	to count (to list or mention units of one by one to ascertain total)

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O

OBTAIN	ABINOT	to gain possession of
OCCUPY	CCOPIY	to engage attention or energies of
OPTION	INOOPT	to grant option (right to buy or sell something at specified price within specified time) on
ORDAIN	ADINOR	to invest with holy authority
ORDERS	DEORRS	ORDER, to give command or instruction to

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P

PACKED	ACDEKP	PACK, to put into receptacle for transportation or storage
PARING	AGINPR	PARE, to cut off outer covering of
PASTED	ADEPST	PASTE, to fasten with sticky mixture
PASTES	AEPSST	PASTE, to fasten with sticky mixture
PAVING	AGINPV	PAVE, to cover with material that forms firm, level surface
PAYING	AGINPY	PAY, to give money or something of value in exchange for goods or services
PLACED	ACDELP	PLACE, to set in particular position
PLACES	ACELPS	PLACE, to set in particular position
POSING	GINOPS	POSE, to assume fixed position
PRICED	CDEIPR	PRICE, to set value on
PRICES	CEIPRS	PRICE, to set value on
PRINTS	INPRST	PRINT, to produce by pressed type on surface

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R

RECORD	CDEORR	to set down for preservation
REFORM	EFMORR	to change to better state
RETURN	ENRRTU	to come or go back
REVIEW	EEIRVW	to view again
RINSED	DEINRS	RINSE, to cleanse with clear water
RINSES	EINRSS	RINSE, to cleanse with clear water

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S

SCHOOL	CHLOOS	to educate in institution of learning
SCORED	CDEORS	SCORE, to make point in game or contest
SCORES	CEORSS	SCORE, to make point in game or contest

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SCRIBE	BCEIRS	to mark with scribe
SCRIPT	CIPRST	to prepare written text for, as play or motion picture
SEASON	AENOSS	to heighten or improve flavor of by adding savory ingredients
SELECT	CEELST	to choose (to take by preference)
SERVED	DEERSV	SERVE, to work for
SERVES	EERSSV	SERVE, to work for
SETTLE	EELSTT	to place in desired state or order
SHAPED	ADEHPS	SHAPE, to give shape (outward form) to
SHAPES	AEHPSS	SHAPE, to give shape (outward form) to
SHOWED	DEHOSW	SHOW, to cause or permit to be seen
SHRANK	AHKNRS	SHRINK, to contract or draw back
SHRINK	HIKNRS	to contract or draw back
SHRUNK	HKNRSU	SHRINK, to contract or draw back
SIDING	DGIINS	SIDE, to agree with or support
SIFTED	DEFIST	SIFT, to sieve (to pass through sieve (utensil for separating coarse parts from fine parts of loose matter))
SIGNAL	AGILNS	to notify by means of communication
SLICED	CDEILS	SLICE, to cut into thin, flat pieces
SLICES	CEILSS	SLICE, to cut into thin, flat pieces
SOAKED	ADEKOS	SOAK, to wet something thoroughly
SOLVED	DELOSV	SOLVE, to find answer or explanation for
SOLVES	ELOSSV	SOLVE, to find answer or explanation for
SORTED	DEORST	SORT, to arrange according to kind, class, or size
STAMPS	AMPSST	STAMP, to bring foot down heavily
STORED	DEORST	STORE, to put away for future use
STORES	EORSST	STORE, to put away for future use
STRESS	ERSSST	to place emphasis on
STRIKE	EIKRST	to hit forcibly
SUMMIT	IMMSTU	to participate in highest-level conference
SURVEY	ERSUVY	to determine boundaries, area, or elevations of by measuring angles and distances

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T

TAPING	AGINPT	TAPE, to fasten with tape (long, narrow strip or band)
TASTED	ADESTT	TASTE, to perceive flavor of by taking into mouth
TASTES	AESSTT	TASTE, to perceive flavor of by taking into mouth
TENDED	DDEENT	TEND, to be disposed or inclined
TENDER	DEENRT	to present for acceptance
TENSES	EENSST	TENSE, to make tense
TESTED	DEESTT	TEST, to evaluate by examination
TEXTED	DEETTX	TEXT, to send message from one cell phone to another
TRAINS	AINRST	TRAIN, to instruct systematically
TRAVEL	AELRTV	to go from one place to another
TREATS	AERSTT	TREAT, to behave in particular way toward
TRIALS	AILRST	TRIAL, to test something to assess its performance
TYPING	GINPTY	TYPE, to write with typewriter

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UNITED	DEINTU	UNITE, to bring together so as to form whole
UNITES	EINSTU	UNITE, to bring together so as to form whole

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V

VAILED	ADEILV	VAIL, to lower (to appear dark and threatening)
VALUED	ADELUV	VALUE, to estimate value (quality that renders thing useful or desirable) of
VALUES	AELSUV	VALUE, to estimate value (quality that renders thing useful or desirable) of
VENTED	DEENTV	VENT, to provide with vent (opening for escape of gas or liquid)
VIEWED	DEEIVW	VIEW, to look at
VISING	GIINSV	WISE, to hold in vise (clamping device)
VISION	IINOSV	to imagine (to form mental picture of)
VISITS	IISSTV	VISIT, to go or come to see someone or something
VISORS	IORSSV	VISOR, to provide with visor (projecting brim)

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W

WARMED	ADEMRW	WARM, to make warm
WARNED	ADENRW	WARN, to make aware of impending or possible danger
WASHED	ADEHSW	WASH, to cleanse by immersing in or applying liquid
WASHES	AEHSSW	WASH, to cleanse by immersing in or applying liquid
WEANED	ADEENW	WEAN, to withhold mother's milk from and substitute other nourishment
WEIGHS	EGHISW	WEIGH, to determine weight of
WIRING	GIINRW	WIRE, to fasten with wire (slender rod, strand, or thread of ductile metal)
WORKED	DEKORW	WORK, to exert one's powers of body or mind for some purpose

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