

# BEFORE

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### A

ABSORBS	ABBORSS	ABSORB, to take up or in
ACCUSED	ACCDESU	ACCUSE, to make assertion against
ACCUSES	ACCESSU	ACCUSE, to make assertion against
ADAPTED	AADDEPT	ADAPT, to make suitable
ADJUSTS	ADJSSTU	ADJUST, to bring to more satisfactory state
ADOPTED	ADDEOPT	ADOPT, to take into one's family by legal means
ALTERED	ADEELRT	ALTER, to make different
APPLIED	ADEILPP	APPLY, to bring into contact with something
APPLIES	AEILPPS	APPLY, to bring into contact with something
APPROVE	AEOPPRV	to regard favorably
ARRANGE	AAEGNRR	to put in definite or proper order
ASSIGNS	AGINSSS	ASSIGN, to set apart for particular purpose
ASSURED	ADERSSU	ASSURE, to insure (to guarantee against loss)
ASSURES	AERSSSU	ASSURE, to insure (to guarantee against loss)
ATTUNED	ADENTTU	ATTUNE, to bring into harmony
ATTUNES	AENSTTU	ATTUNE, to bring into harmony
AVERRED	ADEERRV	AVER, to declare positively

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### B

BIDDING	BDDGIIN	BID, to make bid (offer of price)
BILLING	BGIILLN	BILL, to present statement of costs to
BINDING	BDGIINN	BIND, to tie or secure
BLESSED	BDEELSS	BLESS, to sanctify (to make holy)
BLESSES	BEELSSS	BLESS, to sanctify (to make holy)
BOARDED	ABDDEOR	BOARD, to take meals for fixed price
BOILING	BGIILNO	BOIL, to vaporize liquid
BOOKING	BGIKNOO	BOOK, to engage services
BUDGETS	BDEGSTU	BUDGET, to estimate expenditures

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### C

CANCELS	ACCELNS	CANCEL, to annul (to make or declare void or invalid)
CASTING	ACGINST	CAST, to throw with force
CAUTION	ACINOTU	to warn (to make aware of impending or possible danger)
CENSORS	CENORSS	CENSOR, to delete objectionable word or passage
CESSING	CEGINSS	CESS, to tax or assess
CHARGED	ACDEGHR	CHARGE, to accuse formally
CHARGES	ACEGHRS	CHARGE, to accuse formally
CHECKED	CCDEEHK	CHECK, to inspect (to look carefully at or over)
CHILLED	CDEHILL	CHILL, to make cold
CHOOSES	CEHOOSS	CHOOSE, to take by preference
CLEANED	ACDEELN	CLEAN, to rid of dirt or stain
CLEARED	ACDEELR	CLEAR, to remove obstructions

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COMPUTE	CEMOPTU	to calculate
CONCERT	CCENORT	to plan (to formulate plan (method for achieving end))
CONTACT	ACCNOTT	to communicate with
COOKING	CGIKNOO	COOK, to prepare food by heating
COOLING	CGILNOO	COOL, to make less warm
CREASED	ACDEERS	CREASE, to make fold or wrinkle in
CREASES	ACEERSS	CREASE, to make fold or wrinkle in
CUTTING	CGINTTU	CUT, to divide into parts with sharp-edged instrument

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### D

DECEASE	ACDEEES	to die (to cease living)
DEDUCTS	CDDESTU	DEDUCT, to subtract (to take away)
DEFINED	DDEEFIN	DEFINE, to state meaning of
DEFINES	DEEFINS	DEFINE, to state meaning of
DESTINE	DEEINST	to determine beforehand
DIGESTS	DEGISST	DIGEST, to render food usable for body
DISPOSE	DEIOPSS	to put in place
DRILLED	DDEILLR	DRILL, to bore hole in

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### E

EDITING	DEGIINT	EDIT, to correct and prepare for publication
ELECTED	CDEEELT	ELECT, to select by vote for office
EMBARGO	ABEGMOR	to restrain trade by governmental order
ENACTED	ACDEENT	ENACT, to make into law
ERECTED	CDEEERT	ERECT, to build (to construct)
EXCITED	CDEEITX	EXCITE, to arouse emotions of
EXCITES	CEEISTX	EXCITE, to arouse emotions of
EXEMPTS	EEMPSTX	EXEMPT, to free from obligation required of others
EXISTED	DEEISTX	EXIST, to be (to have actuality)
EXPOSED	DEEOPSX	EXPOSE, to lay open to view
EXPOSES	EEOPSSX	EXPOSE, to lay open to view

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### F

FERMENT	EEFMNRT	to undergo type of chemical reaction
FIGURED	DEFGIRU	FIGURE, to compute (to calculate)
FIGURES	EFGIRSU	FIGURE, to compute (to calculate)
FINANCE	ACEFINN	to supply money for
FLIGHTS	FGHILST	FLIGHT, to fly in flock
FOCUSED	CDEFOSU	FOCUS, to bring to focus
FOCUSES	CEFOSSU	FOCUS, to bring to focus
FORMATS	AFMORST	FORMAT, to produce in specified style
FORMING	FGIMNOR	FORM, to produce (to bring into existence)
FRANKED	ADEFKNR	FRANK, to mark (piece of mail) for free delivery

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FREEZES	EEEFRSZ	FREEZE, to become hardened into solid body by loss of heat
FUNDING	DFGINNU	FUND, to provide money for

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### G

<b>GAMINGS</b>	<b>AGGIMNS</b>	<b>GAMING, practice of gambling</b>
GUIDING	DGGIINU	GUIDE, to show way to

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### H

HANDLED	ADDEHLN	HANDLE, to touch with hands
HANDLES	ADEHLNS	HANDLE, to touch with hands
HARDENS	ADEHNRS	HARDEN, to make hard
HARVEST	AEHRSTV	to gather crop
HEATING	AEGHINT	HEAT, to make hot
HOLIDAY	ADHILOY	to take vacation

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### I

IMPOSED	DEIMOPS	IMPOSE, to establish as compulsory
IMPOSES	EIMOPSS	IMPOSE, to establish as compulsory
INFORMS	FIMNORS	INFORM, to supply with information
INSERTS	EINRSST	INSERT, to put in
INSTALL	AILLNST	to place in position for use
INVITED	DEIINTV	INVITE, to request presence of
INVITES	EIINSTV	INVITE, to request presence of

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### J

JUDGING	DGGIJNU	JUDGE, to decide on critically
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### L

LIMITED	DEIILMT	LIMIT, to restrict (to keep within certain boundaries)
LOADING	ADGILNO	LOAD, to place in or on means of conveyance
LOCATED	ACDELOT	LOCATE, to determine position of
LOCATES	ACELOST	LOCATE, to determine position of

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### M

MARKETS	AEKMRST	MARKET, to offer for sale
MATURES	AEMRSTU	MATURE, to make or become mature
MEASURE	AEEMRSU	to ascertain dimensions, quantity, or capacity of

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MOISTEN	EIMNOST	to make or become moist
MOLDING	DGILMNO	MOLD, to work into particular shape

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### N

**NOMINAL** AILMNNO word used as noun

NUMBERS	BEMNRSU	NUMBER, to count (to list or mention units of one by one to ascertain total)
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### O

OBTAINS	ABINOST	OBTAIN, to gain possession of
OPENING	EGINNOP	OPEN, to cause to become open
OPTIONS	INOOPST	OPTION, to grant option (right to buy or sell something at specified price within specified time) on
ORDAINS	ADINORS	ORDAIN, to invest with holy authority
ORDERED	DDEEORR	ORDER, to give command or instruction to

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### P

PACKAGE	AACEGKP	to make into package (wrapped or boxed object)
PACKING	ACGIKNP	PACK, to put into receptacle for transportation or storage
PASTING	AGINPST	PASTE, to fasten with sticky mixture
PLACING	ACGILNP	PLACE, to set in particular position
PLANNED	ADELNNP	PLAN, to formulate plan (method for achieving end)
PORTION	INOOPRT	to divide into shares for distribution
POSSESS	EOPSSSS	to have as property
PRICING	CGIINPR	PRICE, to set value on
PRINTED	DEINPRT	PRINT, to produce by pressed type on surface
PROCESS	CEOPRSS	to treat or prepare by special method
PROGRAM	AGMOPRR	to arrange in plan of proceedings
PUNCHED	CDEHNPU	PUNCH, to perforate with type of tool
PUNCHES	CEHNPSU	PUNCH, to perforate with type of tool

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### Q

QUALIFY	AFILQUY	to make suitable or capable
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### R

RECORDS	CDEORRS	RECORD, to set down for preservation
RELEASE	AEEELRS	to set free
REQUIRE	E EIQR RU	to have need of
REVIEWS	EEIRSVW	REVIEW, to view again
RINSING	GIINNRS	RINSE, to cleanse with clear water

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SCHOOLS	CHLOOSS	SCHOOL, to educate in institution of learning
SCORING	CGINORS	SCORE, to make point in game or contest
SCREENS	CEENRSS	SCREEN, to provide with screen (device designed to divide, conceal, or protect)
SCRIBED	BCDEIRS	SCRIBE, to mark with scribe
SCRIBES	BCEIRSS	SCRIBE, to mark with scribe
SCRIPTS	CIPRSST	SCRIPT, to prepare written text for, as play or motion picture
SEASONS	AENOSSS	SEASON, to heighten or improve flavor of by adding savory ingredients
SELECTS	CEELSST	SELECT, to choose (to take by preference)
SELLING	EGILLNS	SELL, to give up to another for money or other valuable consideration
SERVICE	CEEIRSV	to repair (to restore to good condition)
SERVING	EGINRSV	SERVE, to work for
SETTING	EGINSTT	SET, to put in particular position
SETTLED	DEELSTT	SETTLE, to place in desired state or order
SETTLES	EELSSTT	SETTLE, to place in desired state or order
SHAPING	AGHINPS	SHAPE, to give shape (outward form) to
SHIPPED	DEHIPPS	SHIP, to transport by ship (vessel suitable for navigation in deep water)
SHOWING	GHINOSW	SHOW, to cause or permit to be seen
SHRINKS	HIKNRSS	SHRINK, to contract or draw back
SIFTING	FGIINST	SIFT, to sieve (to pass through sieve (utensil for separating coarse parts from fine parts of loose matter))
SIGNALS	AGILNSS	SIGNAL, to notify by means of communication
SIGNIFY	FGIINSY	to make known
SLICING	CGIILNS	SLICE, to cut into thin, flat pieces
SOAKING	AGIKNOS	SOAK, to wet something thoroughly
SOLVING	GILNOSV	SOLVE, to find answer or explanation for
SORTING	GINORST	SORT, to arrange according to kind, class, or size
SPECIFY	CEFIPSY	to state in detail
STAMPED	ADEMPST	STAMP, to bring foot down heavily
STORING	GINORST	STORE, to put away for future use
SUMMITS	IMMSSTU	SUMMIT, to participate in highest-level conference
SUPPOSE	EOPPSSU	to assume to be true
SURVEYS	ERSSUVY	SURVEY, to determine boundaries, area, or elevations of by measuring angles and distances
SWEETEN	EEENSTW	to make sweet

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### T

TASTING	AGINSTT	TASTE, to perceive flavor of by taking into mouth
TELLING	EGILLNT	TELL, to give detailed account of
TENDERS	DEENRST	TENDER, to present for acceptance
TENDING	DEGINNT	TEND, to be disposed or inclined
TENSION	EINNOST	to make tense
TESTING	EGINSTT	TEST, to evaluate by examination
TEXTING	EGINTTX	TEXT, to send message from one cell phone to another
TRAINED	ADEINRT	TRAIN, to instruct systematically
TREATED	ADEERTT	TREAT, to behave in particular way toward
TRIMMED	DEIMMRT	TRIM, to make trim by cutting

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UNITING	GIINNTU	UNITE, to bring together so as to form whole
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### V

VAILING	AGIILNV	VAIL, to lower (to appear dark and threatening)
VALUING	AGILNUV	VALUE, to estimate value (quality that renders thing useful or desirable) of
VENTING	EGINNTV	VENT, to provide with vent (opening for escape of gas or liquid)
VIEWING	EGIINVW	VIEW, to look at
VISIONS	IINOSSV	VISION, to imagine (to form mental picture of)
VISITED	DEIISTV	VISIT, to go or come to see someone or something

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### W

WARMING	AGIMNRW	WARM, to make warm
WARNING	AGINNRW	WARN, to make aware of impending or possible danger
WASHING	AGHINSW	WASH, to cleanse by immersing in or applying liquid
WEANING	AEGINNW	WEAN, to withhold mother's milk from and substitute other nourishment
WEIGHED	DEEGHIW	WEIGH, to determine weight of
WORKING	GIKNORW	WORK, to exert one's powers of body or mind for some purpose
WRAPPED	ADEPPRW	WRAP, to enclose in something wound or folded about
WRITING	GIINRTW	WRITE, to form characters or symbols on surface with instrument

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