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CAUTION! Tricky Parts of Speech

A

ACERATE AACEERT acerose (needle-shaped)

only adjectives, ACERATE, ACERATED; no other forms

ACETATE AACEETT salt of acetic acid

only nouns, ACETATE, ACETATES, and adjective, ACETATED; no -ING verb

ACORN ACNOR fruit of oak tree

only nouns, ACORN, ACORNS, and adjective, ACORNEED; no -ING verb

ACULEATE AACEELTU stinging insect

only nouns, ACULEATE, ACULEATES, and adjective, ACULEATED; no -ING verb

AERIE AEEIR bird's nest built high on mountain or cliff

only nouns, AERIE, AERIES, and adjective, AERIED; no -ING verb

AFFINE AEEFIN relative by marriage

only nouns, AFFINE, AFFINES, and adjective, AFFINED; no -ING verb

AGILE AEGIL able to move quickly and easily

only single-form of adjective, AGILE, and adverb, AGILELY, adjective does not compare

AIRHEAD AADEHIR AIRHEAD, stupid person

only nouns, AIRHEAD, AIRHEADS, and adjective, AIRHEADED; no -ING verb

ALATE AAELT winged insect

only nouns, ALATE, ALATES, ALATION, ALATIONS and adjective, ALATED; no -ING verb

ALCOVE ACELOV recessed section of room

only nouns, ALCOVE, ALCOVES, and adjective, ALCOVED; no -ING verb

ALIMONY ADILMNOY allowance paid to woman by her divorced husband

only nouns, ALIMONY, ALIMONIES, and adjective, ALIMONIED; no -ING verb

ALMIGHTY AGHILMTY having absolute power over all

adjective but does NOT compare

ANNULATE AAELNNTU composed of or furnished with rings

only adjectives, ANNULATE, ANNULATED; no other forms

ANSATE AAENST having handle

only adjectives, ANSATE, ANSATED; no other forms

ANTIC ACINT to act in clownish manner

K added after C in verbs: ANTICKED, ANTICKING, ANTICKS



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ANTLER AELNRT horn of animal of deer family
only nouns, ANTLER, ANTLERS, and adjective, ANTLERED; no -ING verb

APPAL AALPP to appall
APPALL AALLPP to fill with horror or dismay
different spelling, but not with verb conjugation: APPALLED, APPALLING, APPALS or APPALLS

APERTURE AEEPRRTU opening
only nouns, APERTURE, APERTURES, and adjective, APERTURED; no -ING verb

ARBOR ABORR shady garden shelter
ARBOUR ABORRU shady garden shelter
only nouns, ARBOR ARBOUR, ARBORS ARBOURS, and adjectives, ARBORED ARBOURED; no -ING verb

ARCUATE AACERTU curved like bow
only adjectives, ARCUATE, ARCUATED, and adverb, ARCUATELY; no other forms

AREOLATE AAEEELORT AREOLA, small space in network of leaf veins
only adjectives, AREOLATE, AREOLATED; no other forms

ARRAS AARRS tapestry
only nouns, ARRAS, ARRASES, and adjective, ARRASED; no -ING verb

ATTABOY AABOTTY used to express encouragement or approval to mor boy
only nouns, ATTABOY, ATTABOYS; no interjection forms

ATTAGIRL AAGILRTT used to express encouragement or approval to woman or girl
interjection only; no noun forms

AURATE AAERTU having ears
only adjectives, AURATE, AURATED; no other forms

AURICLE ACEILRU ear or ear-shaped part
only nouns, AURICLE, AURICLES, and adjective, AURICLED; no -ING verb

AWNING AGINNW rooflike canvas cover
only nouns, AWNING, AWNINGS, and adjective, AWNINGED; no -ING verb

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BACCATE AABCCET pulpy like berry
only adjectives, BACCATE, BACCATED; no other forms

BACKBONE AABCEKNO spine (vertical column)
only nouns, BACKBONE, BACKBONES, and adjective, BACKBONED; no -ING verb

BADASS AABDSS offensive word



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only nouns, BADASS, BADASSES, and adjective, BADASSED; no -ING verb

BALCONY ABCLNOY elevated platform

only nouns, BALCONY, BALCONIES, and adjective, BALCONIED; no -ING verb

BALDPATE AABDELPT baldhead (bald person)

only nouns, BALDPATE, BALDPATES, and adjective, BALDPATED; no -ING verb

BANDAID AABDDIN providing superficial relief

adjective only, (example: It was bandaid solution to problem.); no noun forms

BAREFIT ABEFIRT barefoot

BAREFOOT ABEFOORT being without shoes

BAREFOOTED ABDEEFOORT adj. and adv.

adjectives & adverb only; plural of barefoot is 2-word adjective + noun form - bare feet

BARNACLE AABCELNR shellfish

only nouns, BARNACLE, BARNACLES, and adjective, BARNACLED; no -ING verb

BASIN ABINS large bowl

only nouns, BASIN, BASINS, and adjectives, BASINAL, BASINED; no -ING verb

BASTION ABINOST fortified place

only nouns, BASTION, BASTIONS, and adjective, BASTIONED; no -ING verb

BATWING ABGINTW shaped like bat's wing

adjective only; no noun forms

BEDOTTED BDDEEOTT covered with dots

adjective only; no verb forms

BEDROOM BDEMOOR room for sleeping

only nouns, BEDROOM, BEDROOMS, and adjective, BEDROOMED; no -ING verb

BEEHIVE BEEHIV hive for bees

only nouns, BEEHIVE, BEEHIVES, and adjective, BEEHIVED; no -ING verb

BELACED ABCDEEL adorned with lace

adjective only; no verb forms

BELATED ABDEELT late or too late

adjective only; no verb forms

BELFRY BEFLRY bell tower

only nouns, BELFRY, BELFRIES, and adjective, BELFRIED; no -ING verb

BELOVED BDEELOV one who is loved [n -S]



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nouns only; no verb forms

BERINGED BDEEGINR adorned with rings

adjective only; no verb forms

BEROBED BBDEEOR wearing robe

adjective only; no verb forms

BEROUGED BDEEGORU obviously or thickly rouged

adjective only; no verb forms

BESLAVED ABDEELSV filled with slaves

adjective only; no verb forms

BESUITED BDEEISTU wearing suit

adjective only; no verb forms

BETAXED ABDEETX burdened with taxes

adjective only; no verb forms

BEUNCLED BCDEELNU having many uncles

adjective only; no verb forms

BEWINGED BDEEGINW having wings

adjective only; no verb forms

BILOBED BBDEILO bilobate (having two lobes)

adjective only; no verb forms

BICOLOR BCILOR something having two colors

only nouns, BICOLOR, BICOLORS, and adjective, BICOLORED; no -ING verb

BIFOCAI ABCFILO type of lens

only nouns, BIFOCAI, BIFOCAIS, and adjective, BIFOCALED; no -ING verb

BIFORKED BDEFIKOR divided into two branches

adjective only; no verb forms

BIFORM BFIMOR having two forms

only adjectives, BIFORM, BIFORMED; no other forms

BIGGETY BEGGITY biggity (conceited)

BIGGITY BGGIITY conceited

only adjective form; does not compare

BIGHEAD ABDEGHI disease of animals

only nouns, BIGHEAD, BIGHEADS, and adjective, BIGHEADED; no -ING verb



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BIGOT BGIOT prejudiced person
only nouns, BIGOT, BIGOTS, and adjective, BIGOTED; no -ING verb

BIGTIME BEGIIMT pertaining to highest level
adjective only, (example: He is bigtime gangster.); no noun forms

BIKINI BIIIKN type of two-piece bathing suit
only nouns, BIKINI, BIKINIS, and adjective, BIKINIED; no -ING verb

BILOBATE ABBEILOT having two lobes
only adjectives, BILOBATE, BILOBATED, BILOBED; no other forms

BILSTED BDEILST hardwood tree
nouns only; no verb forms

BINGO BGINO game of chance
only nouns, BINGO, BINGOES, BINGOS; no -ED, -ING verb forms even tho said among Scrabble players

BIOFUEL BEFILOU fuel composed of biological raw materials
only nouns, BIOFUEL, BIOFUELS, and adjective, BIOFUELED; no -ING verb

BISTER BEIRST brown pigment
BISTRE BEIRST bister (brown pigment)
only nouns, BISTER, BISTERS, BISTRE, BISTRES, and adjectives, BISTERED, BISTRED; no -ING verb

BIVALVE ABEILVV having two-valved shell
only nouns, BIVALVE, BIVALVES, and adjective, BIVALVED; no -ING verb

BIVOUCAC ABCIOUV to make camp
K added after C in verbs: BIVOUCKED, BIVOUCKING, BIVOUCKS; also BIVOUCAS

BLAZER ABELRZ lightweight jacket
only nouns, BLAZER, BLAZERS, and adjective, BLAZERED; no -ING verb

BLUBBERY BBBELRUY fat; swollen
adjective but does NOT compare

BLUENOSE BEELNOSU puritanical person
only nouns, BLUENOSE, BLUENOSES, and adjective, BLUENOSED; no -ING verb

BOILOVER BEILOORV overflowing while boiling
only nouns, BOILOVER, BOILOVERS

BONUS BNOSU additional payment
only nouns, BONUS, BONUSES, BONUSING, BONUSINGS; no verb forms



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BOUGH BGHOU reward
only nouns, BOUGH, BOUGHS, and adjective BOUGHED; no -ING verb

BOUNTY BNOTUY tree branch
only nouns, BOUNTY, BOUNTIES, and adjective BOUNTIED; no -ING verb

BOWLEG BEGLOW outwardly curved leg
only nouns, BOWLEG, BOWLEGS, and adjective BOWLEGGED; no -ING verb

BRACT ABCRT leaflike plant part
only nouns, BRACT, BRACTS, and adjectives BRACTED, BRACTEAL; no -ING verb

BREADY ABDERY resembling or characteristic of bread
adjective, but does not compare

BRINDLE BDEILNR brindled (streaked) color
only nouns, BRINDLE, BRINDLES, and adjectives BRINDLED, BRINDED; no -ING verb

BULLNOSE BELLNOSU shape of bull's nose; disease of swine
only nouns, BULLNOSE, BULLNOSES, and adjective BULLNOSED; no -ING verb

BURNOOSE BENOORSU hooded cloak
only nouns, BURNOOSE, BURNOOSES, and adjective BURNOOSED; no -ING verb

BUSKIN BIKNSU high shoe
only nouns, BUSKIN, BUSKINS, and adjective BUSKINED; no -ING verb

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CABOCHED ABCCDEHO full-faced---used of animal's head in heraldry
adjective only; no other forms

CABOSHED ABCDEHOS CABOCHED (full-faced-used of animal's head in heraldry)
adjective only; no other forms

CADDIS ACDDIS coarse woolen fabric
only nouns, CADDIS, CADDISES, and adjective CADDISED; no -ING verb

CAFTAN AACFNT full-length tunic
only nouns, CAFTAN, CAFTANS, and adjective, CAFTANED; no -ING verb

CAIRN ACINR mound of stones set up as memorial
only nouns, CAIRN, CAIRNS, and adjectives, CAIRNED, CAIRNY; no -ING verb

CALIBER ABCEILR diameter of gun barrel
CALIBRE ABCEILR caliber (diameter of gun barrel)
only nouns, CALIBER, CALIBERS, CALIBRE, CALIBRES, and adjectives, CALIBERED, CALIBRED; no -ING verb



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CAMAIL AACILM piece of armor for neck
only nouns, CAMAIL, CAMAILS, and adjective, CAMAILED; no -ING verb

CANCER ACCENR malignant growth
only nouns, CANCER, CANCERS, and adjective, CANCERED; no -ING verb

CAPICHE ACCEHIP to capisce
defined as "to capisce" (but capisce is adjective); CAPICHE as verb does not conjugate

CAPITATE AACEIPTT bone of wrist in primates
only nouns, CAPITATE, CAPITATES, and adjective, CAPITATED; no -ING verb

CAPUCHE ACCEHPU hood or cowl
only nouns, CAPUCHE, CAPUCHES, and adjective, CAPUCHED; no -ING verb

CARAPACE AAACCEPR hard, protective outer covering
only nouns, CARAPACE, CARAPACES, and adjective, CARAPACED; no -ING verb

CARBOY ABCORY large bottle
only nouns, CARBOY, CARBOYS, and adjective, CARBOYED; no -ING verb

CARINATE AACEINRT shaped like keel of ship
only adjectives, CARINATE, CARINATED; no other forms

CASEMATE AACEEMST bombproof shelter
only nouns, CASEMATE, CASEMATES, and adjective, CASEMATED; no -ING verb

CASQUE ACEQSU helmet
only nouns, CASQUE, CASQUES, and adjective, CASQUED; no -ING verb

CASSOCK ACCKOSS long garment worn by clergymen
only nouns, CASSOCK, CASSOCKS, and adjective, CASSOCKED; no -ING verb

CASTER ACERST small, swiveling wheel
only nouns, CASTER, CASTERS, and adjective, CASTERED; no -ING verb

CAUDATE AACDETU basal ganglion of brain
only nouns, CAUDATE, CAUDATES, and adjective, CAUDATED; no -ING verb

CAVITY ACITVY unfilled spaced within mass
only nouns, CAVITY, CAVITIES, and adjective, CAVITIED; no -ING verb

CAYENNE ACEENNY hot seasoning
only nouns, CAYENNE, CAYENNES, and adjective, CAYENNED; no -ING verb

CERATE ACEERT medicated ointment



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only nouns, CERATE, CERATES, and **adjective**, CERATED (covered with wax); **no -ING verb**

CHALICE ACCEHIL drinking cup
only nouns, CHALICE, CHALICES, and **adjective**, CHALICED; **no -ING verb**

CHAPLET ACEHLPT wreath for head
only nouns, CHAPLET, CHAPLETS, and **adjective**, CHAPLETED; **no -ING verb**

CHASM ACHMS deep cleft in earth
only nouns, CHASM, CHASMS, and **adjectives**, CHASMAL, CHASMED, CHASMIC, CHASMY; **no -ING verb**

CHEST CEHST part of body
only nouns, CHEST, CHESTS, and **adjective**, CHESTED; **no -ING verb**

CHIGNON CGHINNO woman's hairdo
only nouns, CHIGNON, CHIGNONS, and **adjective**, CHIGNONED; **no -ING verb**

CHILDING CDGHIILN pregnant (carrying developing fetus in uterus)
adjective only; no verb form

CILIATE ACEIILT one of class of ciliated (having cilia (short, hairlike projection) protozoans
only nouns, CILIATE, CILIATES, and **adjective**, CILIATED; **no -ING verb**

CITRATE ACEIRTT salt of citric acid
only nouns, CITRATE, CITRATES, and **adjective**, CITRATED; **no -ING verb**

CLICHE CCEHIL trite expression
only nouns, CLICHE, CLICHES, and **adjective**, CLICHED; **no -ING verb**

CLOVER CELORV plant
only nouns, CLOVER, CLOVERS, and **adjectives**, CLOVERED, CLOVERY; **no -ING verb**

CLUTCHY CCHLTUY tending to clutch
adjective but does NOT compare

CLUTTERY CELRTTUY characterized by disorder
adjective but does NOT compare

COCKADE ACCDEKO ornament worn on hat
only nouns, COCKADE, COCKADES, and **adjective**, COCKADED; **no -ING verb**

COCKEYE CCEEKOY squinting eye
only nouns, COCKEYE, COCKEYES, and **adjective**, COCKEYED; **no -ING verb**

COLOGNE CEGLNOO scented liquid
only nouns, COLOGNE, COLOGNES, and **adjective**, COLOGNED; **no -ING verb**



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COLUMN CLMNOU vertical cylindrical support
only nouns, COLUMN, COLUMNS, and adjectives, COLUMNAL, COLUMNAR, COLUMNED; no -ING verb

CONCHY CCHNOY conscientious objector
only nouns, CONCHY, CONCHIE, CONCHIES; no adjective forms

COREIGN CEGINOR joint reign
only nouns, COREIGN, COREIGNS; no verb forms

CORNUTED CENORTU horn-shaped
only adjectives, CORNUTE, CORNUTED; no other forms

CORONET CENOORT small crown
only nouns, CORONET, CORONETS and adjective, CORONETED; no -ING verb

CORYMB BCMORY flower cluster
only nouns, CORYMB, CORYMBS, and adjective, CORYMBED; no -ING verb

COTIJA ACIJOT Mexican cheese
noun, but no plural form

COTTER CEORTT pin or wedge used for fastening parts together
only nouns, COTTER, COTTERS and adjective, COTTERED; no -ING verb

COTTIER CEIORTT cottar (tenant farmer)
only nouns, COTTIER, COTTIERS; no adjective forms

COWARDLY ACDLORWY lacking courage (quality that enables one to face danger fearlessly; spirit)
adjective but does NOT compare

CRAG ACGR large jagged rock
only nouns, CRAG, CRAGS, and adjective, CRAGGED; no -ING verb

CRANNY ACNNRY crevice (cleft)
only nouns, CRANNY, CRANNIES, and adjective, CRANNIED; no -ING verb

CRAVAT AACRTV necktie (strip of fabric worn around neck)
only nouns, CRAVAT, CRAVATS, and adjective, CRAVATTED; no -ING verb

CRENATE ACEENRT having edge with rounded projections
only adjectives, CRENATE, CRENATED; no other forms

CREVICE CCEEIRV cleft
only nouns, CREVICE, CREVICES, and adjective, CREVICED; no -ING verb

CRIBBLED BBCDEILR covered with dots
only adjective; no other forms



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CRISPATE ACEIPRST curled
only adjectives, CRISPATE, CRISPATED; no other forms

CRISTATE ACEIRSTT having projection on head
only adjectives, CRISTATE, CRISTATED; no other forms

CROCKET CCEKORT architectural ornament
only nouns, CROCKET, CROCKETS, and adjective, CROCKETED; no -ING verb

CROSSTIE CEIORSST transverse beam
only nouns, CROSSTIE, CROSSTIES, and adjective, CROSSTIED; no -ING verb

CROTCH CCHORT angle formed by two diverging parts
only nouns, CROTCH, CROTCHES, and adjective, CROTCHED; no -ING verb

CULTRATE ACELRRTTU sharp-edge and pointed
only adjectives, CULTRATE, CULTRATED; no other forms

CUNEATE ACEENTU wedge-shaped; triangular
only adjectives, CUNEATE, CUNEATED; no other forms

CUSPATE ACEPSTU pointed end
only adjectives, CUSPATE, CUSPATED; no other forms

CYANOSIS ACINOSSY bluish discoloration of skin
only nouns, CYANOSIS, CYANOSES, and adjectives, CYANOSE, CYANOTIC; no -ING verb

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DAISY ADISY flowering plant
only nouns, DAISY, DAISIES, and adjective, DAISIED; no -ING verb

DANCEY ACDENY suitable for dancing
adjective, DANCIER, DANCIENT, no other forms of DANCEY

DARESAY AADERSY to venture to say
verb only, DARESAY is only form of this verb; it is not conjugated

DEALATE AADEELT insect divested of its wings
only nouns, DEALATE, DEALATES, and adjective, DEALATED; no -ING verb

DEGREE DEEEGR one of series of stages
only nouns, DEGREE, DEGREES, and adjective, DEGREED; no -ING verb

DEMNER DEEIMNR one that removes mines (explosive devices)



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only nouns, DEMINER, DEMINERS; no verb forms

DEMINING DEGIIMNN removal of mines
only nouns, DEMINING, DEMININGS; no verb forms

DEMODE DDEEMO out-of-date
only adjectives, DEMODE, DEMODED; no other forms

DENIM DEIMN durable fabric
only nouns, DENIM, DENIMS, and adjective, DENIMED; no -ING verb

DENTATE ADEENTT having teeth (one of hard structures attached in row to each jaw)
only adjectives, DENTATE, DENTATED; no other forms

DENTIL DEILNT small rectangular block
only nouns, DENTIL, DENTILS, and adjective, DENTILED; no -ING verb

DERIVATE ADEEIRTV something derived
only nouns, DERIVATE, DERIVATES; no verb forms

DEWCLAW ACDELWW vestigial toe
only nouns, DEWCLAW, DEWCLAWS, and adjective, DEWCLAWED; no -ING verb

DEWLAP ADELPW fold of loose skin under neck
only nouns, DEWLAP, DEWLAOS, and adjective, DEWLAPPED; no -ING verb

DIGITATE ADEGIITT having digits (finger or toe)
only adjectives, DIGITATE, DIGITATED; no other forms

DIMWIT DIIMTW dunce (stupid person)
only nouns, DIMWIT, DIMWITS, and adjective, DIMWITTED; no -ING verb

DOILY DILOY small napkin (piece of material used to wipe hands and mouth)
only nouns, DOILY, DOILIES, and adjective, DOILIED; no -ING verb

DONNERED DDEENNOR dazed
only adjectives, DONNERD, DONNERED; no other forms

DORMER DEMORR type of window
only nouns, DORMER, DORMERS, and adjective, DORMERED; no -ING verb

DRAPERY ADEPRRY cloth arranged in graceful folds
only nouns, DRAPERY, DRAPERIES, and adjective, DRAPERIED; no -ING verb

DRIBBLY BBDILRY tending to dribble
adjective but does NOT compare



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DROPSY DOPRSY excessive accumulation of serous fluid
only nouns, DROPSY, DROPSIES, and adjective, DROPSIED; no -ING verb

DUNGAREE ADEEGNRU coarse cotton fabric
only nouns, DUNGAREE, DUNGAREES, and adjective, DUNGAREED; no -ING verb

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EARRING AEGINRR ornament for earlobe
only nouns, EARRING, EARRINGS, and adjective, EARRINGED; no -ING verb

EASEL AEELS three-legged frame
only nouns, EASEL, EASELS, and adjective, EASELED; no -ING verb

ECHINATE ACEEHINT spiny (bearing or covered with thorns)
only adjectives, ECHINATE, ECHINATED; no other forms

EGGHEAD ADEEGGH intellectual
only nouns, EGGHEAD, EGGHEADS, and adjective, EGGHEADED; no -ING verb

EGLOMISE EEGILMOS made of glass with painted picture on back
adjective only; no verb forms

EMERSE EEEMRS reaching above surface of water in which plant grows
only adjectives, EMERSE, EMERSED; no other forms

ENACTORY ACENORTY pertaining to enactment of law
adjective only; no noun forms

ERGOT EGORT fungus (any of major group of lower plants)
only nouns, ERGOT, ERGOTS, and adjectives, ERGOTIC, ERGOTIZED; no -ING verb

ERMINE EEIMNR fur of certain weasels
only nouns, ERMINE, ERMINES, and adjective, ERMINED; no -ING verb

EXAPTED ADEEPTX utilized for function other than one developed through natural selection
only adjectives, EXAPTED, EXAPTIVE; no verb forms