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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 AEFFIN 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



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

BELOVED BDEELOV one who is loved [n -S]
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 BCILOOR something having two colors
only nouns, BICOLOR, BICOLORS, and adjective, BICOLORED; no -ING verb

BIFOCAL ABCFILO type of lens
only nouns, BIFOCAL, BIFOCALS, 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



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only adjective form; does not compare

BIGHEAD ABDEGHI disease of animals
only nouns, BIGHEAD, BIGHEADS, and adjective, BIGHEADED; no -ING verb

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 BIIKNI 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

BIVOUAC ABCIOUV to make camp
K added after C in verbs: BIVOUACKED, BIVOUACKING, BIVOUACKS; also BIVOUACS

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

BLUBBERY BBELRUY 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



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only nouns, BOILOVER, BOILOVERS

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

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



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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

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



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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
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



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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

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)



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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

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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D

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



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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)
only nouns, DEMNER, DEMNERS; 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



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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

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



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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