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## A

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, ACORNED, 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             AEFIN             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**

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, ALCOVERED, 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**

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

ATTABOY          AABOTTY          used to express encouragement or approval to man or 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**

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

## B

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

BALDPATE          AABDELPT          baldhead (bald person)  
**only nouns, BALDPATE, BALDPATES, and adjective, BALDPATED, no -ING verb**



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BANDAID            AABDDIN            providing superficial relief  
**adjective only, (example: It was a 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**

BASIN            ABINS            large bowl  
**only nouns, BASIN, BASINS, and adjectives, BASINAL, BASINED, no -ING verb**

BEEHIVE            BEEHIV            hive for bees  
**only nouns, BEEHIVE, BEEHIVES, and adjective, BEEHIVED, no -ING verb**

BELFRY            BEFLRY            bell tower  
**only nouns, BELFRY, BELFRIES, and adjective, BELFRIED, no -ING verb**

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

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

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

BOILOVER            BEILOORV            overflowing while boiling  
**only nouns, BOILOVER, BOILOVERS**  
OVERBOIL            BEILOORV            to boil too long  
**only verbs, OVERBOIL, OVERBOILED, OVERBOILING, OVERBOILS**

BONUS            BNOSU            additional payment  
**only nouns, BONUS, BONUSES, no verb forms**  
BONUSING            BGINNOSU            act of subsidizing something  
**only nouns, 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**

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

## C

CABOCHED            ABCCDEHO            full-faced---used of animal's head in heraldry  
**adjective only, no other parts of speech**

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

CAIRN            ACINR            mound of stones set up as memorial



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**only nouns, CAIRN, CAIRNS, and adjectives, CAIRNED, CAIRNY, no -ING verb**

CANCER ACENR malignant growth  
**only nouns, CANCER, CANCERS, and adjective, CANCERED, no -ING verb**

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

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

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

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**

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 space 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**

CHALICE ACCEHIL drinking cup  
**only nouns, CHALICE, CHALICES, and adjective, CHALICED, 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**

CHILDING CDGHILN pregnant (carrying developing fetus in uterus)  
**adjective only, no verb form**

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**

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



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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**

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

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

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

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

## D

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

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**

DEMNER            DEEMNR            one that removes mines (explosive devices)  
**only nouns, DEMNER, DEMNERS, no verb forms**

DEMNING            DEGIIMNN            removal of mines  
**only nouns, DEMNING, DEMNINGS, no verb forms**

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

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

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

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

## E

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

EGLMISE            EEGILMOS            made of glass with painted picture on back  
**adjective only, no verb forms**

ENACTORY            ACENORTY            pertaining to enactment of law



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## adjective only, no noun forms

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  
**adjective only, no verb forms**

F  
FASCICLE ACCEFILS small bundle  
**only nouns, FASCICLE, FASCICLES, and adjective, FASCICLED, no -ING verb**

FENDER DEEFNR metal guard over wheel of motor vehicle  
**only nouns, FENDER, FENDERS, and adjective, FENDERED, no -ING verb**

FIBER BEFIR thread or threadlike object or structure  
**only nouns, FIBER, FIBERS, and adjective, FIBERED, no -ING verb**

FINIAL AFIILN crowning ornament  
**only nouns, FINIAL, FINIALS, and adjective, FINIALED, no -ING verb**

FOLIAGE AEFGILO growth of leaves of plant  
**only nouns, FOLIAGE, FOLIAGES, and adjective, FOLIAGED, no -ING verb**

FROGEYE EEFGORY plant disease  
**only nouns, FROGEYE, FROGEYES, and adjective, FROGEYED, no -ING verb**

G  
GAITER AEGIRT covering for lower leg  
**only nouns, GAITER, GAITERS, and adjective, GAITERED, no -ING verb**

GALOSH AGHLOS overshoe (protective outer shoe)  
**only nouns, GALOSH, GALOSHE, GALOSHES, and adjective, GALOSHED, no -ING verb**

GARGOYLE AEGGLORY ornamental figure  
**only nouns, GARGOYLE, GARGOYLES, and adjective, GARGOYLED, no -ING verb**

GASKET AEGKST packing for making something fluid-tight  
**only nouns, GASKET, GASKETS, and adjective, GASKETED, no -ING verb**

GOATEE AEEGOT small, pointed beard  
**only nouns, GOATEE, GOATEES, and adjective, GOATEED, no -ING verb**

GOITER EGIORT enlargement of thyroid gland  
**only nouns, GOITER, GOITERS, and adjectives GOITERED, GOITROUS, no -ING verb**

GOITRE EGIORT goiter (enlargement of thyroid gland)  
**only nouns, GOITRE, GOITRES, and adjective GOITRED, no -ING verb**

GROTTO GOORTT cave  
**only nouns, GROTTO, GROTTOS, and adjective, GROTTUED, no -ING verb**

H  
HERBAGE ABEEGHR nonwoody plant life  
**only nouns, HERBAGE, HERBAGES, and adjective, HERBAGED, no -ING verb**

HOOKNOSE EHKNOOS aquiline nose



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**only nouns, HOOKNOSE, HOOKNOSES, and adjective, HOOKNOSED, no -ING verb**

## I

ICICLE CCEIIL hanging spike of ice

**only nouns, ICICLE, ICICLES, and adjective, ICICLED, no -ING verb**

ISLET EILST small island

**only nouns, ISLET, ISLETS, and adjective, ISLETED, no -ING verb**

IVORY IORVY hard white substance found in elephant tusks

**only nouns, IVORY, IVORIES, and adjectives, IVORIED, IVORIER, IVORIEST, no -ING verb**

## J

JERSEY EEJRSY close-fitting knitted shirt

**only nouns, JERSEY, JERSEYS, and adjective, JERSEYED, no -ING verb**

JOTTY JOTTY written down quickly

**adjective but does NOT compare**

JUNGLE EGJLNU land covered with dense tropical vegetation

**only nouns, JUNGLE, JUNGLES, and adjective, JUNGLED, no -ING verb**

## K

KIMONO IKMNOO loose robe

**only nouns, KIMONO, KIMONOS, and adjective, KIMONOED, no -ING verb**

## L

KIRTLE EIKLRT man's tunic or coat

**only nouns, KIRTLE, KIRTLES, and adjective, KIRTLED, no -ING verb**

KIRTLE EIKLRT man's tunic or coat

**only nouns, KIRTLE, KIRTLES, and adjective, KIRTLED, no -ING verb**

LABIATE AABEILT labiated plant

**only nouns, LABIATE, LABIATES, and adjectives, LABIATED, no -ING verb**

LANCET ACELNT narrow pointed arch

**only nouns, LANCET, LANCETS, and adjectives, LANCETED, no -ING verb**

LANGUE AEGLNU type of language

**only nouns, LANGUE, LANGUES, and adjectives, LANGUED, no -ING verb**

LAWNY ALNWX LAWN, area of grass-covered land

**adjective but does NOT compare**

LEISURE EEILRSU freedom from demands of work or duty

**only nouns, LEISURE, LEISURES, and adjective, LEISURED, no -ING verb**

LINTEL EILLNT horizontal supporting beam

**only nouns, LINTEL, LINTELS, adjective, LINTELED, and verbs LINTELED, LINTELLED, LINTELS, no -ING verb**

## M

MARSH AMHRS tract of low, wet land

**only nouns, MARSH, MARSHES, and adjective, MARSHED, no -ING verb**

MEASLE AEELMS tapeworm larva

**only nouns, MEASLE, MEASLES, and adjective, MEASLED, no -ING verb**



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MEMBRANE ABEEMNRR thin, pliable layer of tissue

**only nouns, MEMBRANE, MEMBRANES, and adjective, MEMBRANED, no -ING verb**

METTLE EELMTT quality of character

**only nouns, METTLE, METTLES, and adjective, METTLED, no -ING verb**

MITTEN EIMNTT type of covering for hand

**only nouns, MITTEN, MITTENS, and adjective, MITTENED, no -ING verb**

MONOCLE CELMNOO eyeglass for one eye

**only nouns, MONOCLE, MONOCLES, and adjective, MONOCLED, no -ING verb**

MONOSKI IKMNOOS single broad ski for both feet

**only nouns, MONOSKI, MONOSKIS, no verb forms**

MUNTIN IMNNTU dividing strip for window panes

**only nouns, MUNTIN, MUNTINS, and adjective, MUNTINED, no -ING verb**

MURAL ALMRU painting applied directly to wall or ceiling

**only nouns, MURAL, MURALS, and adjectives, MURALED, MURALLED, no -ING verb**

MUSLIN ILMNSU cotton fabric

**only nouns, MUSLIN, MUSLINS, and adjective, MUSLINED, no -ING verb**

**only adjectives, ZONATE, ZONATED, no nouns or -ING verb**