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N

NIMBUS BIMNSU luminous cloud
only nouns, NIMBUS, NIMBUSES, NIMBI, and adjective, NIMBUSED, no -ING verb

NIPPLE EILNPP protuberance on breast
only nouns, NIPPLE, NIPPLES, and adjective, NIPPLED, no -ING verb

NOON NNOO midday
only nouns, NOONING, NOONINGS, meal eaten at noon

NORTH HNORT point of compass
only nouns, NORTHING, NORTHINGS, movement toward north

NYLON LNNOY synthetic material
only nouns, NYLON, NYLONS, and adjective, NYLONED, no -ING verb

O

OVERAGE AEEGORV amount in excess
only nouns, OVERAGE, OVERAGES, no -ING verb

OVERAGED ADEEGORV too old to be useful
adjective only, no -ING verb

OVERSIZE EEIORSVZ unusually large size
only nouns, OVERSIZE, OVERSIZES, and adjective, OVERSIZED, no -ING verb

P

PAJAMA AAAJMP garment for sleeping or lounging
only nouns, PAJAMA, PAJAMAS, and adjective PAJAMAED, no -ING verb

PALACE AACELP royal residence
only nouns, PALACE, PALACES, and adjective, PALACED, no -ING verb

PANTILE AEILNPT roofing tile
only nouns, PANTILE, PANTILES, and adjective, PANTILED, no -ING verb

PARSLEY AELPRSY cultivated herb
only nouns, PARSLEY, PARSLEYS, and adjectives, PARSLEYED, PARSLIED, no -ING verb

PATINA AAINPT green film that forms on bronze
only nouns, PATINA, PATINAE, PATINAS, and adjective, PATINAED, no -ING verb

PATTEN AENPTT shoe having thick wooden sole
only nouns, PATTEN, PATTENS, and adjective, PATTENED, no -ING verb

PEDUNCLE CDEELNPU flower stalk
only nouns, PEDUNCLE, PEDUNCLES, and adjective, PEDUNCLED, no -ING verb

PETIOLE EEILOPT stalk of leaf
only nouns, PETIOLE, PETIOLES, and adjectives, PETIOLED, PETIOLAR, no -ING verb

PIMPLE EILMPP inflamed swelling of skin
only nouns, PIMPLE, PIMPLES, and adjective, PIMPLED, no -ING verb

PLUMAGE AEGLMPU feathers of bird
only nouns, PLUMAGE, PLUMAGES, and adjective, PLUMAGED, no -ING verb



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PLUSH HLPSU *luxurious*
only adjectives, PLUSHED, PLUSHIER, PLUSHIEST, and adverb PLUSHLY, no -ING verb
PLUSH HLPSU *fabric with long pile*
only nouns, PLUSH, PLUSHES, no -ING verb

PONCHO CHNOOP *type of cloak*
only nouns, PONCHO, PONCHOS, and adjective, PONCHOED, no -ING verb

PORCH CHOPR *covered structure at entrance to building*
only nouns, PORCH, PORCHES, and adjective, PORCHED, no -ING verb

PORTAL ALOPRT *door, gate, or entrance*
only nouns, PORTAL, PORTALS, and adjective, PORTALED, no -ING verb

PREAMBLE ABEELMPR *introductory statement*
only nouns, PREAMBLE, PREAMBLES, and adjective, PREAMBLED, no -ING verb

PREOWNED DEENOPRW *owned beforehand by someone else*
adjective only, no verb form

Q

QUIFF FFIQU *lock of hair at front of head*
only nouns, QUIFF, QUIFFS, and adjective, QUIFFED, no -ING verb

QUINSY INQSUY *inflammation of tonsils*
only nouns, QUINSY, QUINSIES, and adjective, QUINSIED, no -ING verb

R

RABID ABDIR *affected with rabies*
only single form of adjective, RABID, and adverb, RABIDLY, adjective does not compare

RAFTER AEFRRT *supporting beam*
only nouns, RAFTER, RAFTERS, and adjective, RAFTERED, no -ING verb

REVENUE EEENRUV *income of government*
only nouns, REVENUE, REVENUES, and adjectives, REVENUED, REVENUAL, no -ING verb

ROSETTE EEORSTT *ornament resembling rose*
only nouns, ROSETTE, ROSETTES, and adjective, ROSETTED, no -ING verb

S

SABOT ABOST *wooden shoe*
only nouns, SABOT, SABOTS, and adjective, SABOTED, no -ING verb

SEMIDOME DEEIMNOS *half dome*
only nouns, SEMIDOME, SEMIDOMES, and adjective, SEMIDOMED, no -ING verb

SERIF EFIRS *fine line used to finish off main stroke of letter*
only nouns, SERIF, SERIFS, and adjectives, SERIFED, SERIFFED, no -ING verb

SEXT ESTX *one of seven canonical periods for daily prayer and devotion*
SEXTING EGINSTX *sending of sexually explicit messages or images by cell phone*
both are only nouns, SEXT, SEXTS; SEXTING, SEXTINGS; no verb forms

SHERRY EHRSY *type of wine*



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only nouns, SHERRY, SHERRIES, and adjective, SHERRIED, no -ING verb

SLOGAN AGLNOS motto adopted by group
only nouns, SLOGAN, SLOGANS, and adjective, SLOGANED, no -ING verb

SOUFFLE EFFLOSU light baked dish
only nouns, SOUFFLE, SOUFFLES, and adjective, SOUFFLED, no -ING verb

STAMEN AEMNST pollen-bearing organ of flowering plants
only nouns, STAMEN, STAMENS, and adjective, STAMENED, no -ING verb

STANZA AANSTZ division of poem
only nouns, STANZA, STANZAS, and adjectives, STANZAED, STANZAIC, no -ING verb

STATUE AESTTU three-dimensional work of art
only nouns, STATUE, STATUES, and adjective, STATUED, no -ING verb

STATURE AERSTTU natural height of human or animal body
only nouns, STATURE, STATURES, and adjective, STATURED, no -ING verb

STERN ENRST rear part of ship
only nouns, STERN, STERNS, and adjective, STERNED, no -ING verb

STERN ENRST unyielding (to give up)
only adjectives, STERNER, STERNEST, no -ING verb

STREET EERSTT public thoroughfare
only nouns, STREET, STREETS, and adjective, STREETED, no -ING verb

STUBBLE BBELSTU short, rough growth of beard
only nouns, STUBBLE, STUBBLES, and adjective, STUBBLED, no -ING verb

STURDY DRSTUY disease of sheep
only nouns, STURDY, STURDIES, no -ING verb
STURDY DRSTUY strong and durable
only adjectives, STURDIER, STURDIEST, and adverb, STURDILY, no -ING verb

SUBURB BBRUU residential area adjacent to city
only nouns, SUBURB, SUBURBS, and adjective, SUBURBED, no -ING verb

SURBASE ABERSSU molding or border above base of structure
only nouns, SURBASE, SURBASES, and adjective, SURBASED, no -ING verb

T

TALMUDIC ACDILMTU pertaining to body of Jewish civil and religious law
only adjective TALMUDIC, and nouns, TALMUDISM, TALMUDISMS, no root word

TALON ALNOT claw of bird of prey
only nouns, TALON, TALONS, and adjective, TALONED, no -ING verb

TEMPLE EELMPT house of worship
only nouns, TEMPLE, TEMPLES, and adjective, TEMPLED, no -ING verb

THIGH GHHIT part of leg
only nouns, THIGH, THIGHS, and adjective, THIGHED, no -ING verb



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TIARA AAIRT jeweled headpiece worn by women
only nouns, TIARA, TIARAS, and adjective, TIARAED, no -ING verb

TRIANGLE AEGILNRT polygon having three sides
only nouns, TRIANGLE, TRIANGLES, and adjective, TRIANGLED, no -ING verb

TRILBY BILRTY soft felt hat
only nouns, TRILBY, TRILBIES, and adjective, TRILBIED, no -ING verb

TROUTING GINORTTU activity of fishing for trout
only nouns, TROUTING, TROUTING; no verb forms

TRUNK KNRTU main stem of tree
only nouns, TRUNK, TRUNKS, and adjective, TRUNKED, no -ING verb

TURBAN ABNRTU head covering worn by Muslims
only nouns, TURBAN, TURBANS, and adjective, TURBANED, no -ING verb

TURRET ERRTTU small tower
only nouns, TURRET, TURRETS, and adjective, TURRETED, no -ING verb

U

UDDER DDERU mammary gland
only nouns, UDDER, UDDERS, and adjective, UDDERED, no -ING verb

UNDERLET DEELNRTU to lease for less than usual value
only verb forms: UNDERLET, UNDERLETTING, UNDERLETS; no other "past tense" form

V

VALLEY AELLVY depression of earth's surface
only nouns, VALLEY, VALLEYS, and adjective, VALLEYED, no -ING verb

VANDYKE ADEKNVY short, pointed beard
only nouns, VANDYKE, VANDYKES, and adjective, VANDYKED, no -ING verb

VANITY AINTVY inflated pride in oneself
only nouns, VANITY, VANITIES, and adjective, VANITIED, no -ING verb

VELVET EELTVV soft, smooth fabric
only nouns, VELVET, VELVETS, and adjective, VELVETED, no -ING verb

VESSEL EELSSV craft for traveling on water
only nouns, VESSEL, VESSELS, and adjective, VESSELED, no -ING verb

VISTA AISTV distant view
only nouns, VISTA, VISTAS, and adjective, VISTAED, no -ING verb

VOWEL ELOWW type of speech sound
only nouns, VOWEL, VOWELS, and adjectives, VOWELED, VOWELLED, no -ING verb

W

WAIST AISTW part of body between ribs and hips
only nouns, WAIST, WAISTS, and adjective, WAISTED, no -ING verb

WALLEYE AEELLWY eye have white cornea



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only nouns, WALLEYE, WALLEYES, and adjective, WALLEYED, no -ING verb

WATERSKI AEIKRSTW ski for skiing on water

only nouns, WATERSKI, WATERSKIS, no verb forms

WATERSKIING AEGIIKNRSTW

only nouns, WATERSKIING, WATERSKIINGS, no verb forms

WEEVIL EEILVW small beetle

only nouns, WEEVIL, WEEVILS, and adjectives, WEEVILED, WEEVILLY, WEEVILY, no -ING verb

WHEYFACE ACEEFHWY pale, sallow face

only nouns, WHEYFACE, WHEYFACES, and adjective, WHEYFACED, no -ING verb

WHIMSY HIMSWY whim (impulsive idea)

only nouns, WHIMSY, WHIMSIES, and adjective, WHIMSIED, no -ING verb

X

Y

Z

ZONATE AENOTZ arranged in zones

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