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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

PALMATE AAELMPT resembling open palm
only adjectives, PALMATE, PALMATED; no other forms

PANIC ACINP to be overwhelmed by fear
K added after C in verbs: PANICKED, PANICKING: ADJECTIVES: PANICKY, PANICKIER, PANICKIEST

PANICLE ACRILNP loosely branched flower cluster
only nouns, PANICLE, PANICLES, and adjective, PANICLED; no -ING verb

PANNIER AEINNPR large basket
only nouns, PANNIER, PANNIERS, and adjective, PANNIERED; no -ING verb

PANOPLY ALNOPPY suit of armor
only nouns, PANOPLY, PANOPLIES, and adjective, PANOPLIED; no -ING verb

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

PARAPET AAEPPT protective wall
only nouns, PARAPET, PARAPETS, and adjective, PARAPETED; no -ING verb

PARASOL AAIOPRS small, light umbrella
only nouns, PARASOL. PARASOLS, and adjective, PARASOLED; 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

PAUNCH ACHNPU belly or abdomen
only nouns, PAUNCH, PAUNCHES, and adjective, PAUNCHEDED; no -ING verb

PEDICLE CDEEILP pedicel (slender basal part of organism)
only nouns, PEDICLE, PEDICLES, and adjective, PEDICLED; no -ING verb

PEDIGREE DEEEGIPR line of ancestors
only nouns, PEDIGREE, PEDIGREES, and adjective, PEDIGREED; no -ING verb

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

PENNATE AENNPT having wings or feathers



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only nouns, PINTAIL, PINTAILS, and adjective, PINTAILED; no -ING verb

PINTSIZE EIINPSTZ small (of limited size or quantity)
only adjectives, PINTSIZE, PINTSIZED; no other forms

PLAID ADILP woolen scarf of checkered pattern
only nouns, PLAID, PLAIDS, and adjective, PLAIDED; no -ING verb

PLICATE ACEILPT pleated
only adjectives, PLICATE, PLICATED; no other forms

PLUMAGE A EGLMPU feathers of bird
only nouns, PLUMAGE, PLUMAGES, and adjective, PLUMAGED; no -ING verb

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

POLITIC CIILOPT to engage in politics
K added after C in verbs: POLITICKED, POLITICKING, POLITICKS; nouns: POLITICKER, POLITICKERS

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

POPEYED DEEOPPY having bulging eyes
only adjective; no other forms

POPPY OPPPY flowering plant / having characteristics of pop music
only nouns, POPPY, POPPIES, and adjectives, POPPIED, POPPIER, POPPIEST; 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

PORTICO CIOOPRT type of porch (covered structure at entrance to building)
only nouns, PORTICO, PORTICOS, PORTICOES, and adjective, PORTICOED; no -ING verb

POUFF FFOPU pouf (loose roll of hair)
only nouns, POUFF, POUFFS, and adjective, POUFFED; no -ING verb

POWDERY DEOPRWY resembling powder
adjective but does NOT compare

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

PRECITED CDEEIPRT previously cited
adjective only; no verb form

PREFILLED DEEFILLPR fill beforehand



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adjective only; no verb form

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

PUNCTATE ACENPTTU covered with dots
only adjectives, PUNCTATE, PUNCTATED; no other forms

PUSTULE ELPSTUU small elevation of skin containing pus
only nouns, PUSTULE, PUSTULES, and adjectives, PUSTULED, PUSTULAR; no -ING verb

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QUAVERY AEQRUVY quivery (marked by quivering)
adjective but does NOT compare

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

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R

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

RACEME ACEEMR mode of arrangement of flowers along axis
only nouns, RACEME, RACEMES, and adjective, RACEMED; no -ING verb

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

RANCOR ACNORR bitter and vindictive enmity
RANCOUR ACNORRU rancor (bitter and vindictive enmity)
only nouns, RANCOR, RANCORS, RANCOUR, RANCOURS and adjective, RANCORED, RANCOURED; no -ING verb

RAPIER AEIPRR long, slender sword
only nouns, RAPIER, RAPIERS, and adjective, RAPIERED; no -ING verb

RASCALLY AACLLRSY characteristic of rascal
adjective but does NOT compare

RATTAIL AAILRTT marine fish
only nouns, RATTAIL, RATTAILS, and adjective, RATTAILED (having tail or feature like rat's tail); no -ING verb

RAWBONED ABDENORW having little flesh
adjective only; no other forms

RECHEAT ACEEHRT hunting call
only nouns, RECHEAT, RECHEATS; no verb forms



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REDHEAD ADDEEHR person with red hair
only nouns, REDHEAD, REDHEADS, and adjective, REDHEADED; no -ING verb

RENIG EGINR to renege (to fail to carry out commitment or promise)
only verbs, RENIG, RENIGGED, RENIGGING, but, RENEGE, RENEGED, RENEGING & RENEGUE, RENEGUED, RENEGUING

REREWARD ADEERRRW rearward (rearmost division of army)
only nouns, REREWARD, REREWARDS; no verb forms

RETINUE EEINRTU group of attendants
only nouns, RETINUE, RETINUES, and adjective, RETINUED; no -ING verb

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

RINGLET EGILNRT curly lock of hair
only nouns, RINGLET, RINGLETS, and adjective, RINGLETED; no -ING verb

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

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

SACHET ACEHST small bag containing perfumed powder
only nouns, SACHET, SACHETS, and adjective, SACHETED; no -ING verb

SAFFRON AFFNORS flowering plant
only nouns, SAFFRON, SAFFRONS, and adjectives, SAFFRONED, SAFFRONY, SAFFRONIER, SAFFRONIEST; no -ING verb

SAPHEAD AADEHPS foolish, stupid, or gullible person
only nouns, SAPHEAD, SAPHEADS, and adjective, SAPHEADED; no -ING verb

SATCHEL ACEHLST small carrying bag
only nouns, SATCHEL, SATCHELS, and adjective, SATCHELED; no -ING verb

SAUTE AESTU to fry in small amount of fat
verb forms, SAUTE, SAUTES, SAUTED, SAUTEED, SAUTEING; no other -ING form

SCRIBBLY BBCILRSY consisting of scribbles (careless writings)
adjective but does NOT compare

SELVAGE AEEGLSV edge of woven fabric finished to prevent raveling
SELVEDGE DEEEGLSV selvage (edge of woven fabric finished to prevent raveling)
only nouns, SELVAGE, SELVAGES, SELVEDGE, SELVEDGES, and adjectives, SELVAGED, SELVEDGED; no -ING verb

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

SEPAL AELPS one of individual leaves of calyx
only nouns, SEPAL, SEPALS, and adjectives, SEPALED, SEPALLED, SEPALINE, SEPALOID, SEPALOUS; no -ING verb



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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
only nouns, SEXT, SEXTS; SEXTING, SEXTINGS; no verb forms

SHEAL AEHLS shealing (shepherd's hut)
SHEALING AEGHILNS shepherd's hut
only nouns, SHEAL, SHEALS, SHEALING, SHEALINGS; no past tense verb form

SHELLAC ACEHLLS to cover with thin varnish
K added after C in verbs: SHELLACKED, SHELLACKING, SHELLACKS; noun: SHELLACKINGS; also SHELLAC, SHELLACS

SHERRY EHRRSY type of wine
only nouns, SHERRY, SHERRIES, and adjective, SHERRIED; no -ING verb

SHICKER CEHIKRS drunkard (one who is habitually drunk)
SHIKKER EHIKKRS shicker (drunkard (one who is habitually drunk))
only nouns, SHICKER, SHICKERS, SHIKKER, SHIKKERS, and adjectives, SHICKERED, SHIKKERED; no -ING verb

SHIMMERY EHIMMRSY shimmering
adjective but does NOT compare

SHIRT HIRST garment for upper part of body
SHIRTING GHIINRST fabric used for making shirts
only nouns, SHIRT, SHIRT, SHIRTING, SHIRTINGS, and adjective, SHIRTED; no -ING verb

SHITFACE ACEFHIST offensive word
only adjectives, SHITFACE, SHITFACED; no other forms

SISSY ISSSY effeminate man or boy
only nouns, SISSY, SISSIES, and adjectives, SISSIER, SISSIEST, SISSYISH, SISSIFIED; no -ING verb

SKILL IKLLS ability to do something well
only nouns, SKILL, SKILLS, and adjective, SKILLED; no -ING verb

SLIPCASE ACEILPSS protective box for book
only nouns, SLIPCASE, SLIPCASES, and adjective, SLIPCASED; no -ING verb

SLIPPER EILPPRS light, low shoe
only nouns, SLIPPER, SLIPPERS, and adjective, SLIPPED; no -ING verb

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

SNEAKER AEEKNRS one that sneaks (to move stealthily)
only nouns, SNEAKER, SNEAKERS, and adjective, SNEAKERED; no -ING verb

SOUFFLE EFFLOSU light baked dish
only nouns, SOUFFLE, SOUFFLES, and adjectives, SOUFFLED, SOUFFLEED; no -ING verb

SOZZLED DELOSZZ drunk (intoxicated)
only adjective, SOZZLED; no other forms



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SPALTED ADELPST denoting wood having irregular lines resulting from fungal decay
only adjective, SPALTED; no other forms

SPANDEX ADENPSX synthetic elastic fiber
only nouns, SPANDEX, SPANDEXES, and adjective, SPANDEXED; no -ING verb

SPATHE AEHPST leaflike organ of certain plants
only nouns, SPATHE, SPATHES, and adjectives, SPATHED, SPATHAL, SPATHOSE; no -ING verb

SPAVIN AINPSV disease of horses
only nouns, SPAVIN, SPAVINS, and adjective, SPAVINED; no -ING verb

SPICA ACIPS ear of grain
only nouns, SPICA, SPICAS, SPICAE, and adjectives, SPICATE, SPICATED; no -ING verb

SQUIFFED DEFFIQSU drunk (intoxicated)
SQUIFFY FFIQSUY SQUIFFED (drunk (intoxicated))
only adjectives; SQUIFFED, SQUIFFY, SQUIFFIER, SQUIFFIEST; no other forms

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

STELLATE AEELLSTT shaped like star
only adjectives, STELLATE, STELLATED; no other forms

STENOSIS EINOSSST narrowing of bodily passage
only nouns, STENOSIS, STENOSES, and adjectives, STENOSED, STENOTIC; no -ING verb

STERN ENRST rear part of ship
STERN ENRST unyielding (to give up)
only nouns, STERN, STERNS, and adjective, STERNED, STERNER, STERNEST no -ING verb

STIPULE EILPSTU appendage at base of leaf in certain plants
only nouns, STIPULE, STIPULES, and adjectives, STIPULED, STIPULAR; no -ING verb

STOREY EORSTY horizontal division of building
only nouns, STOREY, STOREYS, and adjective, STOREYED; no -ING verb

STRAKE AEKRST line of planking extending along ship's hull
only nouns, STRAKE, STRAKES, and adjective, STRAKED; no -ING verb

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



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

STURDY DRSTUY disease of sheep
STURDY DRSTUY strong and durable
only nouns, STURDY, STURDIES, and adjectives, STURDIED, 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

SULCATE ACELSTU having long, narrow furrows
only adjectives, SULCATE, SULCATED; no other forms

SULFURY FLRSUUY resembling sulfur
adjective but does NOT compare

SULPHURY HLPRSUUY sulfury (resembling sulfur)
adjective but does NOT compare

SUNBAKED ABDEKNSU baked by sun
only adjective, SUNBAKED; no other forms

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

SURPLICE CEILPRSU loose-fitting vestment
only nouns, SURPLICE, SURPLICES, and adjective, SURPLICED; no -ING verb

SWACKED ACDEKSW drunk (intoxicated)
only adjective, SWACKED; no other forms

SWEATER AEERSTW knitted outer garment
only nouns, SWEATER, SWEATERS, and adjective, SWEATERED; no -ING verb

SWINGING GGIINNSW lively and hip
only adjectives, SWINGING, SWINGINGEST; no comparative form

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TABARD AABDRT sleeveless outer garment
only nouns, TABARD, TABARDS, and adjective, TABARDED; no -ING verb

TALENT AELNTT special natural ability
only nouns, TALENT, TALENTS, and adjective, TALENTED; no -ING verb

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

TARMAC AACMRT to cause (aircraft) to sit on taxiway
K added after C in verbs: TARMACKED, TARMACKING



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TARTRATE AAERRTTT chemical salt
only nouns, TARTRATE, TARTRATES, and adjective, TARTRATED; no -ING verb

TEENAGE AEEEGNT pertaining to teenagers (person between ages of thirteen and nineteen)
only nouns, TEENAGER, and adjectives, TEENAGE, TEENAGED; no -ING verb

TEGULA AEGLTU flat roof tile used in ancient Rome
only nouns, TEGULA, TEGULAE, and adjective, TEGULATED; no -ING verb

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

TENDRIL DEILNRT leafless organ of climbing plants
only nouns, TENDRIL, TENDRILS, and adjective, TENDRILED; no -ING verb

TENTACLE ACEELNTT elongated, flexible appendage of some animals
only nouns, TENTACLE, TENTACLES, and adjective, TENTACLED; no -ING verb

TETCHY CEHTTY irritable
only adjectives, TETCHY, TETCHIER, TETCHIEST, TETCHED (crazy), and adverb, TETCHILY; no other forms

THICKET CEHIKTT dense growth of shrubs or small trees
only nouns, THICKET, THICKETS, and adjectives, THICKETED, THICKETY; no -ING verb

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

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

TICTAC ACCITT to ticktock (to make ticking sound of clock)
K added after C in verbs: TARMACKED, TARMACKING

TICTOC CCIOTT to ticktock (to make ticking sound of clock)
K added after C in verbs: TICTOCKED, TICTOCKING

TIERCE CEEIRT one of seven canonical daily periods for prayer and devotion
only nouns, TIERCE, TIERCES, and adjective, TIERCED (divided into three equal parts); no -ING verb

TINSELLY EILLNSTY cheaply gaudy
adjective but does NOT compare

TISSUEY EISSTUY resembling tissue
adjective but does NOT compare

TOGA AGOT outer garment worn in ancient Rome
only nouns, TOGA, TOGAE, TOGAS, and adjectives, TOGAED, TOGATED; no -ING verb

TOURIST IORSTTU one who tours for pleasure
only nouns, TOURIST, TOURISTS, and adjectives, TOURISTED, TOURISTY; no -ING verb

TOWHEAD ADEHOTW head of light blond hair



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only nouns, TOWHEAD, TOWHEADS, and adjective, TOWHEADED; no -ING verb

TRABEATE AABEERTT constructed with horizontal beams
only adjectives, TRABEATE, TRABEATED; no other forms

TRACERY ACERRTY ornamental work of interlaced lines
only nouns, TRACERY, TRACERIES, and adjective, TRACERIED; no -ING verb

TRAFFIC ACFFIRT to engage in buying and selling
K added after C in verbs: TRAFFICKED, TRAFFICKING; nouns: TRAFFICKER, TRAFFICKERS

TRANSOM AMNORST small window above door or another window
only nouns, TRANSOM, TRANSOMS, and adjective, TRANSOMED; no -ING verb

TREFOIL EFILORT plant having ternate (arranged in groups of three) leaves
only nouns, TREFOIL, TREFOILS, and adjective, TREFOILED; no -ING verb

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

TRIFORM FIMORRT having three forms
only adjectives, TRIFORM, TRIFORMED; no other forms

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

TRILOBED BDEILORT having three lobes
only adjective, TRILOBED; no other forms

TRITHING GHIINRTT administrative division in England
only nouns, TRITHING, TRITHINGS; no other forms

TROUSERS EORRSSTU pertaining to trousers (garment for lower part of body)
only nouns, TROUSERS, and adjectives, TROUSER, TROUSERED; no -ING verb

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

TRUFFLE EFFLRTU edible fungus
only nouns, TRUFFLE, TRUFFLES, and adjective, TRUFFLED; no -ING verb

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

TUNICATE ACEINTTU small marine animal
only nouns, TUNICATE, TUNICATES, and adjective, TUNICATED (having concentric layers); no -ING verb

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

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

TUSSOCK CKOSSTU clump of grass



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only nouns, TUSOCK, TUSOCKS, and adjectives, TUSOCKED, TUSOCKY; no -ING verb

TUTOYER EORTTUY to address familiarly

unusual conjugation of verb that looks like a noun TUTOYED, TUTOYERED, TUTOYERING, TUTOYERS

TUXEDO DEOTUX man's semiformal dinner coat

only nouns, TUXEDO, TUXEDOS, TUXEDOES, and adjective, TUXEDOED; no -ING verb