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## 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**

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

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, PAUNCHED, 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  
**only adjectives, PENNATE, PENNATED, no other forms**

PENNON                      ENNNOP                      pennant (long, narrow flag)  
**only nouns, PENNON, PENNONS, and adjective, PENNONED, no -ING verb**



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PEPLUM                      ELMPPU                      short section attached to waistline of garment  
**only nouns, PEPLUM, PEPLA, PEPLUMS, and adjective, PEPLUMED, no -ING verb**

PERUKE                      EEKPRU                      wig  
**only nouns, PERUKE, PERUKES, and adjective, PERUKED, no -ING verb**

PETAL                      AELPT                      leaflike part of corolla  
**only nouns, PETAL, PETALS, and adjectives, PETALED, PETALLED, no -ING verb**

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

PHYSIQUE                      EHIPQSUY                      form or structure of body  
**only nouns, PHYSIQUE, PHYSIQUES, and adjective, PHYSIQUED, no -ING verb**

PICRATE                      ACEIPRT                      chemical salt  
**only nouns, PICRATE, PICRATES, and adjective, PICRATED, no -ING verb**

PIGTAIL                      AGIILPT                      tight braid of hair  
**only nouns, PIGTAIL, PIGTAILS, and adjective, PIGTAILED, no -ING verb**

PILEATE                      AEEILPT                      having pileus (umbrella-shaped portion of mushroom)  
**only adjectives, PILEATE, PILEATED, no other forms**

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

PINAFORE                      AEFINOPR                      child's apron  
**only nouns, PINAFORE, PINAFORES, and adjective, PINAFORED, no -ING verb**

PINHEAD                      ADEHINP                      head of pin  
**only nouns, PINHEAD, PINHEADS, and adjective, PINHEADED, no -ING verb**

PINNATE                      AEINNPT                      resembling feather  
**only adjectives, PINNATE, PINNATED, no other forms**

PINTAIL                      AAILNPT                      river duck  
**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                      AEGLMPU                      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**



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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**

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**

POTHOLE EHLOOPT deep hole in road  
**only nouns, POTHOLE, POTHOLES, and adjective, POTHOLED, no -ING verb**

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

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  
**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**

## 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**



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

RAFTER AEFRTT 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, RANCURED, no -ING verb**

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

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

RECHEAT ACEEVRT hunting call  
**only nouns, RECHEAT, RECHEATS, no verb forms**

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

REDNECK CDEEKNR offensive word  
**only nouns, REDNECK, REDNECKS, and adjective, REDNECKED, 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**

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**

## S

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**



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SELVAGE AEEGLSV edge of woven fabric finished to prevent raveling  
 SELVEDGE DEEEGLSV selvage (edge of woven fabric finished o 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**

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**

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

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

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, SLIPCASSED, no -ING verb**

SLIPPER EILPPRS light, low shoe  
**only nouns, SLIPPER, SLIPPERS, and adjective, SLIPPERED, 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 DEFFIQU SU drunk (intoxicated)  
**only adjective, SQUIFFED, 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**

STUBBLE BBELSTU short, rough growth of beard



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**only nouns, STUBBLE, STUBBLES, and adjective, STUBBLED, 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**

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 [adj]  
**only adjectives, SWINGING, SWINGINGEST, no comparative form**

## T

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**

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

TEENAGE AEEGNT 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**



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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 GHHT 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**

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**

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  
**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**

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**





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

TUSSOCK                    CKOSSTU                    clump of grass  
**only nouns, TUSSOCK, TUSSOCKS, and adjectives, TUSSOCKED, TUSSOCKY, no -ING verb**

TUXEDO                    DEOTUX                    man's semiformal dinner coat  
**only nouns, TUXEDO, TUXEDOS, TUXEDOES, and adjective, TUXEDOED, no -ING verb**