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K

KADDISH	ADDHIKS	Jewish prayer, KADDISHES, KADDISHIM
KALEWIFE	AEEFIKLW	female vegetable vendor, KALEWIVES
KAPEYKA	AAEKKPY	monetary unit of Belarus, KAPEEK
KAZACHOK	AACHKKOZ	Russian folk dance, KAZACHKI
KEESHOND	DEEHKNOS	small, heavy-coated dog, KEESHONDS or KEESHONDEN
KERCHIEF	CEEFHICK	cloth worth as head covering, KERCHIEFS
KERYGMA	AEGKMRY	preaching of gospel, KERYGMAS, KERYGMATA
KETOSIS	EIKOSST	buildup of ketones in body, KETOSIS
KHAZEN	AEHKNZ	hazzan (cantor), KHAZENS, KHAZENIM
KIBBUTZ	BBIKTUZ	collective farm in Israel, KIBBUTZIM
KIDDO	DDIKO	used as form of informal address, KIDDOS, KIDDOES
KIELBASA	AABEIKLS	smoked sausage, KIELBASAS, KIELBASI
KINESIS	EIKNSS	type of movement, KINESES
KLEZMER	EEKLMRZ	Jewish folk musician, KLEZMERS, KLEZMORIM
KNITWEAR	AEIKNRTW	knitted clothing, KNITWEAR
KOLACKY	ACKKLOY	kind of pastry, KOLACKY
KOLHOZ	KHLOOZ	kolhoz (collective farm in Russia), KOLHOZES, KOLHOZY
KOLKHOS	HKKLOOS	kolkhoz (collective farm in Russia), KOLKHOSES, KOLKHOSY
KOLKHOZ	HKKLOOZ	collective farm in Russia, KOLKHOZES, KOLKHOZY
KOLKOZ	KKLOOZ	kolkoz (collective farm in Russia), KOLKOZES, KOLKOZY
KOMONDOR	DKMNOOOR	large, shaggy-coated dog, KOMONDORS or KOMONDOROK or KOMONDOROCK
KONGONI	GIKNNOO	African antelope KONGONI
KOPIYKA	AIKKOPY	monetary unit of Ukraine KOPIYKY or KOPIYOK
KORUNA	AKNORU	monetary unit of Czech Republic, KORUNAS, KORUNY, KORUN
KREPLACH	ACEHKLPR	dumplings filled with ground meat or cheese, KREPLACH
KREPLECH	CEEHKLPR	kreplach (dumplings filled with ground meat or cheese), KREPLECH
KUDO	DKOU	award; honor KUDOS, KUDOSSES
KURTOSIS	IKORSSTU	relative degree of curvature in statistical curve, KURTOSSES
KUVASZ	AKSUVZ	large dog having white coat, KUVASZOK
KYPHOSIS	HIKOPSSY	abnormal curvature of spine, KYPHOSES

L

LABARUM	AABLMRU	ecclesiastical banner, LABARUMS, LABARA
LABELLUM	ABELLLMU	lower petal of orchid, LABELLA
LABRUM	ABLMRU	lip or liplike structure, LABRUMS, LABRA
LACUNA	AACLNU	empty space or missing part LACUNAE, LACUNAS
LACUNAR	AACLNRU	ceiling with recessed panels, LACUNARS, LACUNARIA
LAMINA	AAILMN	thin plate, scale, or layer, LAMINAS, LAMINAE
LANCIERS	ACEILNRS	French dance, LANCIERS
LANDSMAN	AADLMNNS	fellow Jew coming from one's own section of Eastern Europe, LANDSLEIT
LAPIS	AILPS	semiprecious stone, LAPISES, LAPIDES
LARYNX	ALNRXY	organ of respiratory tract, LARYNXES, LARYNGES
LATEX	AELTX	milky liquid of certain plants, LATEXES, LATICES
LATIGO	AGILOT	strap used to fasten saddle, LATIGOS, LATIGOES
LAVABO	AABLOV	ceremonial washing in certain Christian churches, LAVABOS, LAVABOES
LECYTHUS	CEHLSTUY	lekythos (oil jar used in ancient Greece), LECYTHI



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LEMMA	AELMM	type of proposition in logic, LEMMAS, LEMMATA
LEPORID	DEILOPR	gnawing mammal, LEPORIDS, LEPORIDAE
LEPTON	ELNOPT	former monetary unit of Greece LEPTA / subatomic particle LEPTA, LEPTONS
LEUKOSIS	EIKLOSSU	leukemia disease of blood-forming organs), LEUKOSES
LEVATOR	AELORTV	muscle that raises organ or part, LEVATORS, LEVATOIRES
LEXICON	CEILNOX	dictionary, LEXICONS, LEXICA
LEXIS	EILSX	vocabulary of language, group, or subject field, LEXES, LEXISES
LIGULA	AGILLU	strap-shaped organ or part, LIGULAS, LIGULAE
LIKUTA	AIKLTU	former monetary unit of Zaire, MAKUTA
LIMBUS	BILMSU	distinctive border, LIMBUSES, LIMBI
LIMES	EILMS	fortified boundary, LIMITES
LIMULUS	ILLMSUU	horseshoe crab, LIMULI
LINGUA	AGILNU	tongue or tonguelike part, LINGUAE
LINGULA	AGILLNU	organ or process shaped like tongue, LINGULAE
LIPOMA	AILMOP	tumor of fatty tissue, LIPOMAS, LIPOMATA
LITHOPS	HILOPST	succulent African plant, LITHOPS
LITOTES	EILOSTT	figure of speech in which assertion is made by negation of its opposite, LITOTES
LIXIVIUM	IIILMUVX	solution obtained by leaching, LIXIVIUMS, LIXIVIA
LOCUSTA	ACLOSTU	spikelet, LOCUSTAE
LOGGIA	AGGILO	open gallery, LOGGIAS, LOGGIE
LOGION	GILNOO	saying attributed to Jesus, LOGIONS, LOGIA
LOIASIS	AIILOSS	tropical African disease, LOIASES, LOIASISES
LOMENTUM	ELMMNOTU	loment (type of plant pod), LOMENTUMS, LOMENTA
LORDOSIS	DILOORSS	curvature of spinal column, LORDOSES
LORICA	ACILOR	protective covering or shell, LORICAE
LOWLIFE	EFILLOW	despicable person, LOWLIFES, LOWLIVES
LUNULA	ALLNUU	small crescent-shaped structure, LUNULAE
LUSTRUM	LMRSTUU	ceremonial purification of population in ancient Rome, LUSTRUMS, LUSTRA
LYCEUM	CELMUY	hall for public lectures, LYCEUMS, LYCEA

M

MACCHIA	AACCHIM	dense growth of small trees and shrubs, MACCHIE
MACHZOR	ACHMORZ	mahzor (Jewish prayer book), MACHZORS, MACHZORIM
MACULA	AACLMU	spot, MACULAS, MACULAE
MADAME	AADEMM	madam (woman who manages brothel) MADAMES, MESDAMES
MAENAD	AADEMNN	female participant in ancient Greek orgies, MAENADS, MAENADES
MAESTRO	AEMORST	master of art, MAESTROS, MAESTRI
MAFIOSO	AFIMOOS	member of mafia, MAFIOSO, MAFIOSI
MAGMA	AAGMM	molten matter from which igneous rock is formed, MAGMAS, MAGMATA
MAHZOR	AHMORZ	Jewish prayer book, MAHZORS. MAHZORIM
MALLEUS	AELLSMU	bone of middle ear, MALLEI
MAMEY	AEMMY	tropical tree, MAMEYS, MAMEYES
MAMMATUS	AAMMMSTU	type of cloud, MAMMATI
MAMMILLA	AAILLMMM	nipple, MAMMILLAE
MANGO	AGMNO	edible tropical fruit, MANGOS, MANGOES
MANKIND	ADIKMNN	human race, MANKIND
MANTEAU	AAEMNTU	loose cloak, MANTEAUS, MANTEAUX



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MANTIS	AIMNST	predatory insect, MANTISES, MANTES
MARCHEN	ACEHMNR	folktale, MARCHEN
MARCHESA	AACEHMRS	wife or widow of marchese (Italian nobleman), MARCHESE
MARCHESE	ACEEHMRS	Italian nobleman, MARCHESI
MAREMMA	AAEMMMR	marshy coastal region, MAREMME
MARKKA	AAKKMR	former monetary unit of Finland, MARKKAS, MARKKAA
MASHIGIAH	AAGHHIIMS	inspector of kosher establishments, MASHGIHIM
MATRIX	AIMRTX	something within which something else originates or develops, MATRIXES, MATRICES
MATZO	AMOTZ	unleavened bread, MATZOS, MATZOT, MATZOTH
MAXILLA	AAILLMX	upper jaw or jawbone, MAXILLAS, MAXILLAE
MAXIMUM	AIMMMUX	greatest possible amount, quantity, or degree, MAXIMUMS, MAXIMA
MECHITZA	ACEHIMTZ	partition separating men and women in synagogue, MECHITZAS, MECHITZOT
MEDIUM	DEIMMU	surrounding environment in which something functions and thrives, MEDIUMS, MEDIA
MEDULLA	ADELLMU	central tissue in stems of certain plants, MEDULLAS, MEDULLAE
MEDUSA	ADEMSU	jellyfish, MEDUSAS, MEDUSAE
MEGARON	AEGMNOR	great central hall of ancient Greek house, MEGARA
MEIOSIS	EIIMOSS	type of cell division, MEIOSES
MELAMED	ADEELMM	teacher in Jewish school, MELAMDIM
MELISMA	AEILMMS	melodic embellishment, MELISMAS, MELISMATA
MEMENTO	EEMMNOT	something that serves as reminder of past, MEMENTOS, MEMENTOES
MENINX	EIMNNX	any of membranes enclosing brain and spinal cord, MENINGES
MENISCUS	CEIMNSSU	crescent-shaped body, MENISCI
MENSCH	ECHMNS	admirable person, MENSCHES, MENSCHEN
MENSH	EHMNS	mensh, MENSHES, MENSHEN
MENSWEAR	AEEMNRSW	clothing for men, MENSWEAR
MENTUM	EMMNTU	chin MENTA
MERGUEZ	EEGMRUZ	spicy beef and lamb sausage MERGUEZ
MERISIS	EIIMRSS	growth, MERISES
MESTESO	EEMOSST	mestizo (person of mixed ancestry), MESTESOS, MESTESOES
MESTINO	EIMNOST	mestizo person of mixed ancestry, MESTINO, MESTINOES
MESTIZO	EIMOSTZ	person of mixed ancestry, MESTIZOS, MESTIZOES
METICAL	ACEILMT	monetary unit of Mozambique, METICALS, METICAIS
METOPE	EEMOPT	space between two triglyphs (architectural ornament), METOPES, METOPAE
MEZUZAH	AEHMUZZ	Judaic scroll, MEZUZAHS, MEZUZOT, MEZUZOTH
MIASMA	AAIMMS	noxious vapor, MIASMAS, MIASMATA
MICELLA	ACEILLM	micelle coherent strand or structure in fiber, MICELLAE
MICRON	CIMNOR	unit of length, MICRONS, MICRA
MIDLIFE	DEFIILM	middle age, MIDLIVES
MIDRASH	ADHIMRS	early Jewish interpretation of biblical text, MIDRASHIM, MIDRASHOT
MIKRON	IKMNOR	micron (unit of length), MIKRONS, MIKRA
MIKVAH	AHIKMV	place for ritual bathing, MIKVAHS, MIKVOTH, MIKVOT, MIKVOS
MILIEU	EIILMU	environment, MILIEUS, MILIEUX
MILREIS	EIILMRS	former monetary unit of Portugal, MILREIS
MIMESIS	EIIMMSS	mimicry, MIMISES
MINIMUM	IIIMMMNU	least possible amount, quantity, or degree, MINIMUMS, MINIMA
MINYAN	AIMNNY	minimum number required to be present for conduct of Jewish service, MINYANS, MINYANIM



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Plurals

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MIOSIS	IIMOSS	excessive contraction of pupil of eye, MIOSES, MIOSISES
MIREPOIX	EIIMOPRX	sautéed mixture of diced vegetables, MIREPOIX
MITZVAH	AHIMSTV	mitzvah (commandment of Jewish law), MITZVAHS, MITSVOTH
MITZVAH	AHIMTVZ	commandment of Jewish law, MITZVAHS, MITZVOTH
MODICUM	CDIMMOU	small amount, MODICUMS, MODICA
MODIOLUS	DILMOOSU	bony shaft of inner ear, MODIOLI
MODULUS	DLMOSUU	number that produces same remainder when divided into each of two numbers, MODULI
MOHEL	EHLMO	person who performs ritual Jewish circumcision, MOHELS, MOHELIM, MOHALIM
MOMENTO	EMMNoot	memento (something that serves as reminder of past), MOMENTOS, MOMENTOS
MOMENTUM	EMMMNOTU	force of movement, MOMENTUMS, MOMENTA
MOMUS	MMOSU	carping person, MOMUSES, MOMI
MONAS	AMNOS	monad (single-celled organism), MONADES
MONGOOSE	EGMNOOOS	carnivorous mammal, MONGOOSES, MONGEES
MORULA	ALMORU	embryonic mass of cells, MORULAS, MORULAE
MOSHAV	AHMOSV	cooperative settlement of small farms in Israel, MOSHAVIM
MOTTO	MOOTT	short expression of guiding principle, MOTTOS, MOTTOES
MOUSSEUX	EMOSSUUX	sparkling wine, MOUSSEUX
MOZETTA	AEMOTTZ	mozetta (hooded cape worn by bishops), MOZETTAS, MOZETTE
MOZZETTA	AEMOTTZZ	hooded cape worn by bishops, MOZZETTAS, MOZZETTE
MUCOSA	ACOMSU	mucous membrane, MUCOSAS, MUCOSAE
MUCRO	CMORU	sharp point at end of certain plant and animal organs, MUCRONES, MUCROS
MULATTO	ALMOTTU	offspring of one white and one black parent, MULATTOS, MULATTOES
MUNGO	GMNOU	low quality wool, MUNGOS, MUNGOES
MUREX	EMRUX	marine mollusk, MUREXES, MURICES
MUSKOX	KMOSUX	large bovid of arctic regions, MUSKOXEN
MYCOSIS	CIMOSSY	disease caused by fungus, MYCOSES
MYELOMA	AELMMOY	tumor of bone marrow, MYELOMAS, MYELOMATA
MYIASIS	AIIMSSY	infestation of human flesh with maggots, MYIASSES
MYOMA	AMMOY	tumor composed of muscle tissue, MYOMAS, MYOMATA
MYOSIS	MIOSSY	miosis (excessive contraction of pupil of eye), MYOSES, MYOSISES
MYXOMA	AMMOXY	tumor composed of mucous tissue, MYXOMAS, MYXOMATA

N

NARCOMA	AACMNOR	stupor induced by narcotic, NARCOMAS, NARCOMATA
NAUPLIUS	AILNPSUU	form of certain crustaceans, NAUPLII
NAUTILUS	AILNSTUU	spiral-shaped mollusk, NAUTILI
NEBULA	ABELNU	cloud-like interstellar mass, NEBULAS, NEBULAE
NECKWEAR	ACEEKNRW	something that is worn around neck, NECKWEAR
NECROSIS	CEINORSS	death of living tissue, NECROSES
NEMESIS	EEIMNSS	formidable opponent, NEMESES
NEREIS	EEINRS	marine worm, NEREIDES
NEUROMA	AEMNORU	type of tumor, NEUROMAS, NEUROMATA
NEUROSIS	EINORSSU	type of emotional disturbance, NEUROSES
NEURULA	AELNRUU	vertebrate embryo, NEURULAS, NEURULAE
NIDUS	DINSU	nest or breeding place, NIDUSES, NIDI
NIELLO	EILLNO	black metallic substance, NIELLOS, NIELLI
NOTORNIS	INNOORST	flightless bird, NOTORNIS



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NOTTURNO	NNOORTTU	nocturne musical composition), NOTTURNI
NOUMENON	EMNNNOOU	object of intellectual intuition, NOUMENA
NOVELLA	AELLNOV	short novel, NOVELLAS, NOVELLE
NOVENA	AENNOV	religious devotion lasting nine days, NOVENAS, NOVENAE
NUCLEUS	CELNSUU	essential part of cell, NUCLEUSES, NUCLEI
NYMPHA	AHMNPY	fold of vulva, NYMPHAE

O

OBLAST	ABLOST	administrative division of Russia, OBLASTS, OBLASTI
OBLIGATO	ABGILOOT	important musical passage, OBLIGATOS, OBLIGATI
OCCIPUT	CCIOPTU	back part of skull, OCCIPUTS, OCCIPITA
OCELLUS	CELLOSU	minute eye, OCELLI
OCHREA	ACEHOR	ocrea sheathing plant part, OCHREAE, OCHREAS
OCTOPUS	COOPSTU	nocturnal octopod, OCTOPUSES, OCTOPI
OEDEMA	ADEEMO	excessive accumulation of serous fluid, OEDEMAS, OEDEMATATA
OIDIUM	DIIMOU	type of fungus (any of major group of lower plants) OIDIA
OLDWIFE	DEFILOW	marine fish, OLDWIVES
OMPHALOS	AHLMOOPS	central point, OMPHALOI, OMPHALI
ONAGER	AEGNOR	wild ass of Central Asia, ONAGERS, ONAGRI
OODLINS	DILNOOS	oodles (large amount), OODLINS
OOGONIUM	GIMNOOOU	female sexual organ in certain algae and fungi, OOGONIUMS, OOGONIA
OPTIMUM	IMMOPTU	most favorable condition for obtaining given result, OPTIMUMS, OPTIMA
ORATRIX	AIORRTX	female orator, ORATRICES
ORGANON	AGNNOOR	system of rules for scientific investigation, ORGANONS, ORGANA
ORGANUM	AGMNORU	organon, ORGANUMS, ORGANA
ORNIS	INORS	avifauna, ORNITHES
OSCULUM	CLMOSUU	opening in sponge, OSCULA
OSMOSIS	IMOSSS	form of diffusion of fluid through membrane, OSMOSES
OSTEOMA	AEMOOST	tumor of bone tissue, OSTEOMAS, OSTEOMATA
OSTEOSIS	EIOSSST	formation of bone, OSTEOSES
OSTINATO	AINOOSTT	constantly recurring musical phrase, OSTINATOS, OSTINATI
OSTIUM	IMOSTU	opening in bodily organ, OSTIA
OSTOSIS	IOSSST	formation of bone, OSTOSISES, OSTOSES
OSTRACON	ACNOORST	fragment containing inscription, OSTRACA
OSTRAKON	AKNOORST	ostrakon, OSTRAKA
OTITIS	IIOSTT	inflammation of ear, OTITISES, OTITIDES
OXYMORON	MNOOORXY	combination of contradictory or incongruous words, OXYMORONS, OXYMORA