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A 8s

AARDVARK	AAADKRRV	African mammal [n -S]
AARDWOLF	AADFLORW	African mammal [n -LVES]
AARRGHH	AAGHRR	aargh (used to express disgust) [interj]
AASVOGEL	AAEGLOSV	vulture (bird of prey) [n -S]
ABOIDEAU	AABDEIOU	type of dike [n -S or -X]
ABOITEAU	AABEiotU	aboideau (type of dike) [n -S or -X]
ADVOCAAT	AAACDOTV	liqueur consisting of brandy, sugar, and eggs [n -S]
ALIBIING	ABGIILN	ALIBI, to make excuses for oneself [v]
APOTHEGM	AEGHMOPT	maxim (brief statement of general truth or principle) [n -S]
ARAHUANA	AAAHNURU	arowana (tropical fish) [n -S]
ASTHANGA	AAAGHNST	ashtanga (type of yoga (Hindu philosophy involving physical and mental disciplines)) [n -S]
ASYNDETA	AADENSTY	omissions of certain conjunctions [n]

B 8s

BAASKAAP	AAAABKPS	baaskap (policy of domination by white people in South Africa) [n -S]
BACALHAU	AAABCHLU	baccala (codfish (marine food fish) [n -S]
BAKSHISH	ABHHIKSS	to give tip [v -ED, -ING, -ES]
BARLEDUC	ABCDELRU	fruit [n -S]
BASHLYKS	ABHKLSSY	BASHLYK, cloth hood [n]
BDELLIUM	BDEILLMU	gum resin [n -S]
BERIMBAU	ABBEIMRU	Brazilian musical instrument [n -S]
BHEESTIE	BEEEHIST	bheesty (water carrier) [n -S]
BHELPURI	BEHILPRU	dish of rice, spices, and chutney [n -S]
BIBIMBAP	ABBBIIMP	Korean rice dish [n -S]
BOEHMITE	BEEHIMOT	mineral [n -S]
BONHOMIE	BEHIMNOO	friendliness [n -S]
BORSCHTS	BCHORSST	BORSCHT, beet soup [n]
BOSCHBOK	BBCHKOOS	bushbuck (small antelope (ruminant mammal)) [n -S]
BOSHVARK	ABHKORSV	wild hog [n -S]
BOYCHICK	BCCHIKOY	boychik (young man) [n -S]
BRITZSKA	ABIKRSTZ	britska (open carriage) [n -S]
BUDDLEIA	ABDDEILU	tropical shrub [n -S]
BUSCHBOK	BBCHKOSU	small antelope [n -S]
BUSHVELD	BDEHLSUV	veld (grassland of southern Africa) with shrubby vegetation [n -S]
BUTYRYLS	BLRSTUYU	BUTYRYL, radical of butyric acid [n]

C 8s

CACOMIXL	ACCILMOX	raccoon-like mammal [n -S]
CAESURAE	AACEERSU	CAESURA, pause in line of verse [n]
CAPOEIRA	AACEIOPR	Brazilian dance [n -S]
CEORLISH	CEHILORS	CEORL, freeman of low birth [adj]
CHACONNE	ACCEHNNO	ancient dance [n -S]
CHATCKA	AACCHHKT	knickknack [n -S]
CHATCKE	ACCEHHKT	chatchka (knickknack) [n -S]
CHHERTUM	CEHHMRTU	CHETRUM, monetary unit of Bhutan [n]
CHTHONIC	CCHHINOT	pertaining to gods of underworld [adj]
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CHUTZPAH	ACHHPTUZ	extreme self-confidence [n -S]
CHYMISTS	CHIMSSTY	CHYMIST, chemist (one versed in chemistry) [n]
CHYTRIDS	CDHIRSTY	CHYTRID, aquatic or soil fungus [n]
CLYSTERS	CELSRSTY	CLYSTER, enema (liquid injected into rectum) [n]
COENURUS	CENORSUU	tapeworm larva [n -RI]
COMSYMPS	CMMOPSSY	COMSYMP, offensive word [n]
CONCOURS	CCNOORSU	public competition [n CONCOURS]
CONEPATL	ACELNOPT	conepate (skunk) [n -S]
CORYPHEE	CEEHOPRY	ballet dancer [n -S]
CRAALING	AACGILNR	CRAAL, to kraal (to pen in type of enclosure) [v]
CROMLECH	CCEHLMOR	dolmen (prehistoric monument) [n -S]
CRUMHORN	CHMNORRU	double-reed woodwind instrument [n -S]
CRUZEIRO	CEIORRUZ	monetary unit of Brazil [n -S]
CTENIDIA	ACDEIINT	comblike anatomical structures [n]
CZAREVNA	AACENRVZ	daughter of czar [n -S]
CZARITZA	AACIRTZZ	czarina (wife of czar) [n -S]
D 8s		
DAIQUIRI	ADIIIQRU	cocktail [n -S]
DANSEUSE	ADEENSSU	female ballet dancer [n -S]
DECEMVR	CDEEIMRV	one of body of ten Roman magistrates [n -S or -I]
DEJEUNER	DEEEJNRU	late breakfast [n -S]
DEMIURGE	DEEGIMRU	magistrate of ancient Greece [n -S]
DIBBUKIM	BBDIIKMU	DIBBUK, wandering soul in Jewish folklore [n]
DIGESTIF	DEFGIIST	alcoholic drink taken after meal [n -S]
DINGHIES	DEGHIINS	DINGHY, small boat [n]
DIPTYCHS	CDHIPSTY	DIPTYCH, ancient writing tablet [n]
DJELLABA	AABDEJLL	long hooded garment [n -S]
DOUPIONI	DIINOOPU	silk yarn [n -S]
DUMMKOPF	DFKMMOPU	dolt [n -S]
E 8s		
ENCIENTE	CEEEINNT	encircling fortification [n -S]
EOLIPILE	EIIILLOP	type of engine [n -S]
EPOPOEIA	AEEIOOPP	epopee (epic poem) [n -S]
ESCHALOT	ACEHLOST	shallot (plant resembling onion) [n -S]
ETHYNYLS	EHLNSTYY	ETHYNYL, univalent chemical radical [n]
EULOGIAE	AEEGILOU	EULOGIA, EULOGIUM, eulogy (formal expression of high praise) [n]
F 8s		
FACETIAE	AACEEFIT	witty sayings or writings [n]
FAHLBAND	AABDFHNL	band or stratum of rock impregnated with metallic sulfides [n -S]
FAUTEUIL	AEFILTUU	armchair [n -S]
FINNMARK	AFIKMNNR	finmark (monetary unit of Finland) [n -S]
FLAMBEAU	AABEFLMU	flaming torch [n -S or -X]
FLYSCHES	CEFHLSSY	FLYSCH, sandstone deposit [n]
FRAULEIN	AEFILNRU	German governess [n -S]
FROIDEUR	DEFIORRU	aloofness (state of being aloof (distant in interest or feeling)) [n -S]
FRONDEUR	DEFNORRU	rebel [n -S]



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FROTTEUR EFORRTTU one who practices frottage [n -S]
FURCRAEA ACEFRRU tropical plant [n -S]

G 8s

GALABIEH AABEGHIL djellaba (long hood garment) [n -S]
GAOLBIRD ABDGILOR jailbird (prisoner (one that is imprisoned) [n -S]
GASTHAUS AAGHSSTU small hotel in Germany [n -ES or -ER]
GHERAOED ADEEGHOR GHERAO, to coerce by physical means [v]
GHERAOES AEEGHORS GHERAO, to coerce by physical means [v]
GLUHWWEIN EGHILNUW wine flavored with spices [n -S]
GLYPTICS CGILPSTY GLYPTIC, art or process of engraving on gems [n]
GOETHITE EEGHIOTT ore of iron [n -S]
GRAECIZE ACEEIGRZ to grecize (to provide with Greek style) [v -D, -ZING, -S]
GROSCHEN CEGHNORS formerly used Austrian coin [n GROSCHEN]
GRYPHONS GHNOPRSY GRYPHON, griffin (mythological creature) [n]
GUAIA CUM AACGIMUU medicinal resin [n -S]
GUAIO CUM ACGIMOUU guaiacum (medicinal resin) [n -S]
GYMKHANA AAGHKMNY athletic meet [n -S]

H 8s

HALIEROV AEHILORV HALIER, former monetary unit of Slovakia [n]
HAUTBOIS ABHIOSTU hautboy (oboe) [n HAUTBOIS]
HEUCHERA ACEEHHRU North American plant [n -S]
HOACTZIN ACHINOTZ hoatzin (tropical bird) [n -S]
HOLUBTSI BHILOSTU cabbage rolls [n]
HONGIING GGHIINNO HONGI, to greet another by pressing noses together [v]
HRYVNYAS AHNRSVYY HRYVNIA, hryvnia (monetary unit of Ukraine) [n]

I 8s

INFOBAHN ABFHINNO electronic communication network [n -S]
INUKSHUK HIKKNSUU figure of human made of stones (Inuit) [n -S]

J 8s

JINGKOES EGIJKNOS JINGKO, ginkgo (ornamental tree) [n]
JIUJITSU IIJJSTUU jujitsu (Japanese art of self-defense) [n -S]

K 8s

KABELJOU ABEJKLOU large food fish [n -S]
KAFFIYAH AAFFHIKY kaffiyeh (large, square kerchief) [n -S]
KAFFIYEH AEFPHIKY large, square kerchief) [n -S]
KAKIEMON AEIKKMNO Japanese porcelain [n -S]
KAMA AINA AAAAIKMN longtime resident of Hawaii [n -S]
KAZATSKI AAIKKSTZ kazachok (Russian folk dance) [n -ES]
KAZATSKY AAKKSTYZ kazachok (Russian folk dance) [n -ES]
KEFFIYAH AEFPHIKY kaffiyeh (large, square kerchief) [n -S]
KEFFIYEH EEFPHIKY kaffiyeh (large, square kerchief) [n -S]
KEIRETSU EEIKRSTU coalition of business groups in Japan [n -S]
KHAMSEEN AEEHKMNS khamsin (hot, dry wind) [n -S]
KHEDIVAL ADEHIKLV KHEDIVE, Turkish viceroy [adj]
KOHLRABI ABHIKLOR variety of cabbage [n -ES]
KRAALING AAGIKLNR KRAAL, to pen in type of enclosure [v]



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KUVASZOK AKKOSUVZ KUVASZ, large dog having white coat [n]

L 8s

LAAGERED AADEEGLR LAAGER, to form defensive encampment [v]
LAGNAPPE AAEGLNPP small gift given to customer with his purchase [n -S]
LANGLAUF AAFGLLNU cross-country ski run [n -S]
LANGSYNE AEGLNNSY time long past [n -S]
LECYTHIS CEHILSTY designating family of tropical shrubs [adj]
LECYTHUS CEHLSTUY lekythos (oil jar used in ancient Greece) [n -HI]
LEKYTHOS EHKLOSTY oil jar used in ancient Greece [n -OI]
LONGUEUR EGLNORUU dull and tedious section [n -S]
LYTHRUMS HLMRSTUY LYTHRUM, flowering plant [n]

M 8s

MAENADES AADEEMNS MAENAD, female participant in ancient Greek orgies [n]
MAENADIC AACDEIMN MAENAD, female participant in ancient Greek orgies [adj]
MAHJONGG AGGHJMNO mahjong (game of Chinese origin) [n -S]
MAHZORIM AHIMMORZ mahzor (Jewish prayer book) [n]
MAIOLICA AACIILMO type pf pottery [n -S]
MAJLISES AEIJLMSS MAJLIS, parliament in various North African and Middle Eastern countries [n]
MARASMUS AAMMRSSU wasting away of body [n -ES]
MARKHOOR AHKMOORR markhor (wild goat) [n -S]
MBAQANGA AAABGMNQ South African dance music (Zulu) [n -S]
MENSCHEN CEEHMNNS MENSCH, admirable person [n]
MESDAMES ADEEMMSS MADAME, French title of respect for married woman [n]
MEUNIERE EEEIMNRU cooked in browned butter [adj]
MIGNONNE EGIMNNNO daintily small [adj]
MIJNHEER EEHIJMNR mynheer (Dutch title of courtesy for man) [n -S]
MIREPOIX EIIMOPRX sauteed mixture of diced vegetables [n MIREPOIX]
MNEMONIC CEIMMNNO device to assist memory [n -S]
MONSIEUR EIMNORSU French title of courtesy for man [n MESSIEURS]
MOUCHOIR CHIMOORU small handkerchief [n -S]
MOUFFLON FFLMNOOU mouflon (wild sheep) [n -S]
MOUSSEUX EMOSSUUX sparkling wine [n MOUSSEUX]
MRIDANGA AADGIMNR drum of India [n -S]
MYRMIDON DIMMNORY loyal follower [n -ES, -S]

N 8s

NAETHING AEGHINNT nothing [n -S]
NAPHTHOL AHHLNOPT chemical compound [n -S]
NAPHTHYL AHHLNPTY radical derived from naphthalene [n -S]
NARGHILE AEGHILNR hookah [n -S]
NGULTRUM GLMNRTUU monetary unit of Bhutan [n -S]
NINJUTSU IJNNSTUU traditional Japanese method of spying [n -S]

O 8s

OEILLADE ADEEILLO amorous look [n -S]
OGHAMIST AGHIMOST one who writes in ogham (Old Irish alphabet) [n -S]
OITICICA ACCIIOT South American tree [n -S]
OMADHAUN AADHMNOU foolish person [n -S]



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OUISTITI	IIIOSTTU	South American monkey (imitative of its cry) [n -S]
P 8s		
PADUASOY	AADOPSUY	strong silk fabric [n -S]
PAHOEHOE	AEEHHOOP	smooth solidified lava (Hawaiian) [n -S]
PARANOEA	AAAENOPR	paranoia (mental disorder) [n -S]
PEIGNOIR	EGIINOPR	woman's gown [n -S]
PENUCHLE	CEEHLNPU	pinochle (card game) [n -S]
PHTHISIS	HHIIPSST	disease of lungs [n -SES]
PHYLLARY	AHLLPRYY	bract of certain plants [n -RIES]
PIROZHOK	HIKOOPRZ	small Russian pastry [n -HKI or -OSHKI or -OJKI]
POLYGYNV	GLNOPYYY	condition of having more than one wife at same time [n -NIES]
PORPHYRY	HOPPRYY	igneous rock [n -RIES]
POSTSYNC	CNOPSSTY	to add sound to film after scene has been photographed [v -ED, -ING, -S]
PRAEDIAL	AADEILPR	pertaining to land [adj]
PRAEFECT	ACEEFPRT	prefect (ancient Roman official) [n -S]
PRAELECT	ACEELPRT	to lecture (to expound on specific subject) [v -ED, -ING, -S]
PRECIEUX	CEEIPRUX	excessively refined [adj]
PRIEDIEU	DEEIIPRU	piece of furniture for kneeling on during prayer [n -S or -X]
PROCHEIN	CEHINOPR	nearest in time, religion, or degree [adj]
PSCHENTS	CEHNPSST	PSCHENT, crown worn by ancient Egyptian kings [n]
PSYLLIDS	DILLPSSY	PSYLLID, psylla (any of various plant lice) [n]
PTYALISM	AILMPSTY	excessive flow of saliva [n -S]
PYRRHICS	CHIPRRSY	PYRRHIC, type of metrical foot [n]

Q 8s

QUAALUDE	AADELQUU	sedative drug [n -S]
QUAESTOR	AEOQRSTU	ancient Roman magistrate [n -S]
QUEUEING	EEGINQUU	QUEUE, to line up [v]
QUIDNUNC	CDINNQUU	nosy person [n -S]
QUILLAIA	AAIILLQU	quillai (evergreen tree) (Mapudungun) [n -S]
QUILLAJA	AAIJLLQU	quillai (evergreen tree) (Mapudungun) [n -S]
QUINCUNX	CINNQUUX	arrangement of five objects [n -ES]
QUINZHEE	EEHINQUZ	shelter made by hollowing out pile of snow (Slavey) [n -S]

R 8s

RAISONNE	AEINNORS	arranged systematically [adj]
REDUVIID	DDEIIRUV	bloodsucking insect [n -S]
RENDZINA	ADEINNRRZ	type of soil [n -S]
RENMINBI	BEIIMNRR	currency in People's Republic of China [n RENMINBI]
RESIDUUM	DEIMRSUU	residue (something remaining after removal of part) [n -S or -UA]
RINKHALS	AHIKLNRS	ringhals (venomous snake) [n -ES]
ROENTGEN	EEGNNORT	unit of radiation dosage [n -S]

S 8s

SABOTEUR	ABEORSTU	one who sabotages (to destroy maliciously) [n -S]
SALAAMED	AAADELMS	SALAAM, to greet with low bow [v]
SAMIZDAT	AADIMSTZ	system in Soviet Union for printing and distributing unauthorized literature [n -S]
SAMSKARA	AAAKMRSS	Hindu purification ceremony [n -S]
SARTORII	AIIORRST	flat, narrow thigh muscles [n]



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SCHLIERE	CEEHILRS	small streak in igneous rock [n -REN]
SCHTICKS	CCHIKSST	SCHTICK, shtick (entertainment routine) [n]
SCILICET	CCEIILST	namely [adv]
SEIGNEUR	EEGINRSU	seignior (feudal lord) [n -S]
SELAMLIK	AEIKLLMS	portion of Turkish house reserved for men [n -S]
SEXTARII	AEIIRSTX	ancient Roman units of liquid measure [n]
SHASHLIK	AHHIKLSS	kabob (cubes of meat cooked on skewer) [n -S]
SHIITAKE	AEHIIKST	dark Oriental mushroom [n -S]
SHTUMMER	EHMMRSTU	SHTUM, silent, uncommunicative [adj]
SMARAGDE	AADEGMRS	smaragd (emerald) [n -S]
SPAETZLE	AEELPSTZ	tiny dumpling [n -S]
SPELAEAN	AAEELNPS	spelean (living in caves) [adj]
SPHYGMIC	CGHIMPSY	SPHYGMUS, pulse [adj]
SPHYGMUS	GHMPSSUY	pulse [n -ES]
SPHYNXES	EHNPSXXY	SPHYNX, cat of breed of hairless cats [n]
SQUUSHED	DEHQSSUU	SQUUSH, to squash (to press into pulp or flat mass) [v]
SQUUSHES	EHQSSUU	SQUUSH, to squash (to press into pulp or flat mass) [v]
SRIRACHA	AACHIRRS	chili sauce [n -S]
STRONGYL	GLNORSTY	parasitic worm [n -S]
SVARAJES	AAEJRSSV	SVARAJ, Swaraj (self-government in British India) [n]
SVEDBERG	BDEEGRSV	unit of time [n -S]

T 8s

TEIGLACH	ACEGHILT	confection consisting of balls of dough boiled in honey [n TEIGLACH]
TOLARJEV	AEJLORTV	TOLAR, monetary unit of Slovenia [n]
TRAPEZII	AEIIPRTZ	triangular muscles of back [n]
TRIPTYCA	ACIPPRTY	triptych (ancient writing tablet) [n -S]
TRIPTYCH	CHIPRTTY	ancient writing tablet [n -S]
TRIUMVIR	IIMRRTUV	one of ruling body of three in ancient Rome [n -S or -I]
TRYPSINS	INPRSSTY	TRYPSIN, enzyme (complex protein) [n]
TSKTSKED	DEKKSSTT	TSKTSK, to tsk (to utter exclamation of annoyance) [v]
TSURISES	EIRSSSTU	TSURIS, series of misfortunes [n]
TURQUOIS	IOQRSTUU	greenish blue gem [n -ES]
TYCHISMS	CHIMSSTY	TYCHISM, proposition that chance is operative in universe [n]
TZAREVNA	AAENRTVZ	czarevna (daughter of czar) [n -S]
TZARITZA	AAIRTTZZ	czaritzza (czarina (wife of czar)) [n -S]
TZATZIKI	AIIKTTZZ	dish of yogurt with cucumber, garlic, and sometimes mint [n -S]
TZEDAKAH	AADEHKTZ	charitable giving as moral obligation among Jews [n -S]
TZITZITH	HIITTTZZ	zizith (tassels on four corners of Jewish prayer shawl) [n TZITZITH]
TZURISES	EIRSSTUZ	TZURIS, tsuris (series of misfortunes) [n]

U 8s

UINTAITE	AEIINTTU	variety of asphalt (Ute) [n -S]
URAEUSES	AEERSSUU	URAEUS, figure of sacred serpent on headdress of ancient Egyptian rulers [n]
USQUABAE	AABEQSUU	usquebae (whiskey) [n -S]
USQUEBAE	ABEEQSUU	whiskey [n -S]

V 8s

VARENYKY	AEKNRVYY	Ukrainian stiffed dumplings [n]
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V**I**Z**C**A**C**H**A** A**A**C**C**H**I**V**Z** viscacha (burrowing rodent) [n -S]

W 8s

W 8s - French

W**A**E**S**U**C**K**S** A**C**E**K**S**S**U**W** used to express pity [interj]

W**A**H**C**O**N**D**A** A**A**C**D**H**N**O**W** wakanda (supernatural force in Sioux beliefs) (Sioux) [n -S]

X 8s

Y 8s

Y**A**T**A**G**H**A**N** A**A**A**G**H**N**T**Y** Turkish sword [n -S]

Y**O**G**H**O**U**R**T** G**H**O**O**R**T**U**Y** yogurt (food made from milk) [n -S]

Z 8s

Z**A**B**A**I**O**N**E** A**A**B**E**I**N**O**Z** dessert resembling custard [n -S]

Z**I**K**K**U**R**A**T** A**I**K**K**R**T**U**Z** ziggurat (ancient Babylonian temple tower) [n -S]

Z**O**M**B**I**I**S**M** B**I**I**M**M**O**S**Z** system of beliefs connected with West African snake god [n -S]

Z**O**O**E**C**I**U**M** C**E**I**M**O**O**U**Z** sac secreted and lived in by aquatic organism [n -IA]

Z**U**G**Z**W**A**N**G** A**G**G**N**U**W**Z**Z** situation in chess that forces disadvantageous move [n -S]

Z**W**I**E**B**A**C**K** A**B**C**E**I**K**W**Z** sweetened bread [n -S]

Z**Y**Z**Z**Y**V**A**S** A**S**V**Y**Y**Z**Z**Z** ZYZZYVA, tropical weevil [n]