



# The Odd Couple

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## Contains -AA-

BAALISM	AABILMS	worship of baal [n -S]
BAASKAP	AAABKPS	policy of domination by white people in South Africa [n -S]
CRAALED	AACDELRL	CRAAL, to kraal (to pen in type of enclosure) [v]
KRAALED	AADEKLR	KRAAL, to pen in type of enclosure [v]
LAAGERS	AAEGLRS	LAAGER, to form defensive encampment [v]
NIQAABS	AABINQS	NIQAAB, niqab (veil worn by some Muslim women) [n]
SALAAMS	AAALMSS	SALAAM, to greet with low bow [v]
WADMAAL	AAADLMW	wadmāl (thick woolen fabric) [n -S]
<b>ZAATARS</b>	<b>AAARSTZ</b>	<b>ZAATAR, Middle Eastern spice blend [n]</b>

## Contains -AO-

BAOBABS	AABBBOS	BAOBAB, tropical tree [n]
EPINAOI	AEIINOP	EPINAO, rear vestibule [n]
EPINAO	AEINOPS	rear vestibule [n -S]
GAOLERS	AEGLORS	GAOLER, jailer (keeper of jail) [n]
GAOLING	AGGILNO	GAOL, to jail (to put in jail (place of confinement)) [v]
GHRAOS	AEGHORS	gherao [n]
GIAOURS	AGIORSU	GIAOUR, non-Muslim [n]
KARAOKE	AAEKKOR	musical device to which user sings along [n -S]
LAOGAIS	AAGILOS	LAOGAI, system of forced-labor camps in China [n]
PHARAOH	AAHHOPR	ruler of ancient Egypt [n -S]

## Contains -CC-

GNOCCHI	CCGHINO	dumplings made of pasta [n]
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## Contains -CH-

GNOCCHI	CCGHINO	dumplings made of pasta [n]
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## Contains -CQ-

PICQUET	CEIPQTU	piquet (card game) [n -S]
SACQUES	ACEQSSU	SACQUE, loose-fitting dress [n]

## Contains -CZ-

PACZKIS	ACIKPSZ	PACZKI, round doughnut with filling [n]
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## Contains -DH-

BODHRAN	ABDHNOR	Irish drum [n -S]
BUDDHAS	ABDDHSU	BUDDHA, person who has attained Buddhahood [n]
DALEDHS	ADDEHLS	DALEDH, daleth (Hebrew letter) [n]
JODHPUR	DHJOPRU	type of boot [n -S]
LAMEDHS	ADEHLMS	LAMEDH, lamed (Hebrew letter) [n]
SADDHUS	ADDHSSU	SADDHU, sadhu (Hindu holy man) [n]
SAMADHI	AADHIMS	state of concentration in yoga [n -S]
SANDHIS	ADHINSS	SANDHI, process of phonetic modification [n]
SIDDHAS	ADDHISS	SIDDHA, one who has attained perfection in Hinduism [n]



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SIDDHIS	DDHISS	SIDDHI, perfection attained by siddha [n]
SRADDHA	AADDHRS	sradha (Hindu ceremonial offering) [n -S]
SRADHAS	AADHRSS	SRADHA, Hindu ceremonial offering [n]

## Contains -DJ-

HADJEES	ADEEHJS	HADJEE, hadji (one who has made hadj) [n]
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## Contains -DZ-

ADZUKIS	ADIKSUZ	ADZUKI, edible seed of Asian plant [n]
MADZOOM	ADMNOOZ	matzoon (food made from milk) [n -D]
NUDZHED	DDEHNUZ	NUDZH, to noodge (to nag (to find fault incessantly)) [v]
NUDZHES	DEHNSUZ	NUDZH, to noodge (to nag (to find fault incessantly)) [v]
PODZOLS	DLOOPSZ	PODZOL, infertile soil [n]

## Contains -GH-

AFGHANI	AAF GHIN	monetary unit of Afghanistan [n -S]
AFGHANS	AAF GHNS	AFGHAN, woolen blanket or shawl [n]
ATAGHAN	AAAGHNT	yataghan (Turkish sword) [n -S]
BURGHAL	ABGH LRU	BURGH, Scottish borough [adj]
KIAUGHS	AGHIKSU	KIAUGH, trouble; worry [n]
MOGHULS	GHL MOSU	MOGHUL, mogul (important person) [n]
MUGHALS	AGHLMSU	MUGHAL, mogul (important person) [n]
NILGHAI	AGHIILN	nilgai (large antelope) [n -S]
NILGHAU	AGHILNU	nilgai (large antelope) [n -S]
NYLGHAI	AGHILNY	nilgai (large antelope) [n -S]
NYLGHAU	AGHLNUY	nilgai (large antelope) [n -S]
OGHAMIC	ACGHIMO	OGHAM, Old Irish alphabet [adj]
PIROGHI	GHIIOPR	PIROG, large Russian pastry [n]
SANGHAS	AAGHNSS	SANGHA, Buddhist religious community [n]
TUGHRİK	GHIKRTU	tugrik (monetary unit of Mongolia) [n -S]
YOGHURT	GHORTUY	yogurt (food made from milk) [n -S]

## Contains -GK-

BANGKOK	ABGKKNO	straw hat [n -S]
GINGKOS	GGIKNOS	GINGKO, ginkgo (ornamental tree) [n]

## Contains -GM-

KERYGMA	AEGKMRY	preaching of gospel [n -S, -TA]
ZEUGMAS	AEGMSUZ	ZEUGMA, use of word to modify or govern two or more words, while applying to each in different sense [n]

## Contains -GN-

BAGNIOS	ABGINOS	BAGNIO, brothel (house of prostitution) [n]
BEIGNES	BEEGINS	BEIGNE, beignet (type of fritter or doughnut) [n]
BEIGNET	BEEGINT	type of fritter or doughnut [n -S]
BOLOGNA	ABGLNOO	seasoned sausage [n -S]



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CHIGNON	CGHINNO	woman's hairdo [n -S]
COGNACS	ACCGNOS	COGNAC, brandy [n]
COLOGNE	CEGLNOO	scented liquid [n -S]
EPERGNE	EEEGNPR	ornamental dish [n -S]
INSIGNE	EGIINNS	insignia (insigne) [n -NIA]
LASAGNA	AAAGLNS	Italian baked dish [n -S]
LASAGNE	AAEGLNS	lasagna (Italian baked dish) [n -S]
LORGNON	GLNNOOR	pair of eyeglasses with handle [n -S]
MIGNONS	GIMNNOS	MIGNON, cut of beef [n]
PIGNOLI	GIILNOP	pignolia (edible seed of nut pines) [n -S]
PIGNORA	AGINOPR	PIGNUS, property held as security for debt [n]
SIGNIOR	GIINORS	signor (Italian title of courtesy for man) [n -I, -S]
SIGNORA	AGINORS	Italian title of courtesy for married woman [n -S, -RE]
SIGNORE	EGINORS	SIGNORA, Italian title of courtesy for married woman [n] / signor [n -RI]
SIGNORI	GIINORS	SIGNOR, Italian title of courtesy for man [n] / SIGNORE, SIGNORA, Italian title of courtesy for married woman [n]
SIGNORS	GINORSS	SIGNOR, Italian title of courtesy for man [n]
SIGNORY	GINORSY	seignory (power of seignior) [n -RIES]
SOIGNEE	EEGINOS	soigne (carefully done) [adj]
VICUGNA	ACGINUV	vicuna (ruminant mammal) [n -S]

## Contains -HL-

BASHLYK	ABHKLSY	cloth hood [n -S]
CHLAMYS	ACHLMSY	garment worn in ancient Greece [n -YDES, -ES]
PAHLAVI	AAHILPV	former coin of Iran [n -S]
SCHLEPP	CEHLPPS	to schlep (to lug or drag) [v -ED, ING, -S]
SCHLEPS	CEHLPSS	SCHLEP, to lug or drag [v]
SCHLOCK	CCHKLOS	inferior merchandise [n -S]
SCHLONG	CGHLNOS	offensive word [n -S]
SCHLUBS	BCHLSSU	SCHLUB, stupid or unattractive person [n]
SCHLUMP	CHLMPSU	to go about lazily or sloppily dressed [v -ED, ING, -S]
SHLEPPS	EHLPPSS	SHLEPP, to schlep (to lug or drag) [v]
SHLEPPY	EHLPPSY	schleppy (shabby, run-down) [adj -PPIER, -PPIEST]
SHLOCKS	CHKLOSS	SHLOCK, schlock (inferior merchandise) [n]
SHLOCKY	CHKLOS Y	schlocky (of inferior quality) [adj -KIER, -KIEST]
SHLONGS	GHLNOSS	SHLONG, offensive word [n]
SHLUMPS	HLMPSU	SHLUMP, to schlump (to go about lazily or sloppily dressed) [v]
SHLUMPY	HLMPSUY	slovenly (habitually untidy or unclean) [adj]

## Contains -HJ-

MAHJONG	AGHJMNO	game of Chinese origin [n -S]
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## Contains -HK-

CHACHKA	AACCHHK	chatchka (knickknack) [n -S]
DROSHKY	DHKORSY	open carriage [n -KIES]
KISHKAS	AHIKKSS	KISHKA, kishke (sausage (finely chopped and seasoned meat stuffed into casing)) [n]
KISHKES	EHIKKSS	KISHKE, sausage (finely chopped and seasoned meat stuffed into casing) [n]



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LASHKAR	AAHKLRS	lascar (East Indian sailor) [n -S]
PASHKAS	AAHKPSS	PASHKA, paskha (Russian dessert eaten at Easter) [n]

## Contains -HM-

BRAHMAS	AABHMRS	BRAHMA, large domestic fowl [n]
DRACHMA	AACDHMR	former monetary unit of Greece [n -E, -I, -S]
DRACHMS	ACDHMRS	DRACHM, unit of weight [n]
FLEHMEN	EEFHLMN	to inhale with mouth open and upper lip curled [v -ED, -ING, -S]
KASHMIR	AHIKMRS	cashmere (fine wool) [n -S]
SCHMALZ	ACHLMSZ	schmaltz (excessive sentimentality) [n -ES]
SCHMEAR	ACEHMRS	to schmeer (to bribe (to practice bribery)) [v -ED, -ING, -S]
SCHMEER	CEEHMRS	to bribe (to practice bribery) [v -ED, -ING, -S]
SCHMOES	CEHMOSS	SCHMO, stupid person [n] / SCHMOE [n]
SCHMOOS	CHMOOSS	to schmooze (to gossip (to talk idly about affairs of others)) [v -ED, -ING, -ES]
SCHMUCK	CCHKMSU	to hit or flatten [v -ED, -ING, -S]
SCHMUTZ	CHMSTUZ	dirt, grime [n -S]
SHMALTZ	AHLMSTZ	schmaltz (excessive sentimentality) [n -ES]
SHMATTE	AEHMSTT	schmatte (ragged garment) [n -S]
SHMEARS	AEHMRSS	SHMEAR, to schmeer (to bribe (to practice bribery)) [v]
SHMEERS	EEHMRSS	SHMEER, to schmeer (to bribe (to practice bribery)) [v]
SHMOOZE	EHMOOSZ	to schmooze (to gossip (to talk idly about affairs of others)) [v -ED, -ZING, -S]
SHMOOZY	HMOOSYZ	schmoozy (given to schmoozing) [adj -ZIER, -ZIEST]
SHMUCKS	CHKMSSU	SHMUCK, schmuck [n]
SHMUCKY	CHKMSUY	schmucky (foolish, contemptible) [adj -KIER, -KIEST]
YASHMAC	AACHMSY	yashmak (veil worn by Muslim women) [n -S]
YASHMAK	AAHKMSY	veil worn by Muslim women [n -S]

## Contains -HN-

MEHNDIS	DEHIMNS	MEHNDI, art of painting patterns on skin with henna [n]
SCHNAPS	ACHNPSS	schnapps (strong liquor) [n SCHNAPS]
SCHNEID	CDEHINS	losing streak [n -S]
SCHNOOK	CHKNOOS	easily deceived person [n -S]
SCHNOZZ	CHNOSZZ	schnoz (nose) [n -ES]
SHEHNAI	AEHHINS	double-reed wind instrument of India [n -S]
SHNAPPS	AHNPPSS	schnapps (strong liquor) [n SHNAPPS]
SHNOOKS	HKNOOSS	SHNOOK, schnook (easily deceived person) [n]

## Contains -HR-

ASHRAMA	AAAHMRS	stage of life in Hinduism [n -S]
ASHRAMS	AAHMRSS	ASHRAM, secluded dwelling of Hindu sage [n]
BODHRAN	ABDHNOR	Irish drum [n -S]
FUEHRER	EEFHRRU	fuhrer (leader (one that leads or guides)) [n -S]
FUHRERS	EFHRRSU	FUHRER, leader (one that leads or guides) [n]
KASHRUT	AHKRSTU	kashruth (Jewish dietary laws) [n -S]
MIHRABS	ABHIMRS	MIHRAB, niche in mosque [n]
TEPHRAS	AEHPRST	TEPHRA, solid material ejected from volcano [n]



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TUGHRIK      GHIKRTU      tugrik (monetary unit of Mongolia) [n -S]

## Contains -HT-

BORSHTS      BHORSST      BORSHT, borscht (beet soup) [n]  
KLEPHTS      EHKL PST      KLEPHT, Greek guerrilla [n]  
MUKHTAR      AHKMRTU      head of government of town in Arabic countries [n -S]  
SCHTICK      CCHIKST      shtick (entertainment routine) [n -S]  
SCHTIKS      CHIKSST      SCHTIK, shtick (entertainment routine) [n]  
SCHTUPS      CHPSSTU      SCHTUP, offensive word [v]  
SHTETEL      EEHLSTT      Jewish village [n SHTETLACH, -S]  
SHTETLS      EHLSTT      SHTETL, shtetel (Jewish village) [n]  
SHTICKS      CHIKSST      SHTICK, entertainment routine [n]  
SHTICKY      CHIKSTY      resembling shtick (entertainment routine) [adj -KIER, -KIEST]

## Contains -HV-

SCHVITZ      CHISTVZ      to shvitz (to sweat (to perspire (to give off moisture through pores of skin))) [v -ED, -ING, -S]

## Contains -HW-

LECHWES      CEEHLSW      LECHWE, African antelope [n]

## Contains -HZ-

MACHZOR      ACHMORZ      mahzor (Jewish prayer book) [n -IM, -S]  
MAHZORS      AHMORSZ      MAHZOR, Jewish prayer book [n]

## Contains -IJ-

FEIJOAS      AEFIJOS      FEIJOA, green edible fruit [n]  
FRIJOLE      EFIJLOR      frijol (bean used as food) [n -S]  
HARIJAN      AAHIJNR      outcaste in India [n -S]  
HIJRAHS      AHHIJRS      HIJRAH, hegira (exodus (movement away)) [n]

## Contains -IK-

**MEIKLER      EEIKLMR      MEIKLE, large (of considerable size or quantity) [adj]**

## Contains -JI-

CROJIKS      CIJKORS      CROJIK, triangular sail [n]  
DJIBBAH      ABBDHIJ      jibba (long coat worn by Muslim men) [n -S]  
DJIBBAS      ABBDIJS      DJIBBA, jibba (long coat worn by Muslim men) [n]  
FAJITAS      AAFIJST      FAJITA, marinated and grilled beef, chicken, or shrimp served with flour tortilla [n]  
HEJIRAS      AEHIJRS      HEJIRA, hegira (exodus (movement away)) [n]  
JUJITSU      IJJSTUU      Japanese art of self-defense [n -S]  
MASJIDS      ADIJMSS      MASJID, mosque (Muslim house of worship) [n]  
MOJITOS      IJMOOST      MOJITO, cocktail made of rum, sugar, mint, and lime juice [n]  
MOUJIKS      IJKMOSU      MOUJIK, muzhik (Russian peasant) [n]  
MUSJIDS      DIJMSSU      MUSJID, mosque (Muslim house of worship) [n]  
MUZJIKS      IJKMSUZ      MUZJIK, muzhik (Russian peasant) [n]  
ROMAJIS      AIJMORS      ROMAJI, system of transliterating Japanese into Latin alphabet [n]



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TAJINES AEIJNST TAJINE, earthenware Moroccan cooking pot [n]

## Contains -JK-

PIROJKI IJKOPR PIROZHOK, small Russian pastry [n]

## Contains -JN-

PRAJNAS AAJNPRS PRAJNA, ultimate knowledge in Buddhism and Hinduism [n]

## Contains -JR-

HIJRAHS AHHIJS HIJRAH, hegira (exodus (movement away)) [n]

## Contains -KG-

GINKGOS GGIKNOS GINKGO, ornamental tree [n]

## Contains -KH-

BURKHAS ABHKRSU BURKHA, burka (long loose outer garment worn by some Muslim women) [n]  
CHARKHA AACHHKR spinning wheel [n -S]  
HALAKHA AAAHKL halacha (legal part of Talmud) [n -S, -HOT]  
KOLKHOS HKKLOOS kolkhos (collective farm in Russia) [n -ES, -Y]  
KOLKHOZ HKKLOOZ collective farm in Russia [n -ES, -Y]  
MARKHOR AHKMORR wild goat [n -S]  
MUKHTAR AHKMRTU head of government of town in Arabic countries [n -S]  
PASKHAS AAHKPSS PASKHA, Russian dessert eaten at Easter [n]  
SABKHAS AABHKSS SABKHA, coastal, flat, periodically flooded area in northern Africa [n]  
SAMEKHS AEHKMSS SAMEKH, samek (Hebrew letter) [n]  
SHAIKHS AHHIKSS SHAIKH, sheik (Arab chief) [n]  
SHAYKHS AHHKSSY SHAYKH, sheik (Arab chief) [n]  
SHEIKHS EHHIKSS SHEIKH, sheik (Arab chief) [n]  
SOVKHOZ HKOOSVZ state-owned farm in former Soviet Union [n -ES, -Y]

## Contains -KK-

BOKKENS BEKKNOS BOKKEN, wooden sword used for training [n]  
CHUKKAR ACHKKRU chukker (period of play in polo) [n -S]  
CHUKKAS ACHKKSU CHUKKA, type of boot [n]  
CHUKKER CEHKKRU period of play in polo [n -S]  
**DUKKAHS ADHKKSU DUKKAH, Egyptian condiment [n]**  
MARKKAA AAAKMR MARKKA, former monetary unit of Finland [n]  
MARKKAS AAKMRS MARKKA, former monetary unit of Finland [n]  
QUOKKAS AKKOQSU QUOKKA, short-tailed wallaby [n]  
SHIKKER EHIKKRS shicker (drunkard (one who is habitually drunk)) [n -S]  
SUKKAHS AHKKSSU SUKKAH, temporary shelter in which meals are eaten during Jewish festival [n]  
SUKKOTH HKKOSTU SUKKAH, temporary shelter in which meals are eaten during Jewish festival [n]

## Contains -KP-

EKPWELE EEEKLPW former monetary unit of Equatorial Guinea [n -S]



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## Contains -KT-

BHAKTAS	AABHKST	BHAKTA, one who practices bhakti (selfless devotion to deity in Hinduism) [n]
BHAKTIS	ABHIKST	BHAKTI, selfless devotion to deity in Hinduism [n]
DIKTATS	ADIKSTT	DIKTAT, harsh settlement imposed on defeated nation [n]
FRAKTUR	AFKRRTU	style of type [n -S]
MUKTUKS	KKMSTUU	MUKTUK, whale skin used for food [n]

## Contains -KV-

AKVAVIT	AAIKTVV	aquavit (Scandinavian liquor) [n -S]
LEKVARS	AEKLRSV	LEKVAR, prune butter [n]
MIKVAHS	AHIKMSV	MIKVAH, place for ritual bathing by Orthodox Jews [n]
MIKVEHS	EHIKMSV	MIKVEH, mikvah (place for ritual bathing by Orthodox Jews) [n]
MIKVOTH	HIKMOTV	MIKVAH, place for ritual bathing by Orthodox Jews [n]

## Contains -KY-

LEKYTHI	EHIKLTY	LEKYTHUS, lekythos (oil jar used in ancient Greece) [n]
SKYPHOI	HIKOPSY	SKYPHOS, drinking vessel used in ancient Greece [n]
SKYPHOS	HKOPSSY	drinking vessel used in ancient Greece [n -OI]
VALKYRS	AKLRSVY	VALKYR, valkyrie (maiden in Norse mythology) [n]
WICKYUP	CIKPUWY	wickiup (Native American hut) [n -S]

## Contains -LQ-

PULQUES	ELPQSUU	PULQUE, fermented Mexican beverage [n]
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## Contains -LZ-

BRULZIES	BEILRSUZ	BRULZIE, brulyie (noisy quarrel) [n]
CALZONES	ACELNOSZ	CALZONE, turnover with savory filling [n]
SCHMALZY	ACHLMSYZ	characterized by schmaltz [adj -ZIER, -ZIEST]
SCHMELZE	CEEHLMSZ	type of decorative glass [n -S]

## Contains -MK-

KUMKUMS	KKMMSUU	KUMKUM, red powder used by Hindu women [n]
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## Contains -ML-

KREMLIN	EIKLMNR	Russian citadel [n -S]
MAMLUKS	AKLMMSU	MAMLUK, mameluke (slave in Muslim countries) [n]
TUMMLER	ELMMRTU	entertainer who encourages audience participation [n -S]
UMLAUTS	ALMSTUU	UMLAUT, to modify vowel sound by partial assimilation to succeeding sound [v]

## Contains -MN-

NUMNAHS	AHMNSU	NUMNAH, pad placed under saddle [n]
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## Contains -MR-

AMREETA	AAEEMRT	amrita (beverage that bestows immortality in Hindu mythology) [n -S]
AMRITAS	AAIMRST	AMRITA, beverage that bestows immortality in Hindu mythology [n]
SMRITIS	IIMRSST	SMRITI, text of Hindu religious teachings [n]



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HAMZAHS	AAHMSZ	HAMZAH, hamza (Arabic diacritical mark) [n]
MAMZERS	AEMMSZ	MAMZER, bastard (illegitimate child) [n]
MOMZERS	EMMORSZ	MOMZER, momser (bastard (illegitimate child)) [n]

## Contains -NJ-

BASENJI	ABEIJNS	barkless dog [n -S]
GANJAHS	AAGHJNS	GANJAH, ganja (cannabis used for smoking) [n]
MELINJO	EIJLMNO	gnetum tree [n -S]
SANJAKS	AAJKNSS	SANJAK, administrative district of Turkey [n]

## Contains -NR-

SENRYUS	ENRSSUY	SENRYU, Japanese poem [n]
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## Contains -PK-

HAPKIDO	ADHIKOP	Korean martial art [n -S]
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## Contains -PT-

ZAPTIAH	AAHIPTZ	Turkish policeman [n -S]
ZAPTIEH	AEHIPTZ	zaptiah (Turkish policeman) [n -S]

## Contains -QA-

NIQAABS	AABINQS	NIQAAB, niqab (veil worn by some Muslim women) [n]
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## Contains -QS-

BUQSHAS	ABHQSSU	BUQSHA, monetary unit of Yemen [n]
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## Contains -RY-

SENRYUS	ENRSSUY	SENRYU, Japanese poem [n]
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## Contains -RZ-

BORZOIS	BIOORSZ	BORZOI, Russian hound [n]
SCHERZI	CEHIRSZ	SCHERZO, lively musical movement [n]
SCHERZO	CEHORSZ	lively musical movement [n -ZI, -S]

## Contains -SJ-

MASJIDS	ADIJMSS	MASJID, mosque (Muslim house of worship) [n]
MUSJIDS	DIJMSSU	MUSJID, mosque (Muslim house of worship) [n]

## Contains -SV-

MITVAH	AHIMSTV	mitzvah (commandment of Jewish law) [n -S, -VOTH]
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## Contains -TK-

KIBITKA	ABIIKKT	type of Russian sled or wagon [n -S]
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BRITSKA	ABIKRST	open carriage [n -S]
HAMATSA	AAAHMST	dance inspired by spirit of man-eating monster [n -S]
JUJITSU	IJJSTUU	Japanese art of self-defense [n -S]
JUJUTSU	JJSTUUU	jujitsu (Japanese art of self-defense) [n -S]
KATSINA	AAIKNST	kachina (ancestral spirit) [n -M, -S]
KATSURA	AAKRSTU	deciduous tree of Japan and China [n -S]
KITSCHY	CHIKSTY	garish; gaudy [adj -HIER, -HIEST]
KLATSCH	ACHKLST	klatch (social gathering) [n -ES]
MATSAHS	AAHMSST	MATSAH, matzo (unleavened bread) [n]
MITZVAH	AHIMSTV	mitzvah (commandment of Jewish law) [n -S, -VOTH]
NETSUKE	EEKNSTU	button-like fixture on Japanese clothing [n -S]
PETSAIS	AEIPSST	PETSAI, Chinese cabbage [n]
RETSINA	AEINRST	resin-flavored Greek wine [n -S]
SATSANG	AAGNSST	sacred gathering in Hinduism [n -S]
SATSUMA	AAMSSTU	variety of orange [n -S]
SHIATSU	AHISSTU	massage using finger pressure [n -S]
STARTSY	ARSSTTY	STARETS, spiritual adviser in Eastern Orthodox Church [n]
TATSOIS	AIOSSTT	TATSOI, Asian mustard [n]

## Contains -TV-

ZEMSTVA	AEMSTVZ	ZEMSTVO, elective council in czarist Russia [n]
ZEMSTVO	EMOSTVZ	elective council in czarist Russia [n -VA, -S]

## Contains -TZ-

BLINTZE	BEILNTZ	thin pancake [n -S]
BLITZED	BDEILTZ	BLITZ, to subject to sudden attack [v]
BLITZER	BEILRTZ	one that blitzes (to subject to sudden attack) [n -S]
BLITZES	BEILSTZ	BLITZ, to subject to sudden attack [v]
BORTZES	BEORSTZ	BORTZ, bort (low-quality diamond) [n]
BRITZKA	ABIKRTZ	britska (open carriage) [n -S]
CHUTZPA	ACHPTUZ	chutzpah (supreme self-confidence) [n -S]
DEUTZIA	ADEITUZ	ornamental shrub [n -S]
FUTZING	FGINTUZ	FUTZ, to spend time aimlessly [v]
HERTZES	EEHRSTZ	HERTZ, unit of frequency [n]
HOATZIN	AHINOTZ	tropical bird [n -ES, -S]
HUTZPAH	AHHPTUZ	chutzpah (supreme self-confidence) [n -S]
HUTZPAS	AHPSTUZ	HUTZPA, chutzpah (supreme self-confidence) [n]
KLUTZES	EKLSTUZ	KLUTZ, clumsy person [n]
MATZAHS	AAHMSTZ	MATZAH, matzo (unleavened bread) [n]
MATZOHS	AHMOSTZ	MATZOH, matzo (unleavened bread) [n]
MATZOON	AMNOOTZ	food made from milk [n -S]
MATZOTH	AHMOTTZ	MATZO, unleavened bread [n]
MITZVAH	AHIMTVZ	commandment of Jewish law [n -S, -VOTH]
PATZERS	AEPRTSZ	PATZER, inept chess player [n]
PLOTZED	DELOPTZ	PLOTZ, to be overwhelmed by emotion [v]



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PLOTZES	ELOPSTZ	PLOTZ, to be overwhelmed by emotion [v]
POTZERS	EOPRSTZ	POTZER, patzer (inept chess player) [n]
PUTZING	GINPTUZ	PUTZ, to waste time [v]
QUETZAL	AELQTUZ	tropical bird [n -ES, -S]
SHIATZU	AHISTUZ	shiatsu (massage using finger pressure) [n -S]
SHMALTZ	AHLMSTZ	schmaltz (excessive sentimentality) [n -ES]
SPATZLE	AELPSTZ	spaetzle (tiny dumpling) [n -S]
SPITZES	EIPSSTZ	SPITZ, dog having heavy coat [n]
SPRITZY	IPRSTYZ	emitting spray [adj -ZIER, -ZIEST]

## Contains -UU-

DUUMVIR	DIMRUUV	magistrate of ancient Rome [n -I, -S]
MUUMUUS	MMSUUUU	MUUMUU, long, loose dress [n]
TRIDUUM	DIMRTUU	period of three days of prayer [n -S]

## Contains -UY-

DUYKERS	DEKRSUY	DUYKER, duiker (small antelope) [n]
ENNUYEE	EEENNUY	ennuye (oppressed with ennui) [adj]
GRUYERE	EEGRRUY	Swiss cheese [n -S]
KIKUYUS	IKKSUYU	KIKUYU, type of grass [n]
TUYERES	EERSTUY	TUYERE, pipe through which air is forced into blast furnace [n]

## Contains -VK-

SOVKHOZ	HKOOSVZ	state-owned farm in former Soviet Union [n -ES, -Y]
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## Contains -VL-

GRAVLAX	AAGLRVX	cured salmon [n GRAVLAX, -ES]
PAVLOVA	AALOPVV	meringue dessert [n -S]

## Contains -VR-

CHEVRES	CEEHRVS	CHEVRE, cheese made from goat's milk [n]
CHEVRET	CEEHRTV	chevre (cheese made from goat's milk) [n -S]
LOUVRED	DELORUV	LOUVRE, louver (type of window) [adj]
LOUVRES	ELORSUV	LOUVRE, louver (type of window) [n]
OEUVRES	EEORSUV	OEUVRE, work of art [n]
SEVRUGA	AEGRSUV	caviar from Caspian Sea [n -S]
SOVRANS	ANORSSV	SOVRAN, monarch (absolute ruler) [n]
VOUVRAY	AORUVVY	French white wine [n -S]

## Contains -XN-

<b>IXNAYED</b>	<b>ADEINXY</b>	<b>IXNAY, to put end to [v]</b>
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## Contains -YK-

DUYKERS	DEKRSUY	DUYKER, duiker (small antelope) [n]
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## Contains -YT-



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GYTTJAS	AGJSTTY	GYTTJA, organically rich mud [n]
LECYTHI	CEHILTY	LECYTHUS, lekythos (oil jar used in ancient Greece) [n]
LEKYTHI	EHIKLTY	LEKYTHUS, lekythos (oil jar used in ancient Greece) [n]
PEYTRAL	AELPRTY	piece of armor for breast of horse [n -S]
PEYTREL	EELPRTY	peytral (piece of armor for breast of horse) [n -S]
RHYTONS	HNORSTY	RHYTON, ancient Greek drinking horn [n]

## Contains -YU-

CAYUSES	ACESSUY	CAYUSE, Indian pony [n]
GUAYULE	AEGLUUY	shrub that is source of rubber [n -S]
KIKUYUS	IKKSUUY	KIKUYU, type of grass [n]
SOYUZES	EOSSUYZ	SOYUZ, manned spacecraft of former Soviet Union [n]

## Contains -ZC-

MEZCAL	ACELMSZ	MEZCAL, mescal (cactus used as source of liquor) [n]
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## Contains -ZH-

MUZHIKS	HIKMSUZ	MUZHIK, Russian peasant [n]
NUDZHED	DDEHNUZ	NUDZH, to noodge (to nag (to find fault incessantly)) [v]
NUDZHES	DEHNSUZ	NUDZH, to noodge (to nag (to find fault incessantly)) [v]

## Contains -ZJ-

MUZZIKS	IJKMSUZ	MUZZIK, muzhik (Russian peasant) [n]
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## Contains -ZM-

KLEZMER	EEKLMRZ	Jewish folk musician [n -S, -MORIM]
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## Contains -ZP-

CHUTZPA	ACHPTUZ	chutzpah (supreme self-confidence) [n -S]
HUTZPAH	AHHPTUZ	chutzpah (supreme self-confidence) [n -S]
HUTZPAS	AHPSTUZ	HUTZPA, chutzpah (supreme self-confidence) [n]

## Contains -ZQ-

MEZQUIT	EIMQTUZ	mesquite (spiny tree or shrub) [n -S]
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## Contains -ZS-

VIZSLAS	AILSSVZ	VIZSLA, Hungarian breed of dog [n]
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## Contains -ZU-

ADZUKIS	ADIKSUZ	ADZUKI, edible seed of Asian plant [n]
AZULEJO	AEJLOUZ	type of ceramic tile [n -S]
BUZUKIA	ABIKUUZ	BUZUKI, bouzouki (stringed musical instrument) [n]
BUZUKIS	BIKSUUZ	BUZUKI, bouzouki (stringed musical instrument) [n]
MAZUMAS	AAMMSUZ	MAZUMA, money (official medium of exchange and measure of value) [n]
MAZURKA	AAKMRUZ	Polish dance [n -S]
MEZUZH	AEHMUZZ	Judaic scroll [n -S, -ZOT, -ZOTH]



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MEZUZAS	AEMSUZZ	MEZUZA, mezuzah (Judaic scroll) [n]
MEZUZOT	EMOTUZZ	MEZUZAH, Judaic scroll [n]
MIZUNAS	AIMNSUZ	MIZUNA, Japanese mustard [n]