



# The Odd Couple

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## Ends with -AA

|          |         |   |
|----------|---------|---|
| MARKKAA  | AAAKKMR | MARKKA, former monetary unit of Finland [n] |
| RUFIIYAA | AAFIRUY | monetary unit of Maldives [RUFIIYAA]        |

## Ends with -AC

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| CHAMPAC | AACCHMP | champak (East Indian tree) [n -S]          |
| MUNTJAC | ACJMNTU | small Asian deer [n -S]                    |
| YASHMAC | AACHMSY | yashmak (veil worn by Muslim women) [n -S] |

## Ends with -AH

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| AGGADAH | AAADGGH | haggadah (biblical narrative) [n -S, -DOT, -DOTH]  |
| BEGORAH | ABEGHOR | begorra (used as mild oath) [interj]               |
| CHALLAH | AACHHLL | kind of bread [n -S, -LLOT, -LLOTH]                |
| CHEETAH | ACEEHHT | swift-running wildcat [n -S]                       |
| CHUDDAH | ACDDHHU | chuddar (large, square shawl) [n -S]               |
| CHUPPAH | ACHHPPU | canopy used at Jewish wedding [n -S, -PPOT]        |
| DJIBBAH | ABBDHIJ | jibba (long coat worn by Muslim men) [n -S]        |
| GOOMBAH | ABGHMOO | older man who is friend [n -S]                     |
| HALAKAH | AAAHHKL | halacha (legal part of Talmud) [n -S, -KOTH]       |
| HALALAH | AAAHLL  | halala (Saudi Arabian coin) [n -S]                 |
| HALAVAH | AAAHHLV | halvah (Turkish confection) [n -S]                 |
| HUTZPAH | AHHPTUZ | chutzpah (supreme self-confidence) [n -S]          |
| KHIRKAH | AHHIKKR | patchwork garment [n -S]                           |
| MENORAH | AEHMNOR | candleholder used in Jewish worship [n -S]         |
| MEZUZAH | AEHMUZZ | Judaic scroll [n -S, -ZOT, -ZOTH]                  |
| MITZVAH | AHIMSTV | mitzvah (commandment of Jewish law) [n -S, -VOTH]  |
| MITZVAH | AHIMTVZ | commandment of Jewish law [n -S, -VOTH]            |
| PADSHAH | AADHHPS | padishah (sovereign) [n -S]                        |
| QABALAH | AAABHLQ | cabala (occult or secret doctrine) [n -S]          |
| SHARIAH | AAHHIRS | sharia (Islamic law based on Koran) [n -S]         |
| SHITTAH | AHHISTT | hardwood tree [n -S]                               |
| STENGAH | AEGHNST | mixed drink [n -S]                                 |
| TEREFAH | AEEFHRT | tref (unfit for use according to Jewish law) [adj] |
| ZAPTIAH | AAHIPTZ | Turkish policeman [n -S]                           |

## Ends with -AI

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| ASSAGAI | AAAGISS | to pierce with light spear [v -ED, -ING, -S]              |
| ASSEGAI | AAEGISS | to assagai (to pierce with light spear) [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| CHARPAI | AACHIPR | charpoy (bed used in India) [n -S]                        |
| NILGHAI | AGHIILN | nilgai (large antelope) [n -S]                            |
| NYLGHAI | AGHILNY | nilgai (large antelope) [n -S]                            |
| QUILLAI | AIILLQU | evergreen tree [n -S]                                     |
| SHEHNAI | AEHHINS | double-reed wind instrument of India [n -S]               |
| VIRELAI | AEIILRV | virelay (medieval French verse form) [n -S]               |

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PAPADAM AAADMPP papadam (thin, crisp bread of India) [n -S]

## Ends with -AO

BACALAO AAABCLO baccala (codfish (marine food fish)) [n -S]  
CARABAO AAABCOR water buffalo [n -S]  
CURACAO AACCORU type of liqueur (sweetened alcoholic beverage) [n -S]  
TAMARAO AAAMORT tamarau (small buffalo of Philippines) [n -S]

## Ends with -AS

SHIKSAS AHIKSSS SHIKSA, Jewish girl or woman who does not observe Jewish precepts [n]  
VIZSLAS AILSSVZ VIZSLA, Hungarian breed of dog [n]

## Ends with -AT

APPARAT AAAPPRT political organization [n -S]  
FLOREAT AEFLORT to wish that someone may flourish [v]  
MEERKAT AEEKMRT African mongoose [n -S]  
SHARIAT AAHIRST sharia (Islamic law based on Koran) [n -S]  
ZIKURAT AIKRTUZ ziggurat (ancient Babylonian temple tower) [n -S]

## Ends with -AU

BANDEAU AABDENU headband (band worn on head) [n -S, -X]  
BATTEAU AABETTU bateau (flat-bottomed boat) [n -X]  
CHAPEAU ACEHPU hat [n -S, -X]  
COUTEAU ACEOTUU knife (sharp-edged instrument used for cutting) [n -X]  
FABLIAU AABFILU short metrical tale popular in medieval France [n -X]  
JAMBEAU AABEJMU piece of armor for leg [n -S, -X]  
MANTEAU AAEMNTU loose cloak [n -S, -X]  
MORCEAU ACEMORU short literary or musical composition [n -X]  
NILGHAU AGHILNU nilgai (large antelope) [n -S]  
NYLGHAU AGHLNUY nilgai (large antelope) [n -S]  
RONDEAU ADENORU short poem of fixed form [n -X]  
ROULEAU AELORUU roll of coins wrapped in paper [n -S, -X]  
TAMARAU AAAMRTU small buffalo of Philippines [n -S]  
TIMARAU AAIMRTU tamarau (small buffalo of Philippines) [n -S]  
TONNEAU AENNOTU rear seating compartment of automobile [n -S, -X]  
TRUMEAU AEMRTUU column supporting part of doorway [n -X]

## Ends with -AX

GRAVLAX AAGLRVX cured salmon [n GRAVLAX, -ES]

## Ends with -BA

ARAROBA AAABORR Brazilian tree [n -S]  
CABOMBA AABBCMO aquatic plant [n -S]  
CARAMBA AAABCMR used to express surprise or dismay [interj]  
CASSABA AAABCSS casaba (variety of melon) [n -S]  
COPAIBA AABCOP resin [n -S]



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|---------|---------|---------------------------------------|
| CORDOBA | ABCDOOR | monetary unit of Nicaragua [n -S]     |
| DICAMBA | AABCDIM | herbicide [n -S]                      |
| JELLABA | AABEJLL | djellaba (long hooded garment) [n -S] |
| KALIMBA | AABIKLM | African musical instrument [n -S]     |
| MACUMBA | AABCMMU | religion practiced in Brazil [n -S]   |
| MASTABA | AAABMST | ancient Egyptian tomb [n -S]          |
| PIASABA | AAABIPS | piassava (coarse, stiff fiber) [n -S] |
| SUCCUBA | ABCCSUU | succubus (female demon) [n -E, -S]    |
| ZAREEBA | AABEERZ | zareba (improvised stockade) [n -S]   |

## Ends with -BI

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| SUCCUBI | BCCISUU | SUCCUBUS, female demon [n]                |
| THROMBI | BHIMORT | THROMBUS, clot occluding blood vessel [n] |

## Ends with -BO

|         |         |                                    |
|---------|---------|------------------------------------|
| NELUMBO | BELMNOU | aquatic herb [n -S]                |
| THEORBO | BEHOORT | stringed musical instrument [n -S] |

## Ends with -CH

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| CAPOUCH | ACCHOPU | capuche (hood or cowl) [n -ES]         |
| CURRACH | ACCHRRU | coracle (small boat) [n -S]            |
| KLATSCH | ACHKLST | klatch (social gathering) [n -ES]      |
| PIBROCH | BCHIOPR | musical piece played on bagpipe [n -S] |
| SCRAICH | ACCHIRS | to utter shrill cry [v -ED, -ING, -ES] |
| ZLOTYCH | CHLOTYZ | ZLOTY, monetary unit of Poland [n]     |

## Ends with -CI

|         |         |                                    |
|---------|---------|------------------------------------|
| MENISCI | CEIIMNS | MENISCUS, crescent-shaped body [n] |
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## Ends with -CO

|         |         |                                      |
|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| GUANACO | AACGNOU | South American mammal [n -S]         |
| MOROCCO | CCMOOOR | soft leather [n -S]                  |
| PACHUCO | ACCHOPU | flashy Mexican-American youth [n -S] |
| SIROCCO | CCIOORS | hot, dry wind [n -S]                 |
| TOURACO | ACOORTU | African bird [n -S]                  |

## Ends with -DO

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| BUSHIDO | BDHIOSU | code of samurai [n -S]                    |
| CABILDO | ABCDILO | town council [n -S]                       |
| CALANDO | AACDLNO | gradually diminishing [adj]               |
| CRUSADO | ACDORSU | old Portuguese coin [n -ES, -S]           |
| CRUZADO | ACDORUZ | crusado (old Portuguese coin) [n -ES, -S] |
| GAMBADO | AABDGMO | leap made by horse [n -ES, -S]            |
| HAPKIDO | ADHIKOP | Korean martial art [n -S]                 |
| MERCADO | ACDEMOR | market [n -S]                             |
| PASSADO | AADOPSS | forward thrust in fencing [n -ES, -S]     |



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|---------|---------|---|
| PINTADO | ADINOPT | large food fish [n -ES, -S]                                     |
| QUOMODO | DMOOOQU | means or manner [n -S]  |
| SCALADO | AACDLOS | scalade (act of scaling walls of fortification) [n -S]          |
| SECONDO | CDENOOS | lower part in piano duet [n -DI]                                |
| TESTUDO | DEOSTTU | portable screen used as shield by ancient Romans [n -DINES, -S] |

## Ends with -DH

|         |        |                                |
|---------|--------|--------------------------------|
| CEILIDH | CDEHIL | Irish or Scottish party [n -S] |
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## Ends with -DI

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| EFFENDI | DEEFFIN | Turkish title of respect [n -S]                         |
| KABADDI | AABDDIK | tackling sport of South Asia played by two teams [n -S] |
| SECONDI | CDEINOS | SECONDO, lower part in piano duet [n]                   |

## Ends with -DU

|         |         |                                     |
|---------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| TAMANDU | AADMNTU | tamandua (arboreal anteater) [n -S] |
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## Ends with -EA

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| ALTHAEA | AAAHLT  | althea (flowering plant) [n -S]   |
| ARCHAEA | AAACEHR | ARCHAEON, archaean (microorganism of archaea) [n] / large group of microorganisms [n ARCHAEA] |
| DYSPNEA | ADENPSY | labored breathing [n -S]  |
| EUPNOEA | AEENOPU | eupnea (normal breathing) [n -S]  |
| GALATEA | AAEGLT  | strong cotton fabric [n -S]   |
| GASTREA | AAEGRST | gastrea (type of metazoan (any of major division of multicellular animals)) [n -S]            |
| HYPOGEA | AEGHOPY | HYPOGEUM, underground chamber [n]   |
| HYPONEA | AEHNOPY | hyponoia (dulled mental activity) [n -S]  |
| IPOMOEA | AEIMoop | flowering plant [n -S]  |
| PERINEA | AAEINPR | PERINEUM, region of body at lower end of trunk [n]  |
| SPIRAEA | AAEIPRS | spirea (flowering shrub) [n -S]   |
| ZOOGLEA | AEGLOOZ | jellylike mass of bacteria [n -E, -S]   |

## Ends with -EE

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| BANSHEE | ABEEHNS | female spirit [n -S]  |
| BOTONEE | BEENOOT | having arms ending in trefoil -- used of heraldic cross [adj] |
| BOUCHEE | BCEEHOU | small patty shell [n -S]                                      |
| BOURREE | BEEORRU | old French dance [n -S]                                       |
| FEDAYEE | ADEEEFY | Arab commando [n -N]  |
| PUGAREE | AEEGPRU | pugree (cloth band wrapped around hat) [n -S]                 |
| PUGGREE | EEGGPRU | pugree (cloth band wrapped around hat) [n -S]                 |
| SOIGNEE | EEGINOS | soigne (carefully done) [adj]                                 |
| THUGGEE | EEGGHTU | thuggery in India [n -S]                                      |
| WHANGEE | AEEGHNW | Asian grass [n -S]  |

## Ends with -EG

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| FILIBEG | BEFGIIL | pleated skirt worn by Scottish Highlanders [n -S]           |
| THALWEG | AEGHLTW | line defining lowest points along length of riverbed [n -S] |



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## Ends with -EH

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|---------|---------|--|
| SHIKSEH | EHHIKSS | Jewish girl or woman who does not observe Jewish precepts [n -S] |
| ZAPTIEH | AEHIPTZ | zaptiah (Turkish policeman) [n -S]                               |

## Ends with -EI

|         |         |                                      |
|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| CADUCEI | ACCDEIU | CADUCEUS, heraldic wand or staff [n] |
| HEXEREI | EEHIRX  | witchcraft [n -S]                    |

## Ends with -EK

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| BELLEEK | BEEEKLL | very thin translucent porcelain [n -S] |
| FARTLEK | AEFKLRT | athletic training technique [n -S]     |

## Ends with -EO

|         |         |                            |
|---------|---------|----------------------------|
| ZAPATEO | AAEOPTZ | Spanish dance [n ZAPATEOS] |
|---------|---------|----------------------------|

## Ends with -EU

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| PURLIEU | EILPRUU | outlying or neighboring area [n -S, -X] |
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## Ends with -EZ

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| MERGUEZ | EEGMRUZ | spicy beef and lamb sausage [n MERGUEZ] |
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## Ends with -FI

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| TARTUFI | AFIRTTU | TARTUFO, Italian ice-cream dessert [n] |
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## Ends with -FO

|         |         |                                       |
|---------|---------|---------------------------------------|
| TARTUFO | AFORTTU | Italian ice-cream dessert [n -FI, -S] |
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## Ends with -GD

|         |         |                            |
|---------|---------|----------------------------|
| SMARAGD | AADGMRS | emerald (green gem) [n -S] |
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## Ends with -GI

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| CHORAGI | ACGHIOR | CHORAGUS, leader of chorus or choir [n]            |
| CHOREGI | CEGHIOR | CHOREGUS, choragus (leader of chorus or choir) [n] |
| PIEROGI | EGIIOPR | small dumpling with filling [n -ES]                |
| SARANGI | AAGINRS | stringed instrument of India [n -S]                |

## Ends with -GO

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| FARRAGO | AAFGORR | confused mixture [n -ES, -S]                                  |
| HIDALGO | ADGHILO | minor Spanish nobleman [n -S]                                 |
| MARENGO | AEGMNOR | served with sauce of mushrooms, tomatoes, oil, and wine [adj] |
| MENDIGO | DEGIMNO | freshwater fish [n -S]  |
| MOFONGO | FGMNOOO | Puerto Rican plantain dish [n -S]                             |
| PRURIGO | GIOPRRU | skin disease [n -S]   |
| SAPSAGO | AAGOPSS | hard green cheese [n -S]                                      |
| SERPIGO | EGIOPRS | spreading skin eruption [n -GINES, -ES, -S]                   |
| WENDIGO | DEGINOW | windigo (evil demon in Algonquian mythology) [n -ES, -S]      |



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WINDIGO DGIINOW evil demon in Algonquian mythology [n -ES, -S]

## Ends with -HA

AGRAPHA AAAGHPR sayings of Jesus not found in Bible [n AGRAPHA]  
CHARKHA AACHHKR spinning wheel [n -S]  
FARINHA AAFHINR meal made from root of cassava [n -S]  
HALACHA AAACHHL legal part of Talmud [n -S, -HOT, -HOTH]  
HALAKHA AAAHKKL halacha (legal part of Talmud) [n -S, -HOT]  
KABOCHA AABCHKO type of Japanese pumpkin or squash [n -S]  
**KOBOCHA ABCHKOO kabocha (Japanese squash of species *Curcubita maxima*) [n -S]**  
PANOCHA AACHNOP coarse Mexican sugar [n -S]  
PARATHA AAAHPRT piece of unleavened bread fried on griddle [n -S]  
RICKSHA ACHIKRS rickshaw (small, two-wheeled passenger vehicle) [n -S]  
RIKISHA AHIIKRS rickshaw (small, two-wheeled passenger vehicle) [n -S]  
SRADDHA AADDHRS sradha (Hindu ceremonial offering) [n -S]  
TAMASHA AAAHMST public entertainment in India [n -S]

## Ends with -HE

AFFICHE ACEFFHI poster [n -S]  
BABICHE ABBCEHI rawhide thongs [n -S]  
BOBECHE BBCEEHO glass collar on candle holder [n -S]  
BRIOCHE BCEHIOR rich roll [n -S]  
CALECHE ACCEEHL calash (light carriage) [n -S]  
CALICHE ACCEHIL mineral deposit [n -S]  
CAPICHE ACCEHIP to capisce [v]  
CAPUCHE ACCEHPU hood or cowl [n -S]  
CAROCHE ACCEHOR stately carriage [n -S]  
CEVICHE CCEEHIV sevice (dish of raw fish) [n -S]  
ECORCHE CCEEHOR anatomical figure with skin removed to show musculature [n -S]  
GOLOSHE EGHLOOS galosh (overshoe (protective outer shoe)) [n -S]  
GOUACHE ACEGHOU method of painting [n -S]  
PANOCHÉ ACEHNOP panocha (coarse Mexican sugar) [n -S]  
PENOCHE CEEHNOP penuche (fudge-like candy) [n -S]  
PENUCHE CEEHNPU fudge-like candy [n -S]  
PLANCHE ACEHLNP planch (plank) [n -S]  
POTICHE CEHIOPT type of vase (rounded, decorative container) [n -S]  
SEVICHE CEEHISV dish of raw fish [n -S]  
SOROCHE CEHOORS mountain sickness [n -S]  
STROPHE EHOPRST part of ancient Greek choral ode [n -S]  
TEPACHE ACEEHPT Mexican drink made with pineapple, brown sugar, and water [n -S]  
TRANCHE ACEHNRT portion [n -S]

## Ends with -HI

ACANTHI AACHINT ACANTHUS, prickly herb [n]  
CALATHI AACHILT CALATHOS, fruit basket [n] / CALATHUS [n]  
ELENCHI CEEHILN ELENCHUS, logical refutation [n]



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| FIASCHI | ACFHIIIS | FIASCO, complete failure [n]                            |
| LECYTHI | CEHILTY  | LECYTHUS, lekythos (oil jar used in ancient Greece) [n] |
| LEKYTHI | EHIKLTU  | LEKYTHUS, lekythos (oil jar used in ancient Greece) [n] |
| PENUCHI | CEHINPU  | penuche (fudge-like candy) [n -S]                       |
| PIROGHI | GHIIOPR  | PIROG, large Russian pastry [n]                         |
| RHONCHI | CHHINOR  | RHONCHUS, rattling respiratory sound [n]                |
| RIKISHI | HIIIKRS  | sumo wrestler [n RIKISHI]                               |
| SAMADHI | AADHIMS  | state of concentration in yoga [n -S]                   |
| SCIRRI  | CHIIRRS  | SCIRRHUS, hard tumor [n]                                |

## Ends with -HO

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| DERECHO | CDEEHOR | line of intense widespread windstorms [n -S] |
| PICACHO | ACCHIOP | isolated peak of hill [n -S]                 |

## Ends with -HT

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| BORSCHT | BCHORST | beet soup [n -S]                                 |
| CLAUCHT | ACCHLTU | CLEEK, to clutch (to grasp and hold tightly) [v] |

## Ends with -HU

|         |         |                              |
|---------|---------|------------------------------|
| CATECHU | ACCEHTU | resin used in tanning [n -S] |
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## Ends with -IE

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| BHISTIE | BEHIIST | bheesty (water carrier) [n -S]               |
| BOLSHIE | BEHILOS | bolshevik [n -S]                             |
| DHOOTIE | DEHIOOT | dhoti (loincloth worn by Hindu men) [n -S]   |
| DHURRIE | DEHIRRU | cotton rug made in India [n -S]              |
| PEROGIE | EEGIOPR | pierogi (small dumpling with filling) [n -S] |
| SPLENII | EIILNPS | SPLENIUS, muscle of neck [n]                 |

## Ends with -IF

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| FIXATIF | AFFIITX | fixative (substance for preserving paintings or drawings) [n -S]   |
| SPORTIF | FIOPRST | person who is active or interested in physical competitions [n -S] |

## Ends with -IG

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| MILCHIG | CGHIILM | made of or derived from milk [adj]              |
| PFENNIG | EFGINNP | formerly used bronze coin of Germany [n -E, -S] |

## Ends with -IH

|         |         |                             |
|---------|---------|-----------------------------|
| SHANTIH | AHHINST | shanti (peace) [n SHANTIHS] |
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## Ends with -II

|         |          |  |
|---------|----------|--|
| BACCHII | ABCCHII  | BACCHIIUS, type of metrical foot [n]                               |
| DENARII | ADEIINR  | DENARIUS, coin of ancient Rome [n]                                 |
| NAUPLII | AIIILNPU | NAUPLIUS, form of certain crustaceans [n]                          |
| SENARII | AEIINRS  | SENARIUS, Greek or Latin verse consisting of six metrical feet [n] |

## Ends with -IL

|          |         |                                 |
|----------|---------|---------------------------------|
| NOMBRIIL | BILMNOR | point on heraldic shield [n -S] |
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|---------|---------|--|
| HADARIM | AADHIMR | HEDER, Jewish school [n]                                   |
| HAZANIM | AAHIMNZ | HAZAN, cantor (religious singer) [n]                       |
| HEDARIM | ADEHIMR | HEDER, Jewish school [n]                                   |
| LEHAYIM | AEHILMY | traditional Jewish toast [n -S]                            |
| MOHALIM | AHILMMO | MOHEL, person who performs Jewish ritual circumcisions [n] |
| MOHELIM | EHILMMO | MOHEL, person who performs Jewish ritual circumcisions [n] |
| SEDARIM | ADEIMRS | SEDER, Jewish ceremonial dinner [n]                        |
| SHITTIM | HIIMSTT | wood of shittah [n -S]                                     |
| SHIURIM | HIIMRSU | SHIUR, Talmudic study session [n]                          |
| ULPANIM | AILMNPV | ULPAN, school in Israel for teaching Hebrew [n]            |

## Ends with -IO

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| ROSOLIO | ILOOORS | liqueur made from raisins and brandy [n -S] |
| SENECIO | CEEINOS | flowering plant [n -S]                      |

## Ends with -IR

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| COULOIR | CILOORU | deep gorge or gully [n -S]   |
| DUUMVIR | DIMRUUV | magistrate of ancient Rome [n -I, -S]  |
| KASHMIR | AHIKMR  | cashmere (fine wool) [n -S]  |
| PISSOIR | IIOPRSS | public urinal [n -S]   |
| SAUTOIR | AIORSTU | saltire (heraldic design) [n -S]   |
| TERROIR | EIORRR  | combination of factors that gives wine grapes their distinctive character [n -S] |

## Ends with -IS

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| AETATIS | AAEISTT | of age of [adj]  |
| CHINOIS | CHIINOS | cone-shaped sieve [n -ES]                                |
| CROQUIS | CIOQRSU | sketch [n CROQUIS]                                       |
| LAOGAIS | AAGILOS | LAOGAI, system of forced-labor camps in China [n]        |
| SHAMOIS | AHIMOSS | chamois (soft leather) [n SHAMOIS]                       |
| THETRIS | EHIRSTT | THETRI, tetri (monetary unit of Republic of Georgia) [n] |
| TRAVOIS | AIORSTV | type of sled [n ES]                                      |
| TURKOIS | IKORSTU | turquoise (greenish blue gem) [n -ES]                    |
| YANQUIS | AINQSUY | YANQUI, United States citizen [n]                        |

## Ends with -IX

|         |         |                           |
|---------|---------|---------------------------|
| CHAMOIX | ACHIMOX | CHAMOIS, soft leather [n] |
|---------|---------|---------------------------|

## Ends with -JA

|         |         |                          |
|---------|---------|--------------------------|
| ALFORJA | AAFJLOR | leather bag [n ALFORJAS] |
|---------|---------|--------------------------|

## Ends with -JI

|         |         |                     |
|---------|---------|---------------------|
| BASENJI | ABEIJNS | barkless dog [n -S] |
|---------|---------|---------------------|

## Ends with -JO

|         |         |                             |
|---------|---------|-----------------------------|
| APAREJO | AAEJOPR | type of saddle [n -S]       |
| AZULEJO | AEJLOUZ | type of ceramic tile [n -S] |





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**MELINJO EIJLMNO gnetum tree [n -S]**

## Ends with -KA

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| BIDARKA | AABDIKR | Inuit canoe [n -S]   |
| BRITSKA | ABIKRST | open carriage [n -S]                                       |
| BRITZKA | ABIKRTZ | britska (open carriage) [n -S]                             |
| CHACHKA | AACCHHK | chatchka (knickknack) [n -S]                               |
| KAPEYKA | AAEKPPY | monetary unit of Belarus [n KAPEEK]                        |
| KIBITKA | ABIIKKT | type of Russian sled or wagon [n -S]                       |
| KOPIYKA | AIKKOPY | monetary unit of Ukraine [n -S, -KY, -YOK]                 |
| MAZURKA | AAKMRUZ | Polish dance [n -S]  |
| MOUSAKA | AAKMOSU | moussaka (Middle Eastern dish of meat and eggplant) [n -S] |
| OSTRAKA | AAKORST | OSTRAKON, ostracon (fragment containing inscription) [n]   |
| PYSANKA | AAKNPSY | hand-painted Ukrainian Easter egg [n -KY]                  |
| RABASKA | AAABKRS | large canoe [n -S]   |
| TALOOKA | AAKLOOT | taluk (estate in India) [n -S]                             |
| YAMALKA | AAAKLMY | yarmulke (skullcap worn by Jewish males) [n -S]            |
| YAMULKA | AAKLMUY | yarmulke (skullcap worn by Jewish males) [n -S]            |

## Ends with -KI

|         |         |                                    |
|---------|---------|------------------------------------|
| PIROJKI | IIJKOPR | PIROZHOK, small Russian pastry [n] |
|---------|---------|------------------------------------|

## Ends with -KU

|         |         |                                 |
|---------|---------|---------------------------------|
| BUNRAKU | ABKNRUU | Japanese puppet show [n -S]     |
| SANTOKU | AKNOSTU | Japanese kitchen knife [n -S]   |
| SEPPUKU | EKPPSUU | Japanese form of suicide [n -S] |

## Ends with -KY

|         |          |   |
|---------|----------|---|
| DROSHKY | DHKORSY  | open carriage [n -KIES]   |
| KOLACKY | ACKKLOY  | kind of pastry [n KOLACKY]                                      |
| KOPIYKY | IKKOPYY  | KOPIYKA, monetary unit of Ukraine [n]                           |
| PYSANKY | AKNPSYY  | PYSANKA, hand-painted Ukrainian Easter egg [n]                  |
| SHLOCKY | CHKLOSYY | schlocky (of inferior quality) [adj -KIER, -KIEST]              |
| SHMUCKY | CHKMSUY  | schmucky (foolish, contemptible) [adj -KIER, -KIEST]            |
| SHTICKY | CHIKSTY  | resembling a shtick (entertainment routine) [adj -KIER, -KIEST] |

## Ends with -LI

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| ALVEOLI | AEILLOV | ALVEOLUS, small anatomical cavity [n]      |
| APICULI | ACIILPU | APICULUS, sharp point at end of leaf [n]   |
| CEMBALI | ABCEILM | CEMBALO, harpsichord [n]                   |
| DACTYLI | ACDILTY | DACTYLUS, leg joint of certain insects [n] |
| FUSILLI | FIILLSU | spiral-shaped pasta [n -S]                 |
| GINGELI | EGGIILN | gingelly (sesame seed or its oil) [n -S]   |
| GINGILI | GGIILN  | gingelly (sesame seed or its oil) [n -S]   |
| INTAGLI | AGIILNT | INTAGLIO, incised or sunken design [n]     |
| LAPILLI | AIILLP  | LAPILLUS, small fragment of lava [n]       |
| MODIOLI | DIILMOO | MODIOLUS, bony shaft of inner ear [n]      |



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|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| NUCELLI | CEILLNU | NUCELLUS, essential part of plant ovule [n]  |
| OMPHALI | AHILMOP | OMPHALOS, navel (depression in abdomen) [n]  |
| QAWWALI | AAILQWW | style of Muslim music [n -S]   |
| SACCULI | ACCILSU | SACCULUS, saccule (small sac) [n]  |
| TABOULI | ABILOTU | Lebanese salad containing bulgur wheat, tomatoes, parsley, onions, and mint [n -S] |
| TRIPOLI | IIOIPRT | soft, friable rock [n -S]  |
| VITELLI | EIILLTV | VITELLUS, yolk of egg [n]  |
| VOLVULI | ILLOUVV | VOLVULUS, twisting of intestine that causes obstruction [n]                        |
| WOORALI | AILOORW | curare (arrow poison) [n -S]   |
| ZEPPOLI | EILOPPZ | ZEPPOLE, deep-fried pastry [n]   |

## Ends with -LO

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| CEMBALO | ABCELMO | harpsichord [n -LI, -S]                      |
| CRIOLLO | CILLOOR | person of Spanish ancestry [n -S]            |
| MORELLO | ELLMOOR | variety of sour cherry [n -S]                |
| PUMMELO | ELMMOPU | shaddock (citrus fruit) [n -S]               |
| RETABLO | ABELORT | retable (raised shelf above altar) [n -S]    |
| TOMBOLO | BLMOOOT | sandbar connecting island to mainland [n -S] |
| ZORILLO | ILLOORZ | zoril (small African mammal) [n -S]          |

## Ends with -MA

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| ASHRAMA | AAAHMRS | stage of life in Hinduism [n -S]                |
| CHIASMA | AACHIMS | anatomical junction [n -S, -TA]                 |
| CHRISMA | ACHIMRS | CHRISMON, Christian monogram [n]                |
| CURCUMA | ACCMRUU | tropical plant [n -S]                           |
| DIGAMMA | AADGIMM | Greek letter [n -S]                             |
| DRACHMA | AACDHMR | former monetary unit of Greece [n -E, -I, -S]   |
| ECTHYMA | ACEHMTY | virus disease [n -TA]                           |
| KERYGMA | AEGKMRY | preaching of gospel [n -S, -TA]                 |
| MAHATMA | AAAHMMT | Hindu sage [n -S]                               |
| MAREMMA | AAEMMMR | marshy coastal region [n -MME]                  |
| SATSUMA | AAMSSTU | variety of orange [n -S]                        |
| STASIMA | AAIMSST | STASIMON, choral ode in ancient Greek drama [n] |

## Ends with -MB

|         |         |                           |
|---------|---------|---------------------------|
| COULOMB | BCLMOOU | electrical measure [n -S] |
|---------|---------|---------------------------|

## Ends with -MI

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| CHIASMI | ACHIIMS | CHIASMUS, reversal of word order between parallel phrases [n] |
| GOURAMI | AGIMORU | food fish [n -ES, -S]   |
| SANTIMI | AIIMNST | SANTIM, formerly used coin of Latvia [n]                      |
| SASHIMI | AHIIMSS | Japanese dish of sliced raw fish [n -S]                       |
| THALAMI | AAHILMT | THALAMUS, part of brain [n]                                   |

## Ends with -MO

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| CENTIMO | CEIMNOT | any of various small coins [n -S]        |
| PROXIMO | IMOOPRX | of or occurring in following month [adj] |



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|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| SENTIMO | EIMNOST | monetary unit of Philippines [n -S]          |
| SUPREMO | EMOPRSU | one who is highest in authority [n -S]       |
| VERISMO | EIMORSV | verism (realism in art or literature) [n -S] |

## Ends with -MU

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| SANTIMU | AIMNSTU | SANTIM, formerly used coin of Latvia [n] |
|---------|---------|--|

## Ends with -NI

|         |          |  |
|---------|----------|--|
| AFGHANI | AAF GHIN | monetary unit of Afghanistan [n -S]  |
| AMORINI | AIIMNOR  | AMORINO, amoreto (cupid (naked, winged representation of Roman god of love)) [n] |
| BAMBINI | ABBIIMN  | BAMBINO, baby [n]  |
| BIRIANI | ABIIINR  | biryani (Indian dish of meat, fish, or vegetables and rice) [n -S]               |
| BIRYANI | ABIINRY  | Indian dish of meat, fish, or vegetables and rice [n -S]                         |
| CANZONI | ACINNOZ  | CANZONE, form of lyric poetry [n]  |
| CREMINI | CEIIMNR  | brown mushroom [n -S]  |
| CRIMINI | CIIMNRR  | cremini (brown mushroom) [n -S]  |
| EPIGONI | EGIINOP  | EPIGONUS, epigone (inferior imitator) [n]  |
| GUARANI | AAGINRU  | monetary unit of Paraguay [n -ES, -S]  |
| KONGONI | GIKNNOO  | African antelope [n KONGONI]   |
| MARCONI | ACIMNOR  | two-way radio [n -S]   |
| NEGRONI | EGINNOR  | alcoholic beverage [n -S]  |
| PADRONI | ADINOPR  | PADRONE, master or boss [n]  |
| PAESANI | AAEINPS  | PAESANO, fellow countryman [n]   |
| PANDANI | AADINNP  | PANDANUS, tropical plant [n]   |
| PIGNOLI | GIILNOP  | pignolia (edible seed of nut pines) [n -S]                                       |
| PORCINI | CIINOPR  | PORCINO, porcini [n] / edible mushroom [n -S]                                    |
| PULVINI | IILNPUV  | PULVINUS, swelling at base of leaf [n]   |
| RABBONI | ABBINOR  | master; teacher -- used as Jewish title of respect [n -S]                        |
| RAPPINI | AIINPPR  | immature turnip plants [n RAPPINI]   |
| RIPIENI | EIIINPR  | RIPIENO, tutti (musical passage performed by all performers) [n]                 |
| SCALENI | ACEILNS  | SCALENUS, muscle of neck [n]   |
| SORDINI | DIINORS  | SORDINO, sordine (device used to muffle tone of musical instrument) [n]          |
| TERMINI | EIIMNRT  | TERMINUS, terminal (end or extremity) [n]  |
| TORTONI | INOORTT  | type of ice cream [n -S]   |
| ZINGANI | AGIINNZ  | ZINGANO, zingaro (gypsy) [n]   |

## Ends with -NO

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| AMORINO | AIMNOOR | amoreto (cupid (naked, winged representation of Roman god of love)) [n -NI] |
| MADRONO | ADMNOOR | madrona (evergreen tree) [n -S]   |
| MARRANO | AAMNORR | Jew in Spain who professed Christianity to avoid persecution [n -S]         |
| MESTINO | EIMNOST | mestizo (person of mixed ancestry) [n -ES, -S]                              |
| NORTENO | ENNOORT | inhabitant of northern Mexico [n -S]  |
| PINTANO | AINNOPT | tropical fish [n -S]  |
| POMPANO | AMNOOPP | marine food fish [n -S]   |
| PORCINO | CINOOPR | porcini (porcino) [n -NI]   |
| RIPIENO | EIINOPR | tutti (musical passage performed by all performers) [n -NI, -S]             |
| SERRANO | AENORRS | small hot pepper [n -S]   |



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|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| SORDINO | DINOORS | sordine (device used to muffle tone of musical instrument) [n -NI] |
| TIMPANO | AIMNOPT | kettledrum [n -NI]   |
| TYMPANO | AMNOPTY | timpano (kettledrum) [n -NI]                                       |
| ZEBRANO | ABENORZ | tree having striped wood [n -S]                                    |
| ZINGANO | AGINNOZ | zingaro (gypsy) [n -NI]  |

## Ends with -NU

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| INCONNU | CINNNOU | large food fish [n -S]                            |
| PARVENU | AENPRUV | one who has suddenly risen above his class [n -S] |

## Ends with -OI

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| EPHEBOI | BEEHIOP | EPHEBOS, ephebus (young man of ancient Greece) [n]  |
| EPINAOI | AEIINOP | EPINAEOS, rear vestibule [n]                        |
| PARODOI | ADIOOPR | PARODOS, ode sung in ancient Greek drama [n]        |
| SKYPHOI | HIKOPSY | SKYPHOS, drinking vessel used in ancient Greece [n] |

## Ends with -OK

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| ANGAKOK | AAGKKNO | Inuit medicine man [n -S]                                  |
| BANGKOK | ABGKKNO | straw hat [n -S]   |
| BLAUBOK | ABBKLOU | extinct antelope [n -S]                                    |
| BLESBOK | BBEKLOS | large antelope [n -S]                                      |
| BONTBOK | BBKNOOT | bontebok (antelope (ruminant mammal)) [n -S]               |
| BOSHBOK | BBHKOOS | bushbuck (small antelope) [n -S]                           |
| GEMSBOK | BEGKMOS | large antelope [n -S]                                      |
| KOPIYOK | IKKOOPY | KOPIYKA, monetary unit of Ukraine [n]                      |
| REITBOK | BEIKORT | reedbuck (African antelope) [n -S]                         |
| SCHNOOK | CHKNOOS | easily deceived person [n -S]                              |
| SJAMBOK | ABJKMOS | to strike with whip used in South Africa [v -ED, -ING, -S] |

## Ends with -OO

|         |         |                             |
|---------|---------|-----------------------------|
| CARIBOO | ABCIOOR | caribou (large deer) [n -S] |
|---------|---------|-----------------------------|

## Ends with -OS

|          |         |   |
|----------|---------|---|
| EPINAEOS | AEINOPS | rear vestibule [n EPINAEOS]                           |
| HOUMMOS  | HMMOOSU | hummus (paste of pureed chickpeas and tahini) [n -ES] |
| KOLKHOS  | HKKLOOS | kolkhoz (collective farm in Russia) [n -ES, -Y]       |
| OLINGOS  | GILNOOS | OLINGO, small mammal of Central and South America [n] |
| PARADOS  | AADOPRS | protective embankment [n -S]                          |
| PARODOS  | ADOOPRS | ode sung in ancient Greek drama [n -OI]               |
| REREDOS  | DEEORRS | ornamental screen behind altar [n -ES]                |
| ROOIBOS  | BIOOORS | South African evergreen shrub [n -ES]                 |
| SHAMMOS  | AHMMOSS | shammes (minor official of synagogue) [n -IM]         |
| SKYPHOS  | HKOPSSY | drinking vessel used in ancient Greece [n -OI]        |

## Ends with -OT

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| AGGADOT | AADGGOT | AGGADA, haggadah (biblical narrative) [n] / AGGADAH [n]                         |
| CHUPPOT | CHOPPTU | CHUPPA, chuppah (canopy used at Jewish wedding) [n] / CHUPPAH, [n] / HUPPAH [n] |



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MEZUZOT    EMOTUZZ    MEZUZAH, Judaic scroll [n]

## Ends with -OU

MANITOU    AIMNOTU    Algonquian Indian deity [n -S]  
MARABOU    AABMORU    African stork [n -S]  
SAPAJOU    AAJOPUSU    capuchin (long-tailed monkey) [n -S]  
TINAMOU    AIMNOTU    South American game bird [n -S]  
TURACOU    ACORTUU    touraco (African bird) [n -S]  
WAMEFOU    AEFMOUW    bellyful (excessive amount) [n -S]

## Ends with -PI

RHIZOPI    HIIOPRZ    RHIZOPUS, any of genus of mold fungi [n]

## Ends with -QS

QULLIQS    ILLQQSU    QULLIQ, kudlik (Inuit oil lamp) [n]

## Ends with -RC

FUTHARC    ACFHRTU    futhark (ancient alphabet) [n -S]  
FUTHORC    CFHORTU    futhark (ancient alphabet) [n -S]

## Ends with -RE

AFFAIRE    AAEFFIR    brief amorous relationship [n -S]  
AVODIRE    ADEIORV    African tree [n -S]  
BERGERE    BEEEGRR    upholstered armchair [n -S]  
BORDURE    BDEORRU    border around shield [n -S]  
BRAVURE    ABERRUV    BRAVURA, fine musical technique [n]  
CHAMBRE    ABCEHMR    brought (as wine) to room temperature [adj]  
MOIDORE    DEIMoor    former gold coin of Portugal [n -S]  
MULTURE    ELMRTUU    fee paid to miller for grinding grain [n -S]  
RONDURE    DENORRU    circle or sphere [n -S]  
SIGNORE    EGINORS    SIGNORA, Italian title of courtesy for married woman [n] / signor (Italian title of courtesy for man) [n -RI]  
ZINGARE    AEGINRZ    ZINGARA, female gypsy [n]

## Ends with -RI

ANESTRI    AEINRST    ANESTRUS, period of sexual dormancy [n]  
CHIVARI    ACHIIRV    to chivaree (to perform mock serenade) [v -ED, -ING, -ES]  
COENURI    CEINORU    COENURUS, tapeworm larva [n]  
EREMURI    EEIMRRU    EREMURUS, perennial herb [n]  
HELLERI    EEHILLR    tropical fish [n -ES, -S]  
MAESTRI    AEIMRST    MAESTRO, master of art [n]  
SHIKARI    AHIKRS    shikaree (big game hunter) [n -S]  
SIGNORI    GIINORS    SIGNOR, Italian title of courtesy for man [n] / SIGNORE, SIGNORA, Italian title of courtesy for married woman [n]  
SUFFARI    AFFIRSU    safari [n -S]  
WOORARI    AIOORRW    curare (arrow poison) [n -S]  
ZINGARI    AGIINRZ    ZINGARO, gypsy [n]

## Ends with -RO



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|         |         |                                 |
|---------|---------|---------------------------------|
| BRACERO | ABCEORR | Mexican laborer [n -S]          |
| MONTERO | EMNOORT | type of cap [n -S]              |
| PAMPERO | AEMOPPR | cold, dry wind [n -S]           |
| SAGUARO | AAGORSU | tall cactus [n -S]              |
| SAHUARO | AAHORSU | saguaro (tall cactus) [n -S]    |
| SANTERO | AENORST | priest of santeria [n -S]       |
| VAQUERO | AEOQRUV | cowboy [n -S]                   |
| ZAMARRO | AAMORRZ | zamarra (sheepskin coat) [n -S] |
| ZINGARO | AGINORZ | gypsy [n -RI]                   |

## Ends with -SA

|                |                |   |
|----------------|----------------|---|
| ABOMASA        | AAABMOS        | ABOMASUM, fourth stomach of ruminant [n]                                |
| ANCHUSA        | AACHNSU        | hairy-stemmed plant [n -S]  |
| CHAMISA        | AACHIMS        | saltbush of Southwest [n -S]  |
| CURIOSA        | ACIORSU        | pornographic books [n CURIOSA]  |
| HAMATSA        | AAAHMST        | dance inspired by spirit of man-eating monster [n -S]                   |
| HARISSA        | AAHIRSS        | spicy North African sauce [n -S]  |
| IMPRESA        | AEIMPRS        | type of emblem [n -S]   |
| MADRASA        | AAADMRS        | madrassa (Muslim school) [n -S]   |
| OQUASSA        | AAOQSSU        | small lake trout [n -S]   |
| <b>SHICKSA</b> | <b>ACHIKSS</b> | <b>Jewish girl or woman who does not observe Jewish precepts [n -S]</b> |

## Ends with -SI

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| ABOMASI | AABIMOS | ABOMASUS, abomasum (fourth stomach of ruminant) [n] |
| COLOSSI | CILOOSS | COLOSSUS, gigantic statue [n]                       |
| KOLBASI | ABIKLOS | kielbasa (smoked sausage) [n -S]                    |
| PACHISI | ACHIIPS | board game of India [n -S]                          |
| SANYASI | AAINSSY | sannyasi (Hindu monk) [n -S]                        |
| TENNESI | EEINNST | TENNE, monetary unit of Turkmenistan [n]            |

## Ends with -SO

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| AMOROSO | AMOOORS | type of wine [n -S]                                 |
| CHAMISO | ACHIMOS | flowering shrub [n -S]                              |
| FURIOSO | FIOORSU | with great force -- used as musical direction [adv] |
| MESTESO | EEMOSST | mestizo (person of mixed ancestry) [n -ES, -S]      |
| OLOROSO | LOOOORS | dark sherry [n -S]                                  |

## Ends with -SU

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| BABASSU | AABBSSU | palm tree [n -S]                              |
| JUJITSU | IJJSTUU | Japanese art of self-defense [n -S]           |
| JUJUTSU | JJSTUUU | jujitsu (Japanese art of self-defense) [n -S] |
| SHIATSU | AHISSTU | massage using finger pressure [n -S]          |

## Ends with -TA

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| AMREETA | AAEEMRT | amrita (beverage that bestows immortality in Hindu mythology) [n -S] |
| ARIETTA | AAEIRTT | short aria [n -S]  |
| BERETTA | ABEERTT | biretta (cap worn by clergymen) [n -S]                               |



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|---------|---------|--|
| BIRETTA | ABEIRTT | cap worn by clergymen [n -S]   |
| CASSATA | AAACSST | Italian ice cream [n -S]   |
| CELESTA | ACEELST | keyboard instrument [n -S]   |
| CEMENTA | ACEEMNT | CEMENTUM, hard tissue covering roots of teeth [n]                                    |
| COMMATA | AACMMOT | COMMA, fragment of few words or feet in ancient prosody [n]                          |
| DEJECTA | ACDEEJT | excrements (excrement) [n DEJECTA]   |
| DOGMATA | AADGMOT | DOGMA, principle or belief put forth as authoritative [n]                            |
| DUPATTA | AADPTTU | scarf or headdress worn by some Muslim women [n -S]                                  |
| EDEMATA | AADEEMT | EDEMA, excessive accumulation of serous fluid [n]                                    |
| EMERITA | AEEIMRT | retired woman who retains honorary title [n -E, -S]                                  |
| ENEMATA | AAEEMNT | ENEMA, liquid injected into rectum [n]   |
| FERMATA | AAEFMRT | sustaining of musical note, chord, or rest beyond its written time value [n -S, -TE] |
| GALLETA | AAEGLLT | perennial grass [n -S]   |
| GENISTA | AEGINST | shrub with yellow flowers [n -S]   |
| GRANITA | AAGINRT | iced dessert [n -S]  |
| GUMMATA | AAGMMTU | GUMMA, soft tumor [n]  |
| INEDITA | ADEIINT | unpublished literary works [n INEDITA]   |
| INFANTA | AAFINTT | daughter of Spanish or Portuguese monarch [n -S]                                     |
| INGESTA | AEGINST | ingested material [n INGESTA]  |
| LEMMATA | AAELMMT | LEMMA, type of proposition in logic [n]  |
| LOCUSTA | ACLOSTU | spikelet (type of flower cluster) [n -E]   |
| LOMENTA | AELMNOT | LOMENTUM, loment (type of plant pod) [n]   |
| MAGMATA | AAAGMMT | MAGMA, molten matter from which igneous rock is formed [n]                           |
| MARANTA | AAAMNRT | tropical plant [n -S]  |
| MOMENTA | AEMMNOT | MOMENTUM, force of movement [n]  |
| MOZETTA | AEMOTTZ | mozzetta (hooded cape worn by bishops) [n -S, -TE]                                   |
| MYOMATA | AAMMOTY | MYOMA, tumor composed of muscle tissue [n]   |
| ODONATA | AADNOOT | insects of order of predacious insects [n ODONATA]                                   |
| PARTITA | AAIPRTT | set of related instrumental pieces [n -S]  |
| PICCATA | AACCIPT | dish of veal cutlets with sauce of lemon, white wine, and butter [n -S]              |
| PODESTA | ADEOPST | Italian magistrate [n -S]  |
| PRONOTA | ANOOPTT | PRONOTUM, hard outer plate of insect [n]   |
| RAMENTA | AAEMNRT | RAMENTUM, scale formed on surface of leaves [n]                                      |
| REGMATA | AAEGMRT | REGMA, type of fruit [n]   |
| ROBUSTA | ABORSTU | coffee grown in Africa [n -S]  |
| STOMATA | AAMOSTT | STOMA, minute opening in epidermis of plant organ [n]                                |
| STRETTA | AERSTTT | stretto (concluding musical passage played at faster tempo) [n -S, -TTE]             |
| STRIATA | AAIRSTT | STRIATUM, mass of nervous tissue within brain [n]                                    |
| TATHATA | AAAHTTT | ultimate nature of all things in Buddhism [n -S]                                     |
| TOCCATA | AACCOTT | musical composition usually for organ [n -S, -TE]                                    |
| TOMENTA | AEMNOTT | TOMENTUM, network of small blood vessels [n]   |
| TRYMATA | AAMRTTY | TRYMA, type of nut [n]   |
| TURISTA | AIRSTTU | intestinal sickness affecting tourist in foreign country [n -S]                      |
| VAQUITA | AAIQTUV | porpoise of species <i>Phocoena sinus</i> [n -S]                                     |

**Ends with -TE**





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**NAMASTE**    **AAEMNST**    South Asian greeting [n -S]

## Ends with -TH

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| AGOROTH | AGHOORT | AGORA, marketplace in ancient Greece [n]   |
| ALIYOTH | AHILOTY | ALIYAH, immigration of Jews to Israel [n]  |
| CHALOTH | ACHHLOT | CHALAH, challah (kind of bread) [n]  |
| HALLOTH | AHHLLOT | HALLAH, challah (kind of bread) [n]  |
| MATZOTH | AHMOTTZ | MATZO, unleavened bread [n]  |
| MIKVOTH | HIKMOTV | MIKVAH, place for ritual bathing by Orthodox Jews [n]                                  |
| PRUTOTH | HOPRTTU | PRUTAH, former monetary unit of Israel [n]   |
| SUCCOTH | CCHOSTU | SUCCAH, 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]          |

## Ends with -TI

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| ANIMATI | AAIIMNT | ANIMATO, musical passage played in lively manner [n]           |
| BASMATI | AABIMST | long-grain rice [n -S]   |
| CAVETTI | ACEITTV | CAVETTO, concave molding [n]                                   |
| CHAPATI | AACHIPT | unleavened bread of India [n -S]                               |
| DEMENTI | DEEIMNT | official denial of published statement [n -S]                  |
| EMERITI | EEIIMRT | EMERITUS, retired person who retains honorary title [n]        |
| FLOKATI | AFIKLOT | Greek handwoven rug [n -S]                                     |
| MAMMATI | AAIMMMT | MAMMATUS, type of cloud [n]                                    |
| OBLASTI | ABILOST | OBLAST, administrative division of Russia [n]                  |
| SHIVITI | HIIISTV | plaque with Hebrew verse [n -S]                                |
| STRETTI | EIRSTTT | STRETTO, concluding musical passage played at faster tempo [n] |
| TOFUTTI | FIOTTTU | trademark [n -S]   |

## Ends with -TL

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| AXOLOTL | ALLOOTX | salamander of Mexico and western United States [n -S] |
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## Ends with -TO

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| AGITATO | AAGIOTT | fast and stirring -- used as musical direction [adj]   |
| ANIMATO | AAIMNOT | musical passage played in lively manner [n -TI, -S]    |
| ANNATTO | AANNOTT | yellowish-red dye [n -S]                               |
| ARNATTO | AANORTT | annatto (yellowish-red dye) [n -S]                     |
| ARNOTTO | ANOORTT | tropical tree [n -S]                                   |
| BONIATO | ABINOOT | sweet potato [n -S]                                    |
| CAVETTO | ACEOTTV | concave molding [n -TTI, -S]                           |
| COQUITO | CIOOQTU | palm tree [n -S]                                       |
| CORANTO | ACNOORT | courante (old, lively dance) [n -ES, -S]               |
| CORNUTO | CNOORTU | husband of unfaithful wife [n -S]                      |
| ESPARTO | AEOPRST | perennial grass [n -S]                                 |
| HORNITO | HINOORT | mound of volcanic matter [n -S]                        |
| IMPASTO | AIMOPST | painting technique [n -S]                              |
| MARCATO | AACMORT | musical passage played with strong accentuation [n -S] |
| MOSCATO | ACMOOST | sweet dessert wine [n -S]                              |





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|---------|---------|--|
| RIDOTTO | DIOORTT | public musical entertainment in 18th century England [n -S]    |
| SFUMATO | AFMOSTU | technique used in painting [n -S]                              |
| STRETTO | EORSTTT | concluding musical passage played at faster tempo [n -TTI, -S] |

## Ends with -TZ

|                |                |  |
|----------------|----------------|--|
| CHALUTZ        | ACHLTUZ        | halutz (Israeli farmer) [n -IM]  |
| KIBBITZ        | BBIKTZ         | to kibitz (to meddle (to interest oneself in what is not one's concern)) [v -ED, -ING, -ES]        |
| KIBBUTZ        | BBIKTUZ        | collective farm in Israel [n -IM]  |
| SCHMUTZ        | CHMSTUZ        | dirt, grime [n -ES]  |
| SCHVITZ        | CHISTVZ        | to shvitz (to sweat (to perspire (to give off moisture through pores of skin))) [v -ED, -ING, -ES] |
| <b>SHEGETZ</b> | <b>EEGHSTZ</b> | <b>Jewish boy who does not observe Jewish precepts [n SHKOTZIM]</b>                                |
| SHMALTZ        | AHLMSTZ        | schmaltz (excessive sentimentality) [n -ES]  |

## Ends with -UA

|                |                |   |
|----------------|----------------|---|
| <b>BORICUA</b> | <b>ABCIORU</b> | <b>native of Puerto Rico [n -S]</b>                               |
| DECIDUA        | ACDDEIU        | mucous membrane of uterus [n -E, -S]                              |
| MAJAGUA        | AAAGJMU        | tropical tree [n -S]  |
| PIRAGUA        | AAGIPRU        | dugout canoe [n -S]   |
| RESIDUA        | ADEIRSU        | RESIDUUM, residue (something remaining after removal of part) [n] |
| SILIQUA        | AIILQSU        | silique (type of seed capsule) [n -E]                             |

## Ends with -UI

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| ALFAQUI | AAFILQU | teacher of Muslim law [n -S]                    |
| CHARQUI | ACHIQRU | type of meat (animal flesh used as food) [n -S] |
| MECHOUI | CEHIMOU | meal of meat roasted on spit [n -S]             |

## Ends with -UK

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| CHABOUK | ABCHKOU | type of whip [n -S]                                    |
| CHIBOUK | BCHIKOU | Turkish tobacco pipe [n -S]                            |
| GERENUK | EEGKNRU | long-necked antelope [n -S]                            |
| INUKSUK | IKKNSUU | inukshuk (figure of human made of stones) [n -UIT, -S] |
| MISTEUK | EIKMSTU | MISTAKE, to interpret wrongly [v]                      |
| NUNCHUK | CHKNNUU | nunchaku (Japanese weapon) [n -S]                      |

## Ends with -UR

|         |          |  |
|---------|----------|--|
| BAHADUR | AABDHURU | Hindu title of respect [n -S]                                      |
| DANSEUR | ADENRSU  | male ballet dancer [n -S]  |
| DOUCEUR | CDEORUU  | gratuity (gift of money) [n -S]                                    |
| FAITOUR | AFIORTU  | impostor (one that poses as another for deceptive purposes) [n -S] |
| FARCEUR | ACEFRRU  | joker (one that jokes (to say something amusing)) [n -S]           |
| FERVOUR | EFORRUV  | fervor (great warmth or intensity) [n -S]                          |
| FLANEUR | AEFLNURU | idler (one that idles (to pass time idly)) [n -S]                  |
| FRACTUR | ACFRRTU  | fraktur (style of type) [n -S]                                     |
| FRAKTUR | AFKRRTU  | style of type [n -S]   |
| FRISEUR | EFIRRSU  | hairdresser [n -S]   |
| HAUTEUR | AEHRTUU  | haughty manner or spirit [n -S]                                    |



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|         |         |                                  |
|---------|---------|----------------------------------|
| JODHPUR | DHJOPRU | type of boot [n -S]              |
| SAMBHUR | ABHMRSU | sambar (large Asian deer) [n -S] |

## Ends with -US

|                |                |                                  |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>SENRYUS</b> | <b>ENRSSUY</b> | <b>SENRYU, Japanese poem [n]</b> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|

## Ends with -UX

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| BATEAUX | AABETUX | BATEAU, flat-bottomed boat [n]                   |
| BUREAUX | ABERUUX | BUREAU, chest of drawers [n]                     |
| COTEAUX | ACEOTUX | COTEAU, higher ground of region [n]              |
| GATEAUX | AAEGTUX | GATEAU, fancy cake [n]                           |
| MILIEUX | EIILMUX | MILIEU, environment [n]                          |
| RESEAUX | AEERSUX | RESEAU, filter screen for making color films [n] |

## Ends with -VA

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| BAKLAVA | AAABKLV | Turkish pastry [n -S]                           |
| CASSAVA | AAACSSV | tropical plant [n -S]                           |
| PAVLOVA | AALOPVV | meringue dessert [n -S]                         |
| PIASAVA | AAAIPSV | piassava (coarse, stiff fiber) [n -S]           |
| YESHIVA | AEHISVY | orthodox Jewish school [n -S, -VOT, -VOTH]      |
| ZELKOVA | AEKLOVZ | Japanese tree [n -S]                            |
| ZEMSTVA | AEMSTVZ | ZEMSTVO, elective council in czarist Russia [n] |
| ZYZZYVA | AVYYZZZ | tropical weevil [n -S]                          |

## Ends with -VI

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| PAHLAVI | AAHILPV | former coin of Iran [n -S]  |
| PECCAUI | ACCEIPV | confession of sin [n -S]  |
| RILIEVI | EIILRV  | RILIEVO, rilievo (projection of figures or forms from flat background) [n] RILIEVI] |
| ZEMSTVO | EMOSTVZ | elective council in czarist Russia [n -VA, -S]                                      |

## Ends with -VO

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| RELIEVO | EEILORV | projection of figures or forms from flat background [n -S]        |
| RILIEVO | EIILORV | rilievo (projection of figures or forms from flat background) [n] |

## Ends with -YA

|                |                |   |
|----------------|----------------|---|
| ATALAYA        | AAAALTY        | watchtower [n -S]   |
| ATEMOYA        | AAEMOTY        | fruit of hybrid tropical tree [n -S]  |
| HRYVNIA        | AHNRVYY        | hryvnia (monetary unit of Ukraine) [n -S]   |
| <b>KUMBAYA</b> | <b>AABKMUY</b> | <b>pertaining to belief that people can live in harmony with each other [adj]</b> |
| OUGUIYA        | AGIOUUY        | monetary unit of Mauritania [n -S]  |
| POLYNIA        | ALNOPYY        | area of open water surrounded by sea ice [n -S, -YI]                              |

## Ends with -YI

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| POLYNYI | ILNOPYY | POLYNIA, area of open water surrounded by sea ice [n] |
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## Ends with -YK



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BASHLYK ABHKLSY cloth hood [n -S]

## Ends with -YU

CHANOYU ACHNOUY Japanese tea ritual [n -S]

## Ends with -ZA

MECHITZA ACEHIMTZ partition separating men and women in synagogue [n -S, -ZOT]

TSARITZA AAIRSTTZ czaritza (czarina (wife of czar)) [n -S]

TZARITZA AAIRTTZZ czaritza (czarina (wife of czar)) [n -S]

## Ends with -ZI

PALAZZI AAILPZZ PALAZZO, impressive building [n]

## Ends with -ZO

CHORIZO CHIOORZ highly seasoned sausage [n -S]

MESTIZO EIMOSTZ person of mixed ancestry [n -ES, -S]

PALAZZO AALOPZZ impressive building [n -ZZI]

## Ends with -ZU

SHIATZU AHISTUZ shiatsu (massage using finger pressure) [n -S]