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## Starts with AE-

AECIDIA	AACDEII	AECIDIUM, aecium (spore-producing organ of certain fungi) [n]
<b>AEDESES</b>	<b>ADEEES</b>	<b>AEDES, any of genus of mosquitoes [n]</b>
AEDILES	ADEEILS	AEDILE, magistrate of ancient Rome [n]
AEGISES	AEEGISS	AEGIS, protection (act of protecting (to keep from harm, attack, or injury)) [n]
AENEOSUS	AEENOSU	having greenish gold color [adj]
AEOLIAN	AAEILNO	eolian (pertaining to wind) [adj]
AEONIAN	AAEINNO	eonian (everlasting) [adj]
AERUGOS	AEGORSU	AERUGO, green film that forms on copper [n]
AETATIS	AAEISTT	of age of [adj]
AETHERS	AAEEHRST	AETHER, upper region of atmosphere [n]

## Starts with AH-

<b>AHADITH</b>	<b>AADHHIT</b>	<b>HADITH, record of sayings of Muhammed [n]</b>
AHIMSAS	AAHIMSS	AHIMSA, Hindu principle of nonviolence [n]

## Starts with AO-

AORISTS	AIOR SST	AORIST, verb tense [n]
AOUDADS	AADDOSU	AOUDAD, wild sheep [n]

## Starts with CH-

CHABOUK	ABCHKOU	type of whip [n -S]
CHABUKS	ABCHKSU	CHABUK, chabouk (type of whip) [n]
CHACHKA	AACCHKH	chatchka (knickknack) [n -S]
CHACMAS	AACCHMS	CHACMA, large baboon [n]
CHADARS	AACDHRS	CHADAR, chador (large shawl) [n]
CHADORS	ACDHORS	CHADOR, large shawl [n]
CHAEBOL	ABCEHLO	group of businesses in Korea owned by one family [n -S]
CHAETA	AACEEHT	CHAETA, bristle or seta [n]
CHAETAL	AACEHLT	CHAETA, bristle or seta [adj]
CHAKRAS	AACHKRS	CHAKRA, body center in yoga [n]
CHALAHS	AACHHLS	CHALAH, challah (kind of bread) [n]
CHALAZA	AAACHLZ	band of tissue in egg [n -E, -S]
CHALEHS	ACEHHLS	CHALEH, challah (kind of bread) [n]
CHALLAH	AACHHLL	kind of bread [n -S, -LLOT, -LLOTH]
CHALLAS	AACHLLS	CHALLA, challah (kind of bread) [n]
CHALLOT	ACHLLOT	CHALLAH, kind of bread [n]
CHALOTH	ACHHLOT	CHALAH, challah (kind of bread) [n]
CHALUPA	AACHLPU	fried corn tortilla spread with savory mixture [n -S]
CHALUTZ	ACHLTUZ	halutz (Israeli farmer) [n -IM]
CHAMISA	AACHIMS	saltbush of Southwest [n -S]
CHAMISE	ACEHIMS	chamiso (flowering shrub) [n -S]
CHAMISO	ACHIMOS	flowering shrub [n -S]
CHAMPAC	AACCHMP	champak (East Indian tree) [n -S]
CHAMPAK	AACHKMP	East Indian tree [n -S]
<b>CHANNAS</b>	<b>AACHNNS</b>	<b>CHANNA, chana (snack of chick peas) [n]</b>



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CHANOYU	ACHNOUY	Japanese tea ritual [n -S]
CHAPATI	AACHIPT	unleavened bread of India [n -S]
CHAPPAL	AACHLPP	sandal worn in India [n -S]
CHARKAS	AACHKRS	CHARKA, charkha (spinning wheel) [n]
CHARKHA	AACHHKR	spinning wheel [n -S]
CHARPAI	AACHIPR	charpoy (bed used in India) [n -S]
CHARPOY	ACHOPRY	bed used in India [n -S]
CHARQUI	ACHIQRU	type of meat (animal flesh used as food) [n -S]
CHARROS	ACHORRS	CHARRO, cowboy [n]
CHAYOTE	ACEHOTY	tropical vine [n -S]
CHAZANS	AACHNSZ	CHAZAN, cantor (religious singer) [n]
CHAZZAN	AACHNZZ	chazan (cantor (religious singer)) [n -IM, -S]
CHAZZEN	ACEHNZZ	chazan (cantor (religious singer)) [n -IM, -S]
CHEBECS	BCCEEHS	CHEBEC, small bird [n]
CHEDERS	CDEEHRS	CHEDER, heder (Jewish school) [n]
CHETRUM	CEHMRTU	monetary unit of Bhutan [n -S, CHHERTUM]
CHIASMA	AACHIMS	anatomical junction [n -S, -TA]
CHIASMI	ACHIIMS	CHIASMUS, reversal of word order between parallel phrases [n]
CHIBOUK	BCHIKOU	Turkish tobacco pipe [n -S]
CHINOIS	CHIINOS	cone-shaped sieve [n -ES]
CHITONS	CHINOST	CHITON, tunic worn in ancient Greece [n]
CHLAMYS	ACHLMSY	garment worn in ancient Greece [n -YDES, -ES]
CHOANAE	AACEHNO	CHOANA, funnel-shaped opening [n]
CHOLENT	CEHLNOT	traditional Jewish stew [n -S]
CHORAGI	ACGHIOR	CHORAGUS, leader of chorus or choir [n]
CHOREGI	CEGHIOR	CHOREGUS, choragus (leader of chorus or choir) [n]
CHORIZO	CHIOORZ	highly seasoned sausage [n -S]
CHRISMA	ACHIMRS	CHRISMON, Christian monogram [n]
CHRISMS	CHIMRSS	CHRISM, consecrated oil [n]
CHRISOM	CHIMORS	chrism (consecrated oil) [n -S]
CHUDDAH	ACDDHHU	chuddar (large, square shawl) [n -S]
CHUDDAR	ACDDHRU	large, square shawl [n -S]
CHUDDER	CDDEHRU	chuddar (large, square shawl) [n -S]
CHUKARS	ACHKRSU	CHUKAR, game bird [n]
CHUKKAR	ACHKKRU	chukker (period of play in polo) [n -S]
CHUKKAS	ACHKKSU	CHUKKA, type of boot [n]
CHUPPAH	ACHHPPU	canopy used at Jewish wedding [n -S, -PPOT]
CHUPPAS	ACHPPSU	CHUPPA, chuppah (canopy used at Jewish wedding) [n]
CHUPPOT	CHOPPTU	CHUPPA, chuppah (canopy used at Jewish wedding) [n] / CHUPPAH [n] / HUPPAH [n]
CHURROS	CHORRSU	CHURRO, Spanish and Mexican pastry [n]
CHUTZPA	ACHPTUZ	chutzpah (supreme self-confidence) [n -S]

## Starts with CZ-

CZARDAS	AACDRSZ	Hungarian dance [n -ES]
CZARDOM	ACDMORZ	domain of czar [n -S]
CZARINA	AACINRZ	wife of czar [n -S]



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CZARISM	ACIMRSZ	autocratic government [n -S]
CZARIST	ACIRSTZ	supporter of czarism [n -S]

## Starts with DH-

DHANSAK	AADHKNS	casserole of meats and vegetables [n -S]
DHARMAS	AADHMRS	DHARMA, conformity to Hindu law [n]
DHARMIC	ACDHIMR	pertaining to dharmas (conformity to Hindu law) [adj]
DHARNAS	AADHNRS	DHARNA, form of protest in India [n]
DHOLAKS	ADHKLOS	DHOLAK, two-headed drum [n]
DHOORAS	ADHOORS	DHOORA, durra (cereal grain) [n]
DHOOTIE	DEHIOOT	dhoti (loincloth worn by Hindu men) [n -S]
DHOOTIS	DHIOOST	DHOOTI, dhoti (loincloth worn by Hindu men) [n]
DHOURRA	ADHORRU	durra (cereal grain) [n -S]
DHURNAS	ADHNRSU	DHURNA, dharna (form of protest in India) [n]
DHURRAS	ADHRRSU	DHURRA, durra (cereal grain) [n]
DHURRIE	DEHIRRU	cotton rug made in India [n -S]
DHYANAS	AADHNSY	DHYANA, profound meditation in Hinduism [n]

## Starts with DJ-

DJEBELS	BDEEJLS	DJEBEL, jebel (mountain (large, natural elevation of earth's surface)) [n]
DJEMBES	BDEEJMS	DJEMBE, type of African hand drum [n]
DJIBBAH	ABBDHIJ	jibba (long coat worn by Muslim men) [n -S]
DJIBBAS	ABBDIJS	DJIBBA, jibba (long coat worn by Muslim men) [n]

## Starts with EK-

EKISTIC	CEIIKST	pertaining to ekistics (science dealing with human habitats) [adj]
EKPWELE	EEEKLPW	former monetary unit of Equatorial Guinea [n -S]
<b>EKUELES</b>	<b>EEEKLSU</b>	<b>EKUELE, ekpwele (former monetary unit of Equatorial Guinea) [n]</b>

## Starts with EP-

EPARCHS	ACEHPRS	EPARCH, head of eparchy [n]
EPARCHY	ACEHPRY	district of modern Greece [n -HIES]
EPATERS	AEEPRST	EPATER, to shock complacent people [v]
EPERGNE	EEEGNPR	ornamental dish [n -S]
EPHEBES	BEEEHPS	EPHEBE, ephebus (young man of ancient Greece) [n]
EPHEBIC	BCEEHIP	pertaining to ephebes (ephebus (young man of ancient Greece)) [adj]
EPHEBOI	BEEHIOP	EPHEBOS, ephebus (young man of ancient Greece) [n]
EPHEBOS	BEEHOPS	ephebus (young man of ancient Greece) [n -OI]
EPHEBUS	BEEHPSU	young man of ancient Greece [n -BI]
EPHEDRA	ADEEHPR	desert shrub [n -S]
EPHORAL	AEHLOPR	EPHOR, magistrate of ancient Greece [adj]
EPOPEES	EEEOPPS	EPOPEE, epic poem [n]

## Starts with ES-

ESCALOP	ACELOPS	to escallop (to scallop (to bake in sauce topped with bread crumbs)) [v -ED, -ING, -S]
ESCARPS	ACEPRSS	ESCARP, to cause to slope steeply [v]



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ESCHARS	ACEHRSS	ESCHAR, hard, dry scab [n]
ESCOLAR	ACELORS	food fish [n -S]
ESCOTED	CDEEOST	ESCOT, to provide support for [v]
ESCUAGE	ACEEGSU	scutage (tax exacted by feudal lord in lieu of military service) [n -S]
ESCUDOS	CDEOSSU	ESCUDO, former monetary unit of Portugal [n]
ESPAÑOL	AELNOPS	native of Spain [n -S]
ESPARTO	AEOPRST	perennial grass [n -S]
ESPOIRS	EIOPRSS	ESPOIR, category of wrestlers [n]

## Starts with FJ-

FJORDIC	CDFIJOR	FJORD, narrow inlet of sea between steep cliffs [adj]
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## Starts with FY-

FYLFOTS	FFLOSTY	FYLFOT, swastika (geometrical figure used as symbol or ornament) [n]
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## Starts with GH-

GHARIAL	AAGHILR	large reptile [n -S]
GHARRIS	AGHIRRS	GHARRI, gharry (carriage used in India) [n]
GHAZALS	AAGHLSZ	GHAZAL, amatory lyric poem [n]
GHAZIES	AEGHISZ	GHAZI, Muslim war hero [n]
GHERAOS	AEGHORS	gherao [n]
GHIBLIS	BGHIIIS	GHIBLI, hot desert wind [n]

## Starts with GJ-

GJETOST	EGJOSTT	hard brown cheese [n -S]
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## Starts with GN-

GNOCCHI	CCGHINO	dumplings made of pasta [n]
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## Starts with HR-

HRYVNAS	AHNRSVY	HRYVNA, hryvnia (monetary unit of Ukraine) [n]
HRYVNIA	AHINRVY	monetary unit of Ukraine [n -S]
HRYVNYA	AHNRVYY	hryvnia (monetary unit of Ukraine) [n -S]

## Starts with IX-

<b>IXNAYED</b>	<b>ADEINXY</b>	<b>IXNAY, to put end to [v]</b>
IXODIDS	DDIIOSX	IXODID, bloodsucking insect [n]

## Starts with KA-

KABADDI	AABDDIK	tackling sport of South Asia played by two teams [n -S]
KABAKAS	AAABKKS	KABAKA, Ugandan emperor [n]
KABALAS	AAABKLS	KABALA, cabala (occult or secret doctrine) [n]
KABAYAS	AAABKSY	KABAYA, cotton jacket [n]
KABBALA	AAABBKL	cabala (occult or secret doctrine) [n -S]
KABIKIS	ABIIKKS	KABIKI, tropical tree [n]
KABOCHA	AABCHKO	type of Japanese pumpkin or squash [n -S]



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KABUKIS	ABIKKSU	KABUKI, form of Japanese theater [n]
KACHINA	AACHIKN	ancestral spirit [n -S]
KADDISH	ADDDHKS	Jewish prayer [n -ES, -IM]
KAFFIRS	AFFIKRS	KAFFIR, kafir (cereal grass) [n]
KAFTANS	AAFKNST	KAFTAN, caftan (full-length tunic) [n]
KAHUNAS	AAHKNSU	KAHUNA, medicine man [n]
KAIZENS	AEIKNSZ	KAIZEN, Japanese business practice of continuous improvement [n]
KAJEPUT	AEJKPTU	cajuput (cajuput (Australian tree)) [n -S]
KAKAPOS	AAKKOPS	KAKAPO, flightless parrot [n]
KAKIVAK	AAIKKKV	fish spear used by Inuits [n -S]
KALENDS	ADEKLNS	calends (first day of Roman month) [n KALENDS]
KALIANS	AAIKLNS	KALIAN, hookah (water pipe) [n]
KALIMBA	AABIKLM	African musical instrument [n -S]
KALIPHS	AHIKLPs	KALIPH, caliph (Muslim leader) [n]
KALPACS	AACKLPS	KALPAC, calpac (sheepskin hat) [n]
KALPAKS	AAKKLPS	KALPAK, calpac (sheepskin hat) [n]
KAMALAS	AAAKLMS	KAMALA, Asian tree [n]
KAMOTIK	AIKKMOT	komatik (Inuit sledge) [n -S]
KAMOTIQ	AIKMOQT	komatik (Inuit sledge) [n -S]
KAMPONG	AGKMNOP	small village [n -S]
KAMSEEN	AEEKMNS	khamsin (hot, dry wind) [n -S]
KAMSINS	AIKMNSS	KAMSIN, khamsin (hot, dry wind) [n]
KANBANS	AABKNNS	KANBAN, manufacturing strategy wherein parts are delivered only as needed [n]
KAPEYKA	AAEKPPY	monetary unit of Belarus [n -PEEK]
KARAHIS	AAHIKRS	KARAH, small frying pan used in India [n]
KARAKUL	AAKKLRU	Asian sheep [n -S]
KARROOS	AKOORRS	KARROO, dry plateau [n]
KASBAHS	AABHKSS	KASBAH, casbah (old section of North African city) [n]
KASHERS	AEHKRSS	KASHER, to kosher (to make fit to be eaten according to Jewish dietary laws) [v]
KASHMIR	AHIKMRS	cashmere (fine wool) [n -S]
KASHRUT	AHKRSTU	kashruth (Jewish dietary laws) [n -S]
KATANAS	AAAKNST	KATANA, Japanese single-edged sword [n]
KATCINA	AACIKNT	kachina (ancestral spirit) [n -S]
KATSINA	AAIKNST	kachina (ancestral spirit) [n -M, -S]
KATSURA	AAKRSTU	deciduous tree of Japan and China [n -S]

## Starts with KH-

KHADDAR	AADDHKR	cotton cloth [n -S]
KHALIFA	AAFHIKL	caliph (Muslim leader) [n -S]
KHALIFS	AFHIKLS	KHALIF, caliph (Muslim leader) [n]
KHAMSIN	AHIKMNS	hot, dry wind [n -S]
KHANATE	AAEHKNT	domain of khan [n -S]
<b>KHARIFS</b>	<b>AFHIKRS</b>	<b>KHARIF, South Asian fall harvest [n]</b>
KHAZENS	AEHKNSZ	KHAZEN, hazzan (hazan (cantor (religious singer))) [n]
KHEDAHS	ADEHHKS	KHEDAH, keddah (enclosure for elephants) [n]
KHEDIVE	DEEHIKV	Turkish viceroy [n -S]



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KHIRKAH      AHHIKKR      patchwork garment [n -S]

## Starts with KO-

<b>KOBOCHA</b>	<b>ABCHKOO</b>	<b>kabocha (Japanese squash of species <i>Curcubita maxima</i>) [n -S]</b>
KOBOLDS	BDKLOOS	KOBOLD, elf (small, often mischievous fairy) [n]
KOCHIAS	ACHIKOS	KOCHIA, Eurasian plant [n]
KOKANEE	AEEKKNO	food fish [n -S]
KOLACKY	ACKKLOY	kind of pastry [n KOLACKY]
KOLBASI	ABIKLOS	kielbasa (smoked sausage) [n -S]
KOLHOZY	HKLOOYZ	KOLHOZ, kolkhoz (collective farm in Russia) [n]
KOLKHOS	HKKLOOS	kolkhoz (collective farm in Russia) [n -ES, -Y]
KOLKHOZ	HKKLOOZ	collective farm in Russia [n -ES, -Y]
KOLKOZY	KKLOOYZ	KOLKOZ, kolkhoz (collective farm in Russia) [n]
KOMATIK	AIKKMOT	Inuit sledge [n -S]
KONGONI	GIKNNOO	African antelope [n KONGONI]
KODOOS	DKOOOOS	KODOO, kudu (large antelope) [n]
KOOKUMS	KKMOOSU	KOOKUM, kokum (East Indian tree) [n]
KOPECKS	CEKKOPS	KOPECK, Russian coin [n]
KOPIYKA	AIKKOPY	monetary unit of Ukraine [n -S, -KY, -YOK]
KOPIYKY	IKKOPYY	KOPIYKA, monetary unit of Ukraine [n]
KOPIYOK	IKKOOPY	KOPIYKA, monetary unit of Ukraine [n]
KOPPIES	EIKOPPS	KOPPIE, kopje (small hill) [n]
KORUNAS	AKNORSU	KORUNA, monetary unit of Czech Republic [n]
KOUMISS	IKMOSSU	beverage made from camel's milk [n -ES]
KOUMYSS	KMOSSUY	koumiss (beverage made from camel's milk) [n -ES]
KOUPREY	EKOPRUY	short-haired ox [n -S]
KOUSSOS	KOOUSSU	KOUSSO, cusso (Ethiopian tree) [n]

## Starts with KR-

KRAALED	AADEKLR	KRAAL, to pen in type of enclosure [v]
KRAKENS	AEKKNRS	KRAKEN, legendary sea monster [n]
KRATERS	AEKRRST	KRATER, type of vase (rounded, decorative container) [n]
KREUZER	EEKRRUZ	kreutzer (former monetary unit of Austria) [n -S]
KRIMMER	EIKMMRR	kind of fur [n -S]
KRUBUTS	BKRSTUU	KRUBUT, krubi (tropical plant) [n]
KRULLER	EKLLRRU	culler (small sweet cake) [n -S]

## Starts with KU-

KUBASAS	AABKSSU	KUBASA, Ukrainian sausage [n]
KUCHENS	CEHKNSU	KUCHEN, coffee cake [n]
KUDLIKS	DIKKLSU	KUDLIK, Inuit oil lamp [n]
KUDOSSES	DEKOSSU	KUDOS, KUDO, honor [n]
KULTURS	KLRSTUU	KULTUR, culture [n]
<b>KUMBAYA</b>	<b>AABKMUY</b>	<b>pertaining to belief that people can live in harmony with each other [adj]</b>
KUMISES	EIKMSSU	KUMIS, koumiss (beverage made from camel's milk) [n]
KUMKUMS	KKMMSUU	KUMKUM, red powder used by Hindu women [n]



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KUMMELS	EKLMMSU	KUMMEL, type of liqueur (sweetened alcoholic beverage) [n]
KUMYSES	EKMSSUY	KUMYS, koumiss (beverage made from camel's milk) [n]
KURBASH	ABHKRSU	to flog with leather whip [v -ED, -ING, -ES]
KURGANS	AGKNRSU	KURGAN, mound of earth over grave [n]

## Starts with KV-

KVASSES	AEKSSSV	KVASS, Russian beer [n]
KVELLED	DEEKLLV	KVELL, to exclaim joyfully [v]
KVETCHY	CEHKTVY	habitually complaining [adj -HIER, -HIEST]

## Starts with OE-

OEDEMAS	ADEEMOS	OEDEMA, edema (excessive accumulation of serous fluid) [n]
OENOMEL	EELMNOO	ancient Greek beverage of wine and honey [n -S]
OERSTED	DEEORST	unit of magnetic intensity [n -S]
OESTRIN	EINORST	estrin (estrone (estrogen (female sex hormone promoting or producing estrus))) [n -S]
OESTRUM	EMORSTU	estrus (period of heat in female mammals) [n -S]
OESTRUS	EORSSTU	estrus (period of heat in female mammals) [n -ES]
OEUVRES	EEORSUV	OEUVRE, work of art [n]

## Starts with OM-

<b>OMAKASE</b>	<b>AAEKMOS</b>	<b>menu whose dishes are chosen by chef [n -S]</b>
OMENTAL	AELMNOT	OMENTUM, fold in abdominal membrane [adj]
OMENTUM	EMMNOTU	fold in abdominal membrane [n -A, -S]
OMERTAS	AEMORST	OMERTA, code of silence about criminal activity [n]
OMIKRON	IKMNOOR	omicron (Greek letter) [n -S]
OMPHALI	AHILMOP	OMPHALOS, navel (depression in abdomen) [n]

## Starts with PF-

PFENNIG	EFGINNP	formerly used bronze coin of Germany [n -E, -S]
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## Starts with PS-

PSALMED	ADELMPs	PSALM, to praise in psalms (sacred songs) [v]
PSAMMON	AMMNOPS	group of microorganisms living in waterlogged sands [n -S]
PSCHENT	CEHNPST	crown worn by ancient Egyptian kings [n -S]
PSIONIC	CIINOPS	pertaining to practical use of psychic powers [adj]
PSOATIC	ACIOPST	pertaining to psoai (muscle of loin) [adj]
PSOCIDS	CDIOPSS	PSOCID, minute winged insect [n]
PSYLLAS	ALLPSSY	PSYLLA, any of various plant lice [n]
PSYLLID	DILLPSY	psylla (any of various plant lice) [n -S]

## Starts with PT-

PTERINS	EINPRST	PTERIN, chemical compound [n]
PTERYLA	AELPRTY	feathered area on skin of bird [n -E]
PTISANS	AINPSST	PTISAN, tea of herbs or barley [n]
PTYALIN	AILNPTY	salivary enzyme [n -S]



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QABALAH	AAABHLQ	cabala (occult or secret doctrine) [n -S]
QABALAS	AAABLQS	QABALA, cabala (occult or secret doctrine) [n]
QAMUTIK	AIKMQTU	komatik (Inuit sledge) [n -S]
QAWWALI	AAILQWW	style of Muslim music [n -S]

## Starts with QI-

QIGONGS	GGINOQS	QIGONG, Chinese system of physical exercises [n]
QINDARS	ADINQRS	QINDAR, qintar (monetary unit of Albania) [n]
QINTARS	AINQRST	QINTAR, monetary unit of Albania [n]
QIVIUTS	IIQSTUV	QIVIUT, wool of musk ox [n]

## Starts with SF-

SFERICS	CEFIRSS	electronic detector of storms [n SFERICS]
SFUMATO	AFMOSTU	technique used in painting [n -S]

## Starts with SH-

SHADOOF	ADFHOOS	device used in Egypt for raising water for irrigation [n -S]
SHADUFS	ADFHSSU	SHADUF, shadoof (device used in Egypt for raising water for irrigation) [n]
SHAHADA	AAADHHS	Muslim profession of faith [n -S]
SHAHDOM	ADHHMOS	territory ruled by shah [n -A]
SHAHEED	ADEEHHS	shahid (Muslim martyr) [n -S]
SHAHIDS	ADHHISS	SHAHID, Muslim martyr [n]
SHAIKHS	AHHIKSS	SHAIKH, sheik (Arab chief) [n]
SHAITAN	AAHINST	evil spirit [n -S]
SHALWAR	AAHLRSW	pair of loose trousers worn by some women of India [n -S]
SHAMALS	AAHLMSS	SHAMAL, hot, dry wind [n]
SHAMANS	AAHMNSS	SHAMAN, medicine man among certain Native Americans [n]
SHAMBAS	AABHMSS	SHAMBA, farm in East Africa [n]
SHAMMAS	AAHMMSS	shammes (minor official of synagogue) [n -IM]
SHAMMES	AEHMMSS	minor official of synagogue [n SHAMMOSIM]
SHAMMOS	AHMMOSS	shammes (minor official of synagogue) [n -IM]
SHAMOIS	AHIMOSS	chamois (soft leather) [n SHAMOIS]
SHAMOYS	AHMOSSY	SHAMOY, to chamois (to buff with soft leather) [v]
SHANTIH	AHHINST	shanti (peace) [n -S]
SHANTIS	AHINSST	SHANTI, peace [n]
SHARIAH	AAHHIRS	sharia (Islamic system of law based on Koran) [n -S]
SHARIAS	AAHIRSS	SHARIA, Islamic system of law based on Koran [n]
SHARIAT	AAHIRST	sharia (Islamic system of law based on Koran) [n -S]
SHARIFS	AFHIRSS	SHARIF, sherif (Arab ruler) [n]
SHASLIK	AHIKLSS	shashlik (kabob (cubes of meat cooked on skewer)) [n -S]
SHAYKHS	AHKSSY	SHAYKH, sheik (Arab chief) [n]
SHEHNAI	AEHHINS	double-reed wind instrument of India [n -S]
SHEIKHS	EHHIKSS	SHEIKH, sheik (Arab chief) [n]
SHEITAN	AEHINST	shaitan (evil spirit) [n -S]
SHEITEL	EEHILST	wig worn by married Jewish woman [n -S]





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SHEKELS	EEHKLSS	SHEKEL, ancient unit of weight and money [n]
SHENAI	AEHINSS	SHENAI, shehnai (double-reed wind instrument of India) [n]
SHEQELS	EEHLQSS	SHEQEL, shekel (ancient unit of weight and money) [n]
SHEREEF	EEEFHRS	sherif (Arab ruler) [n -S]
SHERIFS	EFHIRSS	SHERIF, Arab ruler [n]
SHEUCHS	CEHSSU	SHEUCH, sheugh (ditch) [n]
SHIATSU	AHISSTU	massage using finger pressure [n -S]
SHIATZU	AHISTUZ	shiatsu (massage using finger pressure) [n -S]
SHIBAH	ABHHISS	SHIBAH, shiva (period of mourning) [n]
SHIKARA	AAHIKRS	light, flat-bottomed boat in Kashmir [n -S]
SHIKARI	AHIIKRS	shikaree (big game hunter) [n -S]
SHIKARS	AHIKRSS	SHIKAR, to hunt (to pursue for food or sport) [v]
SHIKRAS	AHIKRSS	SHIKRA, bird of species Accipiter badius* [n]
SHITTIM	HIIMSTT	wood of shittah [n -S]
SHIURIM	HIIMRSU	SHIUR, Talmudic study session [n]
SHIVAH	AHHISSV	SHIVAH, shiva (period of mourning) [n]
SHIVITI	HIIISTV	plaque with Hebrew verse [n -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	CHKLOSY	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]
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 -D, -ZING, S]
SHMOOZY	HMOOSYZ	schmoozy (given to schmoozing) [adj -ZIER, ZIEST]
SHMUCKS	CHKMSSU	SHMUCK, schmuck [n]
SHMUCKY	CHKMSUY	schmucky (foolish, contemptible) [adj -KIER, -KIEST]
SHNAPPS	AHNPPSS	schnapps (strong liquor) [n SHNAPPS]
SHNOOKS	HKNOOSS	SHNOOK, schnook (easily deceived person) [n]
SHOCHET	CEHHOST	person who slaughters animals and fowl according to Jewish law [n -IM]
SHOCHUS	CHHOSSU	SHOCHU, Japanese liquor [n]
SHOFARS	AFHORSS	SHOFAR, ram's-horn trumpet blown in certain Jewish rituals [n]
SHOGUNS	GHNOSSU	SHOGUN, former military leader of Japan [n]
SHOLOMS	HLMOOSS	SHOLOM, shalom (word used as Jewish greeting or farewell) [n]
SHOPHAR	AHHOPRS	shofar (ram's-horn trumpet blown in certain Jewish rituals) [n -S -IM]
SHTETEL	EEHLSTT	Jewish village [n -S, SHTETLACH]
SHTETLS	EHLSTT	SHTETL, shtetel (Jewish village) [n]
SHTICKS	CHIKSST	SHTICK, entertainment routine [n]
SHTICKY	CHIKSTY	resembling shtick (entertainment routine) [adj -KIER, -KIEST]

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SJAMBOK ABJKMOS to strike with whip used in South Africa [v --ED, -ING, -S]

## Starts with SR-

SRADDHA AADDHRS sradha (Hindu ceremonial offering) [n -S]

SRADHAS AADHRSS SRADHA, Hindu ceremonial offering [n]

## Starts with ZA-

**ZAATARS AAARSTZ ZAATAR, Middle Eastern spice blend [n]**

ZACATON AACNOTZ Mexican grass [n -S]

ZADDICK ACDDIKZ zaddik (virtuous person by Jewish religious standards) [n -DIKIM]

ZAFFARS AAFFRSZ ZAFFAR, zaffer (blue ceramic coloring) [n]

ZAFFERS AEFFRSZ ZAFFER, blue ceramic coloring [n]

ZAFFIRS AFFIRSZ ZAFFIR, zaffer (blue ceramic coloring) [n]

ZAFFRES AEFFRSZ ZAFFRE, zaffer (blue ceramic coloring) [n]

ZAIDEHS ADEHISZ ZAIDEH, zeda (grandfather) [n]

ZAIDIES ADEIISZ ZAIDY, zeda (grandfather) [n]

ZAIKAIS AAIKSZ ZAIKAI, business community of Japan [n]

ZAMARRA AAAMRRZ sheepskin coat [n -S]

ZAMARRO AAMORRZ zamarra (sheepskin coat) [n -S]

ZANANAS AAANNSZ ZANANA, zenana (section of house in India reserved for women) [n]

ZAPATEO AAEOPTZ Spanish dance [n -S]

ZAPTIAH AAHIPTZ Turkish policeman [n -S]

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

ZAREBAS AABERSZ ZAREBA, improvised stockade [n]

ZAREEBA AABEERZ zareba (improvised stockade) [n -S]

ZARIBAS AABIRSZ ZARIBA, zareba (improvised stockade) [n]

## Starts with ZL-

ZLOTIES EILOSTZ ZLOTY, monetary unit of Poland [n]

ZLOTYCH CHLOTYZ ZLOTY, monetary unit of Poland [n]