



# The Odd Couple

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## Starts with AA-

AARDWOLF	AADFLORW	African mammal [n -LVES]
AASVOGEL	AAEGLOSV	vulture (bird of prey) [n -S]
AASVOGEL	AAEGLOSV	vulture (bird of prey) [n -S]

## Starts with BH-

BHANGRAS	AABGHNRS	BHANGRA, form of popular Punjabi dance music [n]
BHEESTIE	BEEEHIST	bheesty (water carrier) [n -S]
BHELPURI	BEHILPRU	dish of rice, spices, and chutney [n -S]
BHISTIES	BEHIISST	BHISTIE, bheesty (water carrier) [n]

## Starts with CH-

CHABOUKS	ABCHKOSU	CHABOUK, type of whip [n]
CHACHKAS	AACCHHKS	CHACHKA, chatchka (knickknack) [n]
CHADARIM	AACDHIMR	CHEDER, heder (Jewish school) [n]
CHAEBOLS	ABCEHLOS	CHAEBOL, group of businesses in Korea owned by one family [n]
CHALLAHS	AACHHLLS	CHALLAH, kind of bread [n]
CHALLOTH	ACHHLLOT	CHALLAH, kind of bread [n]
CHALUPAS	AACHLPSU	CHALUPA, fried corn tortilla spread with savory mixture [n]
CHANOYUS	ACHNOSUY	CHANOYU, Japanese tea ritual [n]
CHAPATIS	AACHIPST	CHAPATI, unleavened bread of India [n]
CHAPATTI	AACHIPTT	chapati (unleavened bread of India) [n -S]
CHAPPATI	AACHIPPT	chapati (unleavened bread of India) [n -S]
CHAQUETA	AACEHQTU	jacket worn by cowboys [n -S]
CHARKHAS	AACHHKRS	CHARKHA, spinning wheel [n]
CHARPOYS	ACHOPRSY	CHARPOY, bed used in India [n]
CHATCHKA	AACCHHKT	knickknack [n -S]
CHATCHKE	ACCEHHKT	chatchka (knickknack) [n -S]
CHAZANIM	AACHIMNZ	CHAZAN, cantor (religious singer) [n]
CHAZZANS	AACHNSZZ	CHAZZAN, chazan (cantor (religious singer)) [n]
CHAZZENS	ACEHNSZZ	CHAZZEN, chazan (cantor (religious singer)) [n]
CHECHAKO	ACCEHHKO	newcomer (one that has recently arrived) [n -S]
CHEDARIM	ACDEHIMR	CHEDER, heder (Jewish school) [n]
CHETRUMS	CEHMRSTU	CHETRUM, monetary unit of Bhutan [n]
CHHERTUM	CEHMRSTU	CHETRUM, monetary unit of Bhutan [n] (2018)
CHIANTIS	ACHIINST	CHIANTI, dry red wine [n]
CHIAUSES	ACEHISSU	CHIAUS, Turkish messenger [n]
CHIBOUKS	BCHIKOSU	CHIBOUK, Turkish tobacco pipe [n]
CHIGETAI	ACEGHIIT	wild ass [n -s]
CHORIZOS	CHIOORSZ	CHORIZO, highly seasoned sausage [n]
CHUBASCO	ABCCHOSU	violent thunderstorm [n -S]
CHUDDAHS	ACDDHHSU	CHUDDAH, chuddar (large, square shawl) [n]
CHUDDARS	ACDDHRSU	CHUDDAR, large, square shawl [n]
CHUPPAHS	ACHHPPSU	CHUPPAH, canopy used at Jewish wedding [n]
CHURINGA	ACGHINRU	sacred object of Australian Aboriginals [n -S]
CHUTZPAH	ACHHPTUZ	supreme self-confidence [n -S]
CHUTZPAS	ACHPSTUZ	CHUTZPA, chutzpah (supreme self-confidence) [n]

## Starts with CZ-



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CZARDOMS	ACDMORSZ	CZARDOM, domain of czar [n]
CZAREVNA	AACENRVZ	daughter of czar [n -S]
CZARINAS	AACINRSZ	CZARINA, wife of czar [n]
CZARISMS	ACIMRSSZ	CZARISM, autocratic government [n]
CZARISTS	ACIRSSTZ	CZARIST, supporter of czarism [n]
CZARITZA	AACIRTZZ	czarina (wife of czar) [n -S]

## Starts with DH-

DHANSAKS	AADHKNSS	DHANSAK, casserole of meats and vegetables [n]
DHOOLIES	DEHILOOS	DHOOLY, doolee (stretcher for sick or wounded) [n]
DHOOTIES	DEHIOOST	DHOOTIE, dhoti (loincloth worn by Hindu men) [n]
DHOURRAS	ADHORRSU	DHOURRA, durra (cereal grain) [n]
DHURRIES	DEHIRRSU	DHURRIE, cotton rug made in India [n]

## Starts with DJ-

DJELLABA	AABDEJLL	long hooded garment [n -S]
DJIBBAHS	ABBDHIJS	DJIBBAH, jibba (long coat worn by Muslim men) [n]

## Starts with GH-

GHARIALS	AAGHILRS	GHARIAL, large reptile [n]
GHARRIES	AEGHIRRS	GHARRY, carriage used in India [n]
GHRAOED	ADEEGHOR	GHRAO, to coerce by physical means [v]
GHRAOES	AEEGHORS	GHRAO, to coerce by physical means [v]

## Starts with GJ-

GJETOSTS	EGJOSSTT	GJETOST, hard brown cheese [n]
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## Starts with HR-

HRYVNIAS	AHINRSVY	HRYVNIA, monetary unit of Ukraine [n]
HRYVNYAS	AHNRSVYY	HRYVNYA, hryvnia (monetary unit of Ukraine) [n]

## Starts with KA-

KABADDIS	AABDDIKS	KABADDI, tackling sport of South Asia played by two teams [n]
KABALISM	AABIKLMS	cabalism (adherence to cabala) [n -S]
KABALIST	AABIKLST	cabalist (one who practices cabalism (adherence to cabala)) [n -AS]
KABBALAH	AAABBHKL	cabala (occult or secret doctrine) [n -S]
KABBALAS	AAABBKLS	KABBALA, cabala (occult or secret doctrine) [n]
KABELJOU	ABEJKLOU	large food fish [n -S]
KABLOONA	AABKLNOO	person who is not Inuit [n -S, -T]
KABOCHAS	AABCHKOS	KABOCHA, type of Japanese pumpkin or squash [n]
KACHINAS	AACHIKNS	KACHINA, ancestral spirit [n]
KAFFIYAH	AAFFHIKY	kaffiyeh (large, square kerchief) [n -S]
KAFFIYEH	AEFFHIKY	large, square kerchief [n -S]
KAISERIN	AEIKNRS	kaiser's wife [n -S]
KAJEPUTS	AEJKPSTU	KAJEPUT, cajuput (cajeput (Australian tree)) [n]
KAKEMONO	AEKKMNOO	Japanese scroll [n -S]
KAKIEMON	AEIKKMNO	Japanese porcelain [n -S]
KAKIVAKS	AAIKKKS	KAKIVAK, fish spear used by Inuits [n]
KALAMATA	AAAACLMT	black olive grown in Greece [n -S]
KALIFATE	AAEFIKLT	califate (domain of calif) [n -S]
KALIMBAS	AABIKLMS	KALIMBA, African musical instrument [n]
KALYPTRA	AAKLPRTY	thin veil [n -S]



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KAMAAINA	AAAAIKMN	longtime resident of Hawaii [n -S]
KAMEEZES	AEEEEKMSZ	KAMEEZ, long tunic worn by some people of India [n]
KAMIKAZE	AAEIKKMZ	plane to be flown in suicide crash on target [n -S]
KAMOTIKS	AIKKMOST	KAMOTIK, komatik (Inuit sledge) [n]
KAMOTIQS	AIKMOQST	KAMOTIQ, komatik (Inuit sledge) [n]
KAMPONGS	AGKMNOPS	KAMPONG, small village [n]
KAMSEENS	AEEKMNSS	KAMSEEN, khamsin (hot, dry wind) [n]
KAOLIANG	AAGIKLNO	Asian sorghum [n -S]
KARAKULS	AAKKLRSU	KARAKUL, Asian sheep [n]
KARAOKES	AAEKKORS	KARAOKE, musical device to which user sings along [n]
KAROSSES	AEKORSSS	KAROSS, African garment [n]
KASHERED	ADEEHKRS	KASHER, to kosher (to make fit to be eaten according to Jewish dietary laws) [v]
KASHMIRS	AHIKMRSS	KASHMIR, cashmere (fine wool) [n]
KASHRUTH	AHHRSTU	Jewish dietary laws [n -S]
KASHRUTS	AHKRSSTU	KASHRUT, kashruth (Jewish dietary laws) [n]
KATAKANA	AAAACKNT	Japanese syllabic symbol [n -S]
KATCHINA	AACHIKNT	kachina (ancestral spirit) [n -S]
KATCINAS	AACIKNST	KATCINA, kachina (ancestral spirit) [n]
KATSINAM	AAIKMNST	KATSINA, kachina (ancestral spirit) [n]
KATSINAS	AAIKNSST	KATSINA, kachina (ancestral spirit) [n]
KATSURAS	AAKRSSTU	KATSURA, deciduous tree of Japan and China [n]
KAVAKAVA	AAAACKVV	kava (tropical shrub) [n -S]
KAVASSES	AAEKSSSV	KAVASS, Turkish policeman [n]
KAZACHKI	AACHIKKZ	KAZACHOK, Russian folk dance [n]
KAZACHOC	AACHKOZ	kazachok (Russian folk dance) [n -S]
KAZACHOK	AACHKKOZ	Russian folk dance [n -HKI]
KAZATSKI	AAIKKSTZ	kazachok (Russian folk dance) [n -ES]
KAZATSKY	AAKKSTYZ	kazachok (Russian folk dance) [n -KIES]

## Starts with KH-

KHADDARS	AADDHKRS	KHADDAR, cotton cloth [n]
KHALIFAS	AAFHIKLS	KHALIFA, caliph (Muslim leader) [n]
KHAMSEEN	AEEHKMNS	khamsin (hot, dry wind) [n -S]
KHAMSINS	AHIKMNSS	KHAMSIN, hot, dry wind [n]
KHANATES	AAEHKNST	KHANATE, domain of khan [n]
KHAZENIM	AEHIKMNZ	KHAZEN, hazzan (hazan (cantor (religious singer))) [n]
KHEDIVAL	ADEHIKLV	KHEDIVE, Turkish viceroy [adj]
KHEDIVES	DEEHIKSV	KHEDIVE, Turkish viceroy [n]
KHIRKAHS	AHHIKKRS	KHIRKAH, patchwork garment [n]

## Starts with KO-

KOHLRABI	ABHIKLOR	variety of cabbage [n -ES]
KOKANEEES	AEEKKNOS	KOKANEE, food fish [n]
KOLBASIS	ABIKLOSS	KOLBASIS, kielbasa (smoked sausage) [n]
KOLBASSA	AABKLOSS	kielbasa (smoked sausage) [n -S]
KOLBASSI	ABIKLOSS	kielbasa (smoked sausage) [n -S]
KOLHOZES	EHKLOOSZ	KOLHOZ, kolhoz (collective farm in Russia) [n]
KOLINSKI	IIKKLNOS	kolinsky (Asian mink) [n -ES]



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KOLKHOSY	HKKLOOSY	KOLKHOS, kolkhoz (collective farm in Russia) [n]
KOLKHOZY	HKKLOOYZ	KOLKHOZ, collective farm in Russia [n]
KOLKOZES	EKKLOOSZ	KOLKOZ, kolkhoz (collective farm in Russia) [n]
KOMATIKS	AIKKMOST	KOMATIK, Inuit sledge [n]
KOMONDOR	DKMNOOOR	large, shaggy-coated dog [n -OCK, -OK, -S]
KOPIYKAS	AIKKOPSY	KOPIYKA, monetary unit of Ukraine [n]
KOUMISES	EIKMOSSU	KOUMIS, koumiss (beverage made from camel's milk) [n]
KOUMYSES	EKMOSYU	KOUMYS, koumiss (beverage made from camel's milk) [n]
KOUPREYS	EKOPRSUY	KOUPREY, short-haired ox [n]

## Starts with KV-

KVELLING	EGIKLLNV	KVELL, to exclaim joyfully [v]
KVETCHED	CDEEHKTV	KVETCH, to complain (to express discontent) [v]
KVETCHER	CEEHKRTV	one that kvetches (to complain (to express discontent)) [n -S]
KVETCHES	CEEHKSTV	KVETCH, to complain (to express discontent) [v]

## Starts with MB-

MBAQANGA	AAABGMNQ	South African dance music [n -S]
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## Starts with MR-

MRIDANGA	AADGIMNR	drum of India [n -S]
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## Starts with NG-

NGULTRUM	GLMNRTUU	monetary unit of Bhutan [n -S]
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## Starts with PF-

PFENNIGE	EEFGINNP	PFENNIG, formerly used bronze coin of Germany [n]
PFENNIGS	EFGINNPS	PFENNIG, formerly used bronze coin of Germany [n]

## Starts with PS-

PSCHENTS	CEHNPSST	PSCHENT, crown worn by ancient Egyptian kings [n]
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## Starts with QA-

QABALAHS	AAABHLQS	QABALAH, cabala (occult or secret doctrine) [n]
QAMUTIKS	AIKMQSTU	QAMUTIK, komatik (Inuit sledge) [n]
QAWWALIS	AAILQSWW	QAWWALI, style of Muslim music [n]

## Starts with QI-

QINDARKA	AADIKNQR	QINDAR, qintar (monetary unit of Albania) [n]
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## Starts with SF-

SFORZATO	AFOORSTZ	playing of tone or chord with sudden force [n -S]
SFUMATOS	AFMOSSTU	SFUMATO, technique used in painting [n]

## Starts with SJ-

SJAMBOKS	ABJKMOSS	SJAMBOK, to strike with whip used in South Africa [v]
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## Starts with SR-

SRADDHAS	AADDHRSS	SRADDHA, sraddha (Hindu ceremonial offering) [n]
SRIRACHA	AACHIRRS	chili sauce [n -S] (2018)

## Starts with SV-

SVARAJES	AAEJRSSV	SVARAJ, swaraj (self-government in British India) [n]
SVEDBERG	BDEEGRSV	unit of time [n -S]

## Starts with TS-

TSARDOMS	ADMORSST	TSARDOM, czardom (domain of czar) [n]
TSAREVNA	AAENRSTV	czarevna (daughter of czar) [n -S]



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TSARISMS	AIMRSSST	TSARISM, czarism (autocratic government) [n]
TSARITZA	AAIRSTTZ	czaritza (czarina (wife of czar)) [n -S]
TSATSKES	AEKSSSTT	TSATSKE, chachka (chatchka (knickknack)) [n]
TSORRISS	IORRSSST	tsuris (series of misfortunes) [n TSORRISS]
TSUNAMIC	ACIMNSTU	TSUNAMI, very large ocean wave [adj]
TSURISES	EIRSSSTU	TSURIS, series of misfortunes [n]

## Starts with TZ-

TZARDOMS	ADMORSTZ	TZARDOM, czardom (domain of czar) [n]
TZAREVNA	AAENRTVZ	czarevna (daughter of czar) [n -S]
TZARINAS	AAINRSTZ	TZARINA, czarina (wife of czar) [n]
TZARISMS	AIMRSSTZ	TZARISM, czarism (autocratic government) [n]
TZARISTS	AIRSSTTZ	TZARIST, czarist (supporter of czarism) [n]
TZARITZA	AAIRTTZZ	czaritza (czarina (wife of czar)) [n -S]
TZATZIKI	AIIKTTZZ	dish of yogurt with cucumber, garlic, and sometimes mint [n -S]
TZEDAKAH	AADEHKTZ	charitable giving as moral obligation among Jews [n -S]
TZIGANES	AEGINSTZ	TZIGANE, gypsy [n]
TZITZITH	HIITTTZZ	zizith (tassels on four corners of Jewish prayer shawl) [n TZITZITH]
TZURISES	EIRSSTUZ	TZURIS, tsuris (series of misfortunes) [n]

## Starts with UI-

UINTAITE	AEIINTTU	variety of asphalt [n -S]
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## Starts with US-

USQUABAE	AABEQSUU	usquebae (whiskey (liquor)) [n -S]
USQUEBAE	ABEEQSUU	whiskey (liquor) [n -S]

## Starts with ZW-

ZWIEBACK	ABCEIKWZ	sweetened bread [n -S]
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