

# An English Homophone Dictionary

**H***omophones* are words of the same language that are pronounced alike even if they differ in spelling, meaning, or origin, such as "pair" and "pear". Homophones may also be spelled alike, as in "bear" (the animal) and "bear" (to carry). But this list consists only of homophones that are not spelled alike.

*Homonym* is a somewhat looser term than *homophone*, sometimes referring to all homophones and only homophones, and sometimes referring to the subset of homophones that are spelled alike.

In the entries below, the members of each homophonic set are listed in alphabetical order. Each set is entered only once, at its alphabetically first member. There is no cross-reference unless the initial letters of the members differ. For example, the pair "knot, not" is listed under "knot". Under "not" one finds

◆ not (see knot)

The diamond bullet indicates a cross-reference. But the pair "shear, sheer" is listed only under "shear" with no further cross-reference, because the members begin with the same letter. Occasionally we include a short definition of an unusual word to assure the reader that scribal error is not to blame for listing e.g. *apatite* or *sics*.

When singular homophone nouns are also homophones in the plural, this is indicated in parentheses, e.g. *ad* (-s), *add* (-s), *adze*. Similarly, when homophone verbs remain homophones when inflected in the third person singular, this is indicated in parentheses, e.g. *accept* (-s), *except* (-s). The same indication is used when one member of the pair is a noun and the other is a verb, e.g. *poor*, *pore* (-s), *pour* (-s). These variations do not receive separate listings, nor are other inflected forms, such as -ed or -ing, or possessives, listed at all.

We do include obsolete words when we know of them, such as *dain* in the pair, *dain*, *deign*. But we have made no systematic search for them, and there are undoubtedly very many not yet in our list.

This list deliberately *omits* the following types of homophones.

1. As noted above, we omit homophones that are spelled alike, e.g. *bear*, *bear*.
2. We omit non-English words, e.g. *oui*, *we*, *nein*, *nine*. We omit non-English words even if they are often heard in English conversation, perhaps as part of canned phrases. Hence we omit *carte*, as in *a la carte*, from the list *cart*, *kart*.
3. We omit proper nouns, e.g. *Wales*, *whales*; *peat*, *Pete*.
4. We omit letters of the alphabet, e.g. *t*, *tea*, *tee*.
5. We omit hyphenated compounds. Consequently there are two reasons to exclude the triple, *fillip*, *fill-up*, *Phillip*.
6. We omit acronyms that have come to be pronounced as words, e.g. *WACS* in *WACS*, *wacks*, *wax*, *whacks*.

7. We omit pairs of words that, when pronounced together, sound like some other single word, e.g. *a cord, accord*. We stick to this rule even when the relation between a given pair and a given single word is not accidental, e.g. *back ache, backache*.
8. We have included standard contractions, hence *aisle, I'll*, but not contrived contractions even if they could arise in conversation, such as *eye'll* (as in "My eye'll be on you").
9. We omit words which differ in spelling from other words only in the use of a possessive apostrophe, e.g. *homes, home's*. However, when an apostrophe indicates a standard contraction, we will include the pair, e.g. *its, it's*.
10. We have omitted common mispronunciations even though, by their nature, they will be heard in conversation. This affects pairs such as *taken, takin'*. Words that often succeed other words are frequently pronounced as virtual suffixes. But even though *oak and maple* is pronounced *oak'n maple*, we did not let this justify including the pair *oaken, oak'n*.
11. We omit spelling variations, e.g. *analyse, analyze, curb, kerb, glamor, glamour, plough, plow, racket, racquet; theater, theatre*.

It is often a nice question, however, when a spelling variation has become a new word. *Manikin* is a spelling variation of *mannequin*; but the former now denotes a bird and the latter a clothing dummy. They are now distinct words, and are listed as homophones below. By contrast, *manakin* is a spelling variation of *manikin*, with the same denotation; in our view it is not an independent word and is not listed below.

12. Dialectal variation poses a serious problem. If we included all pairs that are pronounced alike by speakers of *some* English dialect, our job would never end. But the only alternatives seem to be to draw an arbitrary line, including only "major" dialects, or to include none as if there were a single "standard" pronunciation of English. Despite the drawbacks of the last-named course, we follow other dictionaries in adopting it. We use standard English pronunciation in the United States. Hence, with apologies to Brooklynites we omit *coil, curl*; with apologies to Yankees we omit *part, pot*; with apologies to Hoosiers we omit *spatial, special*; and with apologies to Southerners we omit *lord, lowered*.

Some questionable cases, where even the "standard" pronunciation contains variation, are indicated by "(?)". We have attempted to keep these cases to a minimum.

When the variation is produced by sloppiness rather than by dialect (a distinction difficult to maintain), e.g. *bobbin, bobbing, odder, otter, wet, whet*, then we have generally included them with the qualifying "(?)". Our criterion here is whether the pronunciation is commonly heard, not whether it is already recognized as a secondary, acceptable pronunciation in another dictionary.

Occasionally dialectal variation produces what might be called "disjunctive homophones". Some people pronounce *route* and *rout* alike, while others

pronounce *route* and *root* alike. Our solution was to include both the qualified pairs *root, route* (?), and *rout, route* (?). We omit the question marks when a word simply has two acceptable pronunciations and a homophone with each, for example *fail, faille*, and *fill, faille*.

13. Despite the preceding rules, if a group of homophones already makes the list, then an "ineligible" member will be added in brackets, provided that the ineligible member is an English word. Hence we find *wacks, wax, whacks* [WACS] because the first three members qualify on their own; but we do not find *whales* [Wales] because without the ineligible term there is no independent listing.

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## A

accede (-s), exceed (-s) (?)

accept (-s), except (-s) (?)

acclamation, acclimation

ad (-s), add (-s), adze

addition (-s), edition (-s) (?)

ade (-s), aid (-s), aide (-s)

adherence, adherents

admittance, admittants

adolescence, adolescents

aerie, airy

affect (-s), effect (-s) (?)

aid, aide

aids, aides, [AIDS]

ail (-s), ale (-s)

air (-s), are [metric unit] (-s), 'ere, e'er, err (-s) (?), heir (-s)

aisle (-s), I'll, isle (-s)

all, awl

allowed, aloud

allude (-s), elude (-s) (?)

allusion, elusion, illusion (?)

allusive, elusive, illusive (?)

altar (-s), alter (-s)

amend (-s), emend (-s)

analyst (-s), annalist (-s)

ant (-s), aunt (-s)

ante, anti, aunty

apatite (-s) [phosphate], appetite (-s)

appose (-s), oppose (-s)

arc (-s), ark (-s)

arrant, errant

ascent (-s), assent (-s)

assistance, assistants

ate, eight

attendance, attendants

auger (-s), augur (-s)

aught, ought

aural, oral

aureole (-s), oriole (-s)

auricle (-s), oracle (-s)

away, aweigh

**awful, offal**

**aye (-s), eye (-s), I**

**axes, axis**

**axel (-s), axil (-s), axle (-s)**

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## **B**

**bad, bade (?)**

**bail (-s), bale (-s)**

**bait (-s), bate (-s)**

**baize, bays**

**bald, balled, bawled**

**ball (-s), bawl (-s)**

**balm (-s), bomb (-s)**

**band, banned**

**bans, banns, bands (?)**

**bard, barred**

**bare (-s), bear (-s)**

**bark (-s), barque (-s)**

**baron (-s), barren (-s)**

**barrel, beryl**

**base, bass**

**based, baste**

**bask, basque**

**baud, bawd**

**bay, bey**

**bazaar, bizarre**

**be, bee, [B]**

**beach (-es), beech (-es)**

**beat (-s), beet (-s)**

**beau, bow**

**been, bin (?)**

**beer (-s), bier (-s)**

**beetle, betel**

**belligerence, belligerents**

**bell (-s), belle (-s)**

**benzene, benzine**

**berg, burg**

**berger, burger, burgher**

**bergle, burgle**

**berry (-ies), bury (-ies)**

**berth (-s), birth (-s)**

**better, bettor**

**bight (-s), bite (-s), byte (-s)**

**billed, build**

**bird, burd, burred**

**blend (-s), blende (-s)**

**blew, blue**

**bloc, block**

**boar (-s), bore (-s)**

**board, bored**

**boarder (-s), border (-s)**

**bobbin, bobbing (?)**

**bocks, box**

**bode, bowed**

**bogey, bogie, bogy**

**bold, bolled, bowled**

**bolder, boulder**

**bole (-s), boll (-s), bowl (-s)**

**boos, booze**

**bootie, booty**

**born, borne**

**borough (-s), burro (-s), burrow (-s)**

**bough (-s), bow (-s)**

**bouillon, bullion**

**boulder, bolder**

**boy (-s), bouy (-s)**

**brae, bray**

**braid, brayed**

**brain (-s), brane (-s)**

**braise (-s), brays, braze (-s)**

**brake (-s), break (-s)**

**breach (-es), breech (-es)**

**bread, bred**

**brede (-s), breed (-s)**

**brewed, brood**

**brews, bruise**

**bridal, bridle**

**broom (-s), brougham (-s)**

**brows, browse**

**brr, burr**

**buccal, buckle**

**build, billed**

**burger (-s), burgher (-s)**

**burro (-s), burrow (-s)**

**bus (-es), buss (-es)**

**bussed, bust**

**but (-s), butt (-s)**

**buy (-s), by, bye (-s)**

**byre (-s), buyer (-s)**

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## C

**cache, cash**

**cachou (-s), cashew (-s)**

**calendar (-s), calender (-s)**

**calix (-es), calyx (-es)**

**calk (-s), caulk (-s)**

**call (-s), caul (-s), cawl (-s)**

**callous, callus**

**cam (-s), camb (-s)**

**canape (-s), canopy (-ies)**



cane, cain

cannon (-s), canon (-s)

cant, can't

canter (-s), cantor (-s)

canvas (-es), canvass (-es)

capital, capitol

carat (-s), caret, carrot (-s), karat (-s)

carie, carry

carol (-s), carrel (-s), charol (-s)

caries, carries

cart (-s), [carte], kart (-s)

cask (-s), casque (-s)

caster, castor

cast (-s), caste (-s)

caudal, caudle

cause, caws

cedar (-s), seeder (-s)

cede (-s), seed (-s)

ceil (-s), seal (-s), seel (-s)

ceiling (-s), sealing (-s)

cell (-s), sell (-s)

cellar (-s), seller (-s)

censer (-s), censor (-s), sensor (-s)

census, senses

cent, scent, sent

cense, cents, scents, sense

cere (-s), sear (-s), seer (-s), sere

cereal (-s), serial (-s)

cession, session

chance, chants

chard, charred

chary, cherry

chased, chaste

cheap, cheep

chews, choose

chic, sheik

chili, chilly, [Chile] (?)

choir (-s), quire (-s)

choler, collar

choral (-s), coral (-s)

chorale (-s), corral (-s)

chord (-s), cord (-s), cored

chordate, cordate

chott (-s), shot (-s)

chough (-s), chuff (-s)

chronical, chronicle

chute (-s), shoot (-s)

cirrus, serous

cite (-s), sight (-s), site (-s)

cited, sighted, sited

**clack (-s), claque (-s)**

**clause, claws**

**clew (-s), clue (-s)**

**click (-s), clique (-s), klick (-s)**

**climb (-s), clime (-s)**

**close, clothes (?)**

**coal, kohl**

**coarse, corse, course**

**coat (-s), cote (-s)**

**coax, cokes**

**coffer (-s), cougher (-s)**

**coign (-s), coin (-s), quoin (-s)**

**collard, collared**

**colonel (-s), kernel (-s)**

**come (-s), cum (-s)**

**comedy, comity (?)**

**competence, competents**

**complacent, complaisant**

**complacence, complaisance**

**complement (-s,-ary), compliment (-s,-ary)**

**conceded, conceited (?)**

**conch (-s), conk (-s)**

**concord, conquered (?)**

**continence, continents**

**coo (-s), coup (-s)**

**coulee, coolie, coolly**

**coop (-s), coupe (-s)**

**cops, copse**

**coquet, coquette**

**core, corps**

**correspondence, correspondents**

**cosher, kosher**

**cosign (-s), cosine (-s)**

**council (-s), counsel (-s)**

**councillor (-s), counselor (-s)**

**cousin (-s), cozen (-s)**

**coward, cowered, cowherd (?)**

**crape (-s), crepe (-s)**

**creak (-s), creek (-s)**

**crewed, crude**

**crewel, cruel**

**crews, cruise, cruse**

**cubical, cubicle**

**cubit, qubit [quantum bit]**

**cue (-s), queue (-s), [Q]**

**currant (-s), current (-s)**

**curser (-s), cursor (-s)**

**cymbal (-s), symbol (-s)**

**cygnet (-s), signet (-s)**

# D

dain, deign

dam (-s), damn (-s)

days, daze

dean (-s), dene (-s)

dear, deer

deem (-s), deme (-s)

delinquency, delinquents

dense, dents

dental, dentil

dependence, dependents

depravation (-s), deprivation (-s)

descent (-s), dissent (-s) (?)

deviance, deviants

devisor, divisor

dew (-s), do, due (-s)

dewed, dude

djinn, gin

die (-s), dye (-s)

died, dyed

dine, dyne

dire, dyer

disburse (-s), disperse (-s)

discreet, discrete

discussed, disgust

dissidence, dissidents

do ["re, mi"], doe, dough

doer, dour

does [f. deer], doze

done, dun

dos ["dos and don'ts"], dues

dost, dust

donjon, dungeon

dowiger (-s), dowitcher (-s)

draft (-s), draught (-s)

dray, drey

droop, drupe

dual, duel

ducked, duct

dyeing, dying

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## E

earn (-s),erne (-s), urn (-s)

eave (-s), eve (-s)

◆ effect (see affect)

◆ eight (see ate)

◆ elude (see allude)

◆ elusive (see allusive)

◆ 'ere (see air)

◆ e'er (see air)

◆ err (see air)

◆ except (see accept)

◆ exceed (see accede)

◆ edition (see addition)

◆ eye (see aye)

elicit, illicit

elude (-s), allude (-s)

emerge (-s), immerge (-s)

eminent, immanent, imminent (?)

ensure, insure (?)

epic (-s), epoch (-s)

equivalence, equivalents

◆ errant (see arrant)

erupt (-s), irrupt (-s)

eruption, irruption

ewe (-s), yew (-s), you

ewes, use, yews

exercise (-s), exorcise (-s)

existence, existents

extravagance, extravagants

◆ eye (see aye)

eyelet (-s), islet (-s)

eyed, I'd, ide

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## F

**facts, fax (?)**

**fail, faille**

**fain, fane, feign**

**faint (-s), feint (-s)**

**fair (-s), fare (-s)**

**fairy, ferry**

**faker (-s), fakir (-s)**

**fate, fete**

**faun (-s), fawn (-s)**

**fay, fey**

**faze (-s), phase (-s)**

**fear (-s), fere (-s)**

**feat, feet**

**fends, fens**

**fern, firn**

**ferule, ferrule**

**feudal, futile (?)**

**file (-s), phial (-s)**

**fill, faille**

**filter, philtre**

**finally, finely (?)**

**find, fined**

**fir (-s), fur (?)**

**fisher (-s), fissure (-s)**

**flacks, flax**



**flair (-s), flare (-s)**

**flea (-s), flee (-s)**

**flecks, flex**

**flew, flu (-s), flue (-s)**

**flocks, phlox**

**floe (-s), flow (-s)**

**flour (-s), flower (-s)**

**foaled, fold**

**for, fore, four**

**forbear, forebear (?)**

**forego (-s), forgo (-s)**

**formally, formerly (?)**

**forth, fourth**

**foreword, forward**

**foul (-s), fowl (-s)**

**'fraid, frayed**

**franc, frank**

**frays, phrase**

**frees, freeze (-s), frieze (-s)**

**friar, fryer**

**fungous, fungus**

**furs, furze**

**fussed, fust**

# G

**gaff, gaffe**

**gage, gauge**

**gait (-s), gate (-s)**

**gamble (-s), gambol (-s)**

**gang, gangue**

**gays, gaze**

**gel (-s), jell (-s)**

**gene (-s), jean (-s)**

**gibe (-s), jibe (-s)**

**gild, gilled, guild**

**gilt, guilt**

◆ **gin (see djinn)**

**glair (-s), glare (-s)**

**glutenous, glutinous**

**gnaw, naw**

**gneiss, nice**

**gnomic, nomic**

**gnu (-s), knew, new (-s)**

**goaled, gold**

**gored, gourd**

**gorgeous, gorges (?)**

**gorilla, guerrilla**

**grade, grayed**

**grate, great**

grays, graze

grip, grippe

grisly, gristly (?), grizzly

groan, grown

grocer, grosser

guarantee, guaranty

guest, guessed

guide, guyed

guise, guys

gyre, jire

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## H

hail, hale

hair (-s), hare (-s)

hairry, harry

hall, haul

hallo, hallow (?)

halve, have

handsome, hansom

hangar (-s), hanger (-s)

hardy, hearty

hairier, harrier

hart (-s), heart (-s)

hay, hey

hays, haze

he'd, heed, heid

heal (-s), heel (-s), he'll

hear, here

◆ heir (see air)

heard, herd

heroin, heroine (?)

hertz, hurts

hew (-s), hue (-s)

hi, hie, high

hide, hied

higher, hire

him, hymn

ho, hoe

hoar, whore

hoard, horde, whored

hoarse, horse

hoses, hose

hold, holed

hole (-s), whole (-s)

holey, holy, wholly

hoop, whoop

hostel, hostile

hour (-s), our (-s)

humerus, humorous

hurdle, hurtle (?)

# I

◆ I (see aye)

◆ I'd (see eyed)

◆ ide (see eyed)

idyl (-s), idyll (-s), idle (-s), idol (-s)

ileum, ilium

◆ illicit (see elicit)

◆ illusive (see allusive)

◆ I'll (see aisle)

◆ immanent, imminent (see eminent)

◆ immerge (see emerge)

impassable, impassible

impatience, impatiens

in, inn

incidence, incidents

incite, insight (?)

independence, independents

indict (-s), indite (-s)

indigence, indigents

inequity, iniquity (?)

innocence, innocents

instance, instants

◆ insure (see ensure)

intense, intents

◆ irrupt (see erupt)

◆ **irruption** (see eruption)

◆ **isle** (see aisle)

**its, it's**

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## **J**

**jalousie, jealousy** (?)

**jam** (-s), **jamb** (-s)

◆ **jean** (see gene)

◆ **jell** (see gel)

◆ **jibe** (see gibe)

**jinks, jinx**

◆ **jire** (see gyre)

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## **K**

◆ **karat** (see carat)

◆ **kart** (see cart)

◆ **kernel** (see colonel)

**key** (-s), **quay** (-s)

◆ **klick** (see click)

**knap, nap**

**knave** (-s), **nave** (-s)

**knead** (-s), **knee'd**, **need** (-s)

◆ **knew** (see gnu)

**knick** (-s), **nick** (-s)

**knicker** (-s), **nicker** (-s)

knicks (obs. rare), nicks, nix

knight (-s), night (-s)

knit (-s), nit (-s)

knob (-s), nob (-s)

knock (-s), nock (-s)

knot, not

know, no, noh

knows, noes, nose

◆ kohl (see coal)

◆ kosher (see cosher)

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## L

laager (-s), lager (-s) (?)

lac, lack

lacks, lax

ladder, latter

lain, lane

lair (-s), layer (-s)

lam, lamb

lama, llama

laps, lapse

lase, lays, laze, leis

lay, lei, ley

laser, lazar

lea, lee

**leach (-es), leech (-es)**

**lead, led**

**leader, leader, liter**

**leaf, lief**

**leak (-s), leek (-s)**

**lean (-s), lien (-s)**

**leased, least**

**lends, lens**

**lessen, lesson**

**lesser, lessor**

**levee, levy**

**liable, libel**

**liar (-s), lyre (-s)**

**lichen, liken**

**licker, liquor**

**lickerish, licorice**

**lie (-s), lye (-s)**

**lightening, lightning**

**limb (-s), limn (-s)**

**linch, lynch**

**links, lynx**

**literal, littoral (?)**

**lo, low**

**load (-s), lode (-s), lowed**

**loan, lone**



locks, lox

loop, loupe

loot (-s), lute (-s)

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## M

macks, max

madder, matter (?)

made, maid

magnate (-s), magnet (-s) (?)

mail (-s), male (-s)

mall (-s), maul (-s)

main, mane

maize, mase, mays, maze

mall, maul

manikin, mannequin, [manakin]

manner, manor

mantle, mantel

mare (-s), mayor (-s)

marchal, marshal (-s), marshall (-s), martial

marquee, marquis

marten, martin

maser, mazer

mask, masque

massed, mast

mat, matte

me, mi ["do, re"]

mead, need

mean (-s), mein (-s)

meat (-s), meet (-s), mete (-s)

medal (-s), meddle (-s), metal (-s), mettle (-s) (?)

meddler (-s), medlar (-s)

men's, mends

mewl, mule

mews, muse

mho, mow

micks, mix

middy, midi

might, mite

mil, mill

mild, miled

millenary, millinery

mince, mints

mind, mined

miner, minor

minks, minx

missal, missile

missed, mist

moan, mown

moat (-s), mote (-s)

mode, mowed

**mold (-s), mould (-s)**

**mood, moored**

**moor, more**

**moose, mousse**

**mordant, mordent**

**morn, mourn**

**morning, mourning**

**mortar, mortar**

**mucous, mucus**

**muscle, mussel**

**mussed, must, musth**

**mustard, mustered**

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## N

◆ **nap (see knap)**

**naval, navel**

◆ **nave (see knave)**

◆ **naw (see gnaw)**

**nay (-s), neigh (-s), nee**

◆ **need (see knead)**

◆ **new (see gnu)**

◆ **nice (see gneiss)**

◆ **nick (see knick)**

◆ **nicks (see knicks)**

◆ **nickers (see knickers)**

- ◆ night (see knight)
- ◆ nit (see knit)
- ◆ nix (see knicks)
- ◆ no (see know)
- ◆ nob (see knob)
- ◆ nock (see knock)
- ◆ noes (see knows)
- ◆ nomic (see gnostic)

none, nun

- ◆ nose (see knows)
- ◆ not (see knot)

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## O

o, oh, owe

oar (-s), o'er, or, ore (-s)

odder, otter (?)

ode, owed

ordinance, ordnance

- ◆ offal (see awful)
- ◆ oppose (see appose)
- ◆ oral (see aural)
- ◆ oracle (see auricle)
- ◆ oriole (see aureole)
- ◆ ought (see aught)

one, won

◆ our (see hour)

overdo, overdue

oversea (-s), oversee (-s)

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## P

paced, paste

packed, pact

paean (-s), peon (-s)

pail (-s), pale (-s)

pain (-s), pane (-s)

pair (-s), pare (-s), payor (-s) (?), pear (-s),

palate (-s), palette (-s), pallet (-s), pallette (-s)

pall, pawl

parish, perish

parity (-ies), parody (-ies) (?)

passable, passible

passed, past

patience, patients

pause, paws

pea (-s, -se), pee (-s), [P]

peace, piece

peak (-s), peek (-s), pique (-s)

peal (-s), peel (-s)

pearl (-s), purl (-s)

peas, pease, pees

pect, pecked

pedal (-s), peddle (-s)

peer (-s), pier (-s)

pence, pents

pend, penned

pendant, pendent

pendants, pendance

pends, pens

penitence, penitents

per, purr

petit, petty

petrel, petrol

◆ phase (see faze)

◆ phial (see file)

◆ philter (see filter)

◆ phlox (see flocks)

phosphorous, phosphorus

◆ phrase (see frays)

pi, pie

pica, pika

picks, pix

pidgin, pigeon

pinion, pinon

pistel, pistol

place, plaice

plain (-s), plane (-s)

plaintiff, plaintive (?)

plait (-s), plate (-s)

plantar (-s), planter (-s)

pleas, please

plough (-s), plow (-s)

plum (-s), plumb (-s)

pole (-s), poll (-s)

policlinic, polyclinic

politic (-s), politick (-s)

poor, pore (-s), pour (-s)

populace, populous

pocks, pox

praise, prays, preys

pray (-s), prey (-s)

precedence, precedents

presence, presents

pride, pried

pries, prise, prize

prince, prints

prior, pryer

principal (-s), principle (-s)

profit (-s), prophet (-s)

pros, prose

psalter, salter

pupal (-s), pupil (-s)

puttee, putty (?)

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## Q

quarts, quartz

◆ quay (see key)

◆ qubit (see cubit)

quean (-s), queen (-s)

◆ queue (see cue)

quince, quints

◆ quoin (see coin)

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## R

rabbet, rabbit

rack, wrack

radical (-s), radicle (-s)

rain (-s), reign (-s), rein (-s)

raise (-s), rays, raze (-s)

raiser, razor

rancor, ranker

rap (-s), wrap (-s)

rapped, rapt, wrapped

re ["do, re"], ray

read, red

read (-s), reed (-s)



real, reel

recede (-s), reseed (-s)

receipt (-s), reseal (-s)

reck, wreck

reek (-s), wreak (-s)

reference, referents

rends, wrens

residence, residents

rest (-s), wrest (-s)

retch (-es), wretch (-es)

review (-s), revue (-s)

rex, wrecks

rheum (-y), room (-y)

rho, roe, row

rhyme (-s), rime (-s)

rigger, rigor

right (-s), rite(-s), wright (-s), write(-s)

righting, writing

ring (-s), wring (-s)

ringer (-s), wringer (-s)

rise, ryes

road, rode, rowed

roc (-s), rock (-s)

roomer, rumor

roil, royal

role (-s), roll (-s)

rood, rude, rued

roomer (-s), rumor (-s)

root (-s), route (-s) (?)

rose, rows

rote, wrote

rout (-s), route (-s) (?)

rough, ruff

rouse, rows

rued, rude

rues, ruse

rung, wrung

rye, wry

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## S

sac (-s), sack (-s), sax

sachet, sashay

sail (-s), sale (-s)

◆ salter (see psalter)

sane, seine

saver, savor

scarf, scarph

scene, seen

◆ scent (see cent)

scents, sense

scull (-s), skull (-s)

sea, see, [C]

◆ seal (see ceil)

seam (-s), seem (-s)

seaman, seamen, semen

◆ sear (see cere)

seas, sees, seize, [C's]

season, seisin

sects, sex (?)

◆ seed (see cede)

◆ seeder (see cedar)

◆ seel (see ceil) ◆ seer (see cere)

◆ sell (see cell)

◆ seller (see cellar)

◆ sealing (see ceiling)

◆ senses (see census)

◆ sensor (see censer)

◆ sent (see cent)

sequence, sequents

◆ sere (see cere)

serf (-s), surf (-s)

serge, surge

◆ serial (see cereal)

◆ serous (see cirrus)

set (-s), sett (-s)

sew, so, sow

sewn, sown

shear, sheer

◆ sheik (see chic)

shew (-s), shoe (-s), shoo (-s)

shier, shyer, shire

shone, shown

◆ shoot (see chute)

◆ shot (see chott)

◆ sight (see cite)

◆ sighted (see cited)

sic, sick

sics ["sics a dog on one"], six

side, sighed

sigher, sire

sighs, size

sign (-s), sine (-s)

◆ signet (see cygnet)

silicon, silicone (?)

sink, sync

◆ site (see cite)

◆ sited (see cited)

slay (-s), sleigh (-s)

sleight (-s), slight (-s)

slew, slough

**sloe, slow**

**soar (-s), sore (-s)**

**soared, sword**

**socks, sox**

**sold, soled, souled**

**sol, sole (-s), soul (-s)**

**some, sum**

**son (-s), sun (-s)**

**sonny, sunny**

**sordid, sorted (?)**

**spade, spayed**

**staff, staph**

**staid, stayed**

**stair (-s), stare (-s)**

**stake (-s), steak (-s)**

**statice (-s), status (-es)**

**stationary, stationery**

**steal (-s), steel (-s)**

**step (-s), steppe (-s)**

**stile (-s), style (-s)**

**stoop (-s), stoup (-s)**

**straight (-s), strait (-s)**

**succor (-s), sucker (-s)**

**suede, swayed**

**suer, sewer**

summary, summery

suite (-s), sweet (-s)

sundae (-s), sunday (-s)

surplice (-s), surplus (-s)

◆ symbol (see cymbal)

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## T

tacet, tacit

tack, taque

tacked, tact

tacks, tax

tale (-s), tail (-s)

talesman, talisman

taper (-s), tapir (-s)

tare (-s), tear (-s)

tarry, terry

taupe, tope

taught, taut

tea, tee, ti ["do, re"], [T]

teas, tease, tees

team (-s), teem (-s)

tear (-s), tier (-s)

tends, tens

tense, tents

tenser, tensor

tern (-s), turn (-s)

ternary, turnery (?)

the, thee (?)

their, there, they're

theirs, there's

therefor, therefore

threw, through

throe (-s), throw (-s)

throne, thrown

thyme, time

tic (-s), tick (-s)

tide, tied

tighten, titan

timber, timbre

to, too, two

toad, toed, towed

tocsin (-s), toxin (-s)

toad, toed, towed

toe (-s), tow (-s)

toke, toque

told, tolled

ton (-s), tonne (-s), tun (-s)

tongue, tung (-s)

tool, tulle

tor, tore

tort (-s), torte (-s)

toughed, tuft

tracked, tract

trader (-s), traitor (-s) (?)

tray, trey

troop (-s), troupe (-s)

trooper (-s), trouper (-s)

trussed, trust

tucks, tux

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## U

udder (-s), utter (-s) (?)

undo, undue

◆ urn (see earn)

◆ use (see ewes)

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## V

vale (-s), veil (-s)

vain, vane (-s), vein (-s)

valance, valence

valiance, valiants

variance, variants

vary, very

vellum, velum

veracious, voracious (?)



verdure, verger (?)

verses, versus

vice, vise

villain, villein

virtu, virtue

viscous, viscus

vial, vile, viol

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## W

wacks, wax, whacks [WACS]

wade, weighed

wail (-s), wale, whale (-s)

wain, wane

waist (-s), waste (-s)

wait (-s), weight (-s)

waive (-s), wave (-s)

waiver (-s), waver (-s)

walk (-s), wok (-s)

ware, wear, where

wart, wort

war, wore

ward, warred

warn, worn

watt, what (?)

way (-s), weigh (-s), whey

we, wee

weak, week

weal, we'll, wheal, wheel (?)

weald, wheeled (?)

wean, ween

wear, where

weather, wether, whether

weave, we've

we'd, weed

weir, we're

weld, welled

wen, when

wet (-s), whet (-s) (?)

which, witch (?)

while, wile (?)

whig (-s), wig (-s) (?)

whin, win

whine (-s), wine (-s) (?)

whined, wind [the verb], wined (?)

whirled, whorled, world (?)

whirred, word (?)

whit, wit (?)

white (-s), wight (-s), wite

whither, wither (?)

whoa, woe

◆ whole (see hole)

◆ wholly (see holy)

◆ whore (see hoar)

◆ whored (see hoard, horde)

whose, who's

whys, wise

wield, wheeled

wind, wined

winds, wins

◆ won (see one)

wood, would

worst, wurst

◆ wrack (see rack)

◆ wrap (see rap)

◆ wrapped (see rapt)

◆ wreak (see reek)

◆ wreck (see reck)

◆ wrecks (see rex)

◆ wrens (see rends)

◆ wrest (see rest)

◆ wretch (see retch)

◆ wright (see right)

◆ wring (see ring)

◆ wringer (see ringer)

◆ write (see right)

◆ writing (see righting)

◆ wrote (see rote)

◆ wry (see rye)

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## Y

◆ yew (see ewe)

◆ yews (see ewes)

◆ you (see ewe)

yoke, yolk

yore, your, you're (?)

you'll, yule