[1] i *simple simpler simplest*

ii *simpleton simpletons simpleton's simpletons'*

iii *simplify simplifies simplified simplifying*

[2] singular plural

plain (non-genitive) *dog dogs*

genitive *dog's dogs'*

[3] plain comparative superlative

*weak weaker weakest* [adjective]

*soon sooner soonest* [adverb]

[4]

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | plain present | 3rd sg present | preterite | plain  form | gerund-  participle | past participle |
|  | *take* | *takes* | *took* | *take* | *taking* | *taken* |

[5] i  *sighed kissed waited* /sad/ /kst/ /wetd/

ii  *sighed rubbed tried loved* /sad/ /rbd/ /trad/ /lvd/

[6] i *gases boxes buzzes bushes churches* *stomachs*

ii /gæsz/ /bksz/ /bzz/ /bz/ /trtz/ /stmks/

[7] i *say*  *says* *pay*  *paid* *house* *houses* *money* *moneys*, *monies*

ii /se/ /sez/ /pe/ /ped/ /has/ /hazz/ /mni/ /mniz/

[8] i *meet met hit* *hit read read*

ii /mit/ /met/ /ht/ /ht/ /rid/ /red/

[1] i /z/ after sibilants (/s/, /z/, //, //, /t/ and /d/)

ii /s/ after all other voiceless consonants (/p/, /t/, /k/, /f/, //)

iii /z/ after all other sounds

[2] plural genitive 3rd sg pres

i /msz/ *misses miss's misses*

/ezz/ *gazes gaze's gazes*

/wz/ *wishes wish's wishes*

/ruz/ *rouges rouge's rouges*

/mætz/ *matches match's matches*

/ddz/ *judges judge's judges*

ii /kps/ *cups cup's cups*

/rets/ *rates rate's rates*

/reks/ *rakes rake's rakes*

/nafs/ *knife's knifes*

/des/ *deaths death's*

iii /klbz/ *clubs club's clubs*

/menz/ *men's*

/sjuz/ *sues*

[3] i /d/ after alveolar plosives (/t/ and /d/)

ii /t/ after all other voiceless consonants (/p/, /k/, /f/, /s/, //, /t/)

iii /d/ after all other sounds

[4] i /hetd/ *hated* /lændd/ *landed*

ii /lft/ *laughed* /hst/ *hissed*

iii /lvd/ *loved* /sted/ *stayed*

[5] i /hmb/ /hmbd/ /hmbz/ (*humble humbled humbles*) [syllabic]

ii /hmbl/ /hmblst/ /hmbl/ (*humbler humblest humbling*) [non-syllabic]

[6] i ***rare*** /re/ /rer/ /rerst/ *rare rarer rarest* [adjective]

ii ***mar*** /m/ /md/ /mr/ *mar marred marring* [verb]

[7] i consonant doubling *hop* *hopping* ) [alternations in base]

ii *e*-deletion *hope* *hoping* )

iii *y*-replacement *pity* *pitied* )

iv *s* *es* alternation *cats* *foxes* [alternation in suffix]

[8] i The final syllable of the base must have a single-letter vowel symbol

ii The base must be stressed on its final syllable

[9] i a. *bat batted batting* ) [monosyllabic base]

b. *trod trodden*  )

c.  *fat fatter fattest* )

d. *prefer preferred preferring* ) [disyllabic base with final stress]

e.  *forgot* *forgotten* )

f.  *unfit* *unfitter* *unfittest* )

ii a.  *bleat* *bleated* *bleating* ) [condition [8i] not satisfied]

b. *beat* *beaten*  )

c.  *neat* *neater* *neatest* )

d. *offer* *offered* *offering* [condition [8ii] not satisfied]

[10] i *quiz quizzes quizzed quizzing* [verb]

ii *fez fezzes* [noun]

[11] verbs adjectives

i *hurrah hurrahed hurrahing* [no adjectives ending in *h*]

ii *saw sawed sawing raw rawer rawest*

iii *stay stayed staying* *coy coyer coyest*

iv *box boxed boxing* *lax laxer laxest*

[12] i *travel travelled travelling cruel crueller cruellest* [BrE]

ii *travel traveled traveling cruel crueler cruelest* [AmE]

[13] i single-letter vowel symbol *acme acne be cafe the*

ii part of composite vowel symbol *blue dye free hoe sortie*

iii mute *e* *edge hope love plane simple*

[14] i *edge edging edged*

ii *hope hoping hoped*

iii *take taking taken*

iv *simple simpler simplest*

*v square squaring squared squarer squarest*

[15] i *subdue subduing subdued*

ii *blue bluing*/*blueing blued bluer bluest*

[16] i *free freeing freed freer freest*

ii *hoe hoeing hoed*

iii *dye dyeing dyed*

[17] i *sortie sortieing sortied*

ii *lie* *lying* *lied*

[18] i before a suffix beginning with *i* *y* is retained *try* *trying*

ii before plural or 3rd sg present *s* *y* is replaced by *ie try* *tries*

iii elsewhere *y* is replaced by *i silly* *sillier*, *silliest*

[19] single vowel symbol composite vowel symbol

i a. *try tries tried* b. *stay stays stayed*

ii a. *silly sillier* *silliest* b. *coy coyer coyest*

iii a. *city cities* b. *guy guys*

[20] i *try trying tried tries*

ii *die dying died dies*

[21]  *gases boxes buzzes wish*es

*misses fixes fizzes lashes*

[22] i *benches branches catches coaches lunches*  [(*t*)*ch* = /t/]

ii *epochs eunuchs monarchs stomachs triptychs*  [*ch* = /k/]

[23] i *potatoes heroes goes vetoes echoes* [*o* follows consonant]

ii *studios radios embryos zoos boos* [no preceding consonant]

[1] i *big bigger biggest* [doubling of base-final consonant letter]

ii *nice nicer nicest* [omission of base-final *e*]

iii *pretty prettier prettiest* [replacement of base-final *y* by *i*]

[2] i /smp/ /smpl/ /smplst/ (*simple simpler simplest*)

ii /lt/ /lt/, /ltl/ /ltst/, /ltlst/ (*little littler littlest*)

[3] i /l/ /lgr/ /lgst/ (*long longer longest*)

ii /str/ /strgr/ /strgst/ (*strong* *stronger* *strongest*)

iii /j/ /jgr/ /jgst/ (*young* *younger* *youngest*)

[4] i *good*, *well better best*

ii *bad*, *badly worse worst*

iii *much*, *many* *more most*

iv *little less least*

v *far farther*/*further farthest*/*furthest*

[5] i a. *This one is good.* b. *That one is better.* ) [adjective]

ii a. *I'm feeling well.* b. *I'm feeling better.* )

iii a. *They played well.* b. *They played better than ever.* [adverb]

[6] i *my elder brother* *her eldest daughter*

ii *the elder* (*of the two*) *the eldest* (*of them*)

[7] inflectional analytic

i ***lively*** *livelier liveliest more lively most lively*

ii *public* \**publicer* \**publicest more public most public*

iii ***good*** *better best* \**more good* \**most good*[[1]](#footnote-1)

[8] i *amazing* *amusing* *boring* *dismaying* *frightening* *pleasing* *wearing* *worrying*

ii *amazed* *amused* *bored* *dismayed* *frightened* *pleased* *worn* *worried*

[9]  *cross, fake, ill*, *like*, *loath*, *prime*, *real*, *right*, *worth*, *wrong*

[10] i *y* *angry*, *dirty*, *early*, *easy*, *funny*, *happy*, *hungry*, *noisy*, *pretty*, *silly*

*ly* *beastly*, *costly*, *deadly*, *friendly*, *ghastly*, *ghostly*, *likely*, *lovely*, *manly*

*le* *able*, *ample*, *feeble*, *gentle*, *humble*, *little*, *noble*, *purple*, *simple*, *subtle*

*ow hollow*, *mellow*, *narrow*, *sallow,* *shallow*, *yellow*

ii *ful* *bashful*, *careful*, *cheerful*, *faithful*, *graceful*, *harmful*, *skilful*, *useful*

*ish boorish*, *boyish*, *brutish*, *fiendish*, *foolish*, *priggish*, *sheepish*, *ticklish*

*al* *focal*, *global*, *legal*, *lethal*, *local*, *moral*, *primal*, *rural*, *venal*, *vital*, *vocal*

*ic* *caustic*, *chronic*, *comic*, *cyclic*, *epic*, *magic*, *manic*, *public*, *septic*, *tragic*

*ous* *anxious*, *bumptious*, *callous*, *cautious*, *conscious*, *famous*, *jealous*, *porous*

[11] i *stupid handsome common clever wicked* *pleasant* [inflection allowed]

ii *placid awesome wanton eager rugged mordant* [no inflection]

[12] ***early fast hard late long often soon***

[13] i a. *They complained loudly*/\**loud about the service*

b. *They complained louder than anyone else*

ii a. *He was walking quite slowly*/?*slow because of his injury*

b. *He was walking slower than usual*

[1] i /z/ after the sibilants /s/, /z/, //, //, /t/ and /d/

ii /s/ after other voiceless consonants

iii /z/ after other voiced sounds (including all vowels)

[2] i /hrsz/ /bz/ /mrz/ /trtz/ (*horses bushes mirages churches*)

ii /kps/ /kæts/ /wks/ /klfs/ (*cups cats wicks cliffs*)

iii /kbz/ /rdz/ /hroz/ /zuz/ (*cubs rods heroes zoos*)

[3] i *guy guys quay quays donkey donkeys honey honeys*

ii *lady ladies baby babies city cities soliloquy soliloquies*

[4] *kisses boxes buzzes bushes benches judges roses*

[5] *bamboos*, *cameos*, *embryos*, *folios*, *kangaroos*, *patios*, *radios*, *studios*, *zoos*

[6] i *es* only: *echo* *echoes*. Also ***domino***, ***embargo***, ***hero***, ***mango***, ***negro***, ***potato***, ***tomato***, ***torpedo***, ***veto***

ii *s* or *es*: *motto mottos/mottoes*. Also ***archipelago***, ***banjo***, ***buffalo***, ***cargo***, ***dado***, ***dodo***, ***grotto***, ***halo***, ***innuendo***, ***manifesto***, ***mulatto***, ***proviso***, ***tornado***, ***volcano***

iii *s* only:  *bistro bistros*. Also ***calypso***, ***do***, ***dynamo***, ***beano***; clippings such as ***demo***, ***kilo***, ***memo***, ***photo***; nouns of Italian origin: ***cello***, ***concerto***, ***contralto***, ***libretto***, ***maestro***, ***piano***, ***quarto***, ***solo***, ***soprano***, ***virtuoso*** (but see also 4.1.6); and names of ethnic groups: ***Chicano***, ***Eskimo***, ***Filipino***, ***Texano*** (see also 4.1.3).

[7]  *quiz quizzes plus* *pluses*/*plusses*  *bus buses*

[8] i *p's and q's*, *1960's*, *&'s*, *PhD's*, *if's and but's*

ii *She got four A's and two B's*.

[9] i ***knife*** /naf/ /navz/ *knife knives* [/v/ only]

ii ***wharf*** /wrf/ /wrfs/ /wrvz/ *wharf wharfs wharves* [/f/ or /v/]

iii ***chief*** /tif/ /tifs/ *chief chiefs* [/f/ only]

[10] i /v/ only ***calf***, ***elf***, ***knife***, ***leaf***, ***life***, ***loaf***, ***self***, ***sheaf***, ***shelf***, ***thief***, ***wife***, ***wolf***

ii /f/ or /v/ ***dwarf***, ***half***, ***handkerchief***, ***hoof***, ***roof***, ***scarf***, ***wharf***

iii /f/ only ***belief***, ***chief***, ***cliff***, ***muff***, ***oaf***, ***photograph***, ***proof***, ***safe***, ***tough***, ***waif***

[11] i ***mouth*** /ma/ /maðz/ *mouth mouths* [/ð/ only]

ii ***oath*** /o/ /os/, /oðz/ *oath oaths* [// or /ð/]

iii ***death*** /de/ /des/ *death deaths* [// only]

[12] i /ð/ only ***mouth***

ii // or /ð/ ***lath***, ***oath***, ***sheath***, ***truth***, ***wreath***, ***youth***

iii // only ***berth***, ***birth***, ***breath***, ***death***, ***length***, ***moth***, ***strength***

[13] i ***house*** /has/ /hazz/ *house houses*

ii ***dose*** /dos/ /dosz/ *dose doses*

[14] ***carp*** ***cod*** ***haddock*** ***hake*** ***mackerel*** ***perch*** ***roach*** ***salmon*** ***trout*** ***turbot***

[15] i ***bison***, ***deer***, ***grouse***, ***moose***, ***swine*** [base plural only]

ii ***elk***, ***quail***, ***reindeer*** [base or regular plural]

iii ***elephant***, ***giraffe***, ***lion***, ***partridge***, ***pheasant*** [base plural restricted]

[16] i ***barracks***, ***crossroads***, ***dice***, ***gallows***, ***headquarters***, ***innings***, ***kennels***, ***links***, ***means***, ***mews***, ***oats***, ***series***, ***species***, ***works***

ii ***Chinese***, ***Japanese***, ***Lebanese***, ***Maltese***, ***Portuguese***, ***Vietnamese***; ***Swiss***

[17] ***Apache***, ***Bantu***, ***Bedouin***, ***Inuit***, ***Hopi***, ***Kikuyu***, ***Navaho***, ***Sotho***, ***Xhosa***, . . .

[18] i a. */*tu*/*  /ti/ *tooth teeth* b. /mæn/ /men/ *man men*

ii a. /gus/ /gis/ *goose* *geese* b. /wmn/ /wmn/ *woman women*

iii a. */*ft/ /fit/ *foot feet*

iv a. */*las/ /las/ *louse lice*

v a. /mas/ /mas/ *mouse mice*

[19] i /ks/ /ksn/ *ox* *oxen*

ii /tald/ /tldrn/ *child children*

iii /brðr/ /breðrn/, /breðrn/ *brother brethren*

[20] i *formula formulae* (*formulas*)

ii *radius* *radii* (*radiuses*)

iii *curriculum* *curricula* (*curriculums*)

iv *index* *indices* (*indexes*)

[21] i *ae* only ***alga***, ***alumna***, ***larva***

ii *ae* or *s* ***amoeba***, ***antenna***, ***fibula***, ***formula***, ***lacuna***, ***nebula***, ***persona***, ***retina***, ***tibia***, ***vertebra***

iii *s* only ***algebra***, ***area***, ***arena***, ***dilemma***, ***encyclopedia***, ***guerrilla***, ***phobia***, ***quota***, ***replica***, ***rumba***

[22] i *i* only ***alumnus***, ***bacillus***, ***homunculus***, ***locus***, ***rectus***, ***stimulus***

ii *i* or *es* ***abacus***, ***cactus***, ***focus***, ***fungus***, ***hippopotamus***, ***narcissus***, ***nucleus***, ***radius***, ***stylus***, ***syllabus***, ***terminus***, ***thesaurus, uterus***

iii *es* only ***apparatus***, ***census***, ***excursus***, ***foetus***, ***hiatus***, ***impetus***, ***prospectus***, ***status***, ***virus***

[23] i *a* only ***addendum***, ***bacterium***, ***corrigendum***, ***datum***, ***desideratum***, ***erratum***, ***labium***, ***ovum***, ***pinetum***, ***quantum***

ii *a* or *s* ***aquarium***, ***candelabrum***, ***curriculum***, ***honorarium***, ***maximum***, ***memorandum***, ***millennium***, ***moratorium***, ***plectrum***, ***podium***, ***referendum***, ***spectrum***, ***stadium***, ***stratum***, ***symposium***, ***ultimatum***

iii *s* only ***album***, ***asylum***, ***chrysanthemum***, ***conundrum***, ***forum***, ***geranium***, ***harmonium***, ***mausoleum***, ***museum***, ***pendulum***, ***premium***

[24] i *ices* or *es* ***apex***, ***appendix***, ***cervix***, ***codex***, ***cortex***, ***helix***, ***ibex***, ***index***, ***latex***, ***matrix***, ***tortix***, ***vortex***

ii *es* only ***annex***, ***crucifix***, ***reflex***, ***spinifex***

[25] i *basis bases* /bess/ /besiz/

ii *phenomenon phenomena* /fnmnn/ /fnmn/

[26] i change *is* to *es*: ***analysis***, ***antithesis***, ***arsis***, ***axis***, ***crisis***, ***diagnosis***, ***ellipsis***, ***emphasis***, ***genesis***, ***hypothesis***, ***metamorphosis***, ***neurosis***, ***oasis***, ***paralysis***, ***parenthesis***, ***psychosis***, ***synopsis***, ***synthesis***, ***testis***, ***thesis***, ***thrombosis***

ii add *es* after *is*: ***iris***, ***metropolis***, ***pelvis***, ***penis***

[27] i *a* only ***criterion***, ***phenomenon***, ***prolegomenon***

ii *a* or *s* ***automaton***, ***ganglion***

iii *s* only ***electron***, ***neutron***, ***proton***, ***positron***, ***prion***, ***skeleton***

[28] i /æsi/ /æsiz/ *chassis chassis*

ii /plæto/ /plætoz/ *plateau plateaux*/*plateaus*

[29] i Like ***chassis***: ***chamois***, ***corps***, ***faux pas***, ***patois***, ***rendezvous***

ii Like ***plateau***: ***adieu***, ***bureau***, ***chateau***, ***milieu***, ***tableau***

[30] i *kibbutz kibbutzim* [Hebrew]

ii *paparazzo paparazzi* [Italian]

[31] i 1st only sg: *man-of-war* pl: *men-of-war*

ii 1st or 2nd sg: *attorney general* pl: *attorneys general, attorney generals*

[32] i 1st only ***commander-in-chief***, ***notary public***, ***passer-by***

ii 1st or 2nd ***court martial***; ***sister-in-law***, ***son-in-law***, ...; ***spoonful***, ***mouthful***, ...

[33] /hrsz/ *horse's* /kæts/ *cat's* /dgz/ *dog's*

[34] i *wife's lady's potato's quiz's* [genitive singulars]

ii *wives ladies potatoes quizzes* [non-genitive plurals]

[35] i *cats' dogs' horses' wives' indices' theses' species'*  [obligatory]

ii *Socrates' Xerxes' Moses' Jesus' Burns' Jones' James'* ) [optional]

iii *Socrates's Xerxes's Moses's Jesus's Burns's Jones's James's* )

[1] plain plain preterite past 3rd sing gerund-

form present participle present participle

i  *take took taken takes taking*

ii *love loved loves loving*

iii  *cut cuts cutting*

[2] /lak/ *liking* /ple/ *playing* /bi/ *being*

[3] /wz/ /sps/ /rbz/ *wishes sips robs*

[4] /hetd/ /lakt/ /pled/ *hated liked played*

[5] i *bat batted batting*

ii *occur occurred occurring*

iii *gas gassed gassing* *gasses*

[6] i *level levelled*/*leveled*  *levelling*/*leveling*

ii *focus focussed*/*focused focussing*/*focusing focusses*/*focuses*

iii *worship worshipped*/*worshiped worshipping*/*worshiping*

iv *handicap handicapped handicapping*

[7] i Optional: ***bayonet***, ***benefit***, ***diagram***, ***kidnap***, ***program***

ii Obligatory: ***format***, ***hobnob***, ***humbug***, ***leapfrog***, ***sandbag***, ***waterlog***

[8] *picnic picnicked picnicking*

[9] i *hope hoped hoping*

ii *hoe hoed hoeing*

[10] i *singe singeing* Also: ***swinge*** [*e* retained]

ii *tinge tinging*/*tingeing* Also: ***binge***, ***hinge***, ***whinge*** [*e* optional]

iii *cringe cringing* Also: ***fringe***, ***impinge***, ***syringe*** [*e* dropped]

[11] i *deny denied denying*

ii *lie lied lying*

[12] i *taxi taxied taxiing*/*taxying*

ii *ski skied*/*ski'd skiing*

[13] i regular *pray prayed praying* Also: other regular verbs

ii irregular *pay paid paying* Also: ***lay***, ***say***

[14] *echoes embargoes goes torpedoes vetoes*

[15] i ***be*** /bi/ /z/ *be is*

ii ***have*** /hæv/ /hæz/ *have has*

iii ***do*** /du/ /dz/ *do does*

iv ***say*** /se/ /sez/ *say says*

[16]  ***smell*** /smel/ /smeld/, /smelt/ *smell smelled*, *smelt*

***burn*** /brn/ /brnd/, /brnt/ *burn burned*, *burnt*

[17] Also: ***dwell***, ***earn***, ***learn***, ***spell***, ***spill***, ***spoil***

[18] ***keep*** /kip/ /kept/ *keep kept*

***leap*** /lip/ /lept/ *leap leapt*

[19] Also: ***creep***, ***sleep***, ***sweep***, ***weep***

[20]  ***hit*** /ht/ /ht/ *hit hit*

***spread*** /spred/ /spred/ *spread spread*

[21] Also: ***bet*** r, ***bid***1, ***burst***, ***bust*** r, ***cast***, ***cost***1, ***cut***, ***fit*** r, ***hurt***, ***let***, ***put***, ***quit*** r, ***rid*** r, ***set***, ***shed***, ***shut***, ***slit***, ***split***, ***thrust***, ***wed*** r, ***wet*** r

[22] ***feel*** /fil/ /felt/ *feel felt*

***mean*** /min/ /ment/ *mean meant*

[23] Also: ***deal***, ***dream*** r, ***kneel***, ***lean*** r

[24]  ***bend*** /bend/ /bent/ *bend bent*

***build*** /bld/ /blt/ *build built*

[25] Also: ***lend***, ***rend***, ***send***, ***spend***

[26] ***bleed*** /blid/ /bled/ *bleed bled*

***lead*** /lid/ /led/ *lead led*

[27] Also: ***breed***, ***feed***, ***meet***, ***read***, ***speed***

[28] ***slide*** /slad/ /sld/ *slide slid*

***light*** /lat/ /lt/ *light lit*

***shoot*** /ut/ /t/ *shoot shot*

[29]  ***leave*** /liv/ /left/ *leave left*

***lose*** /luz/ /lst/ *lose lost*

[30] ***drink*** /drk/ /dræk/ /drk/ *drink drank drunk*

***ring*** /r/ /ræ/ /r/ *ring rang rung*

***begin*** /bn/ /bæn/ /bn/ *begin* *began* *begun*

[31] Also: ***shrink***, ***sing***, ***sink***, ***spring***, ***stink***, ***swim***

[32]  ***dig*** /dg/ /dg/ *dig dug*

***win*** /wn/ /wn/ *win won*

[33] Also: ***cling***, ***fling***, ***sling***, ***slink***, ***spin***, ***stick***, ***sting***, ***string***, ***swing***, ***wring***

[34]  ***find*** /fand/ /fand/ *find found*

[35] Also: ***bind***, ***grind***, ***wind***1

[36]  ***abide*** r /bad/ /bod/  *abide abode* Also: ***dive*** AmE

***fight*** /fat/ /ft/  *fight fought*

***get*** BrE /get/ /gt/ *get got*

***hang*** /hæ/ /h/  *hang hung*

***heave*** /hiv/ /hov/ *heave hove*

***hold*** /hold/ /held/  *hold held*

***shine*** /an/ /n/  *shine shone*

***sit*** /st/ /sæt/  *sit sat* Also: ***spit***

***sneak*** AmE /snik/ /snk/  *sneak snuck*

***strike*** /strak/ /strk/  *strike struck*

[37]  ***come*** /km/ /kem/ /km/  *come came come*

***run*** /rn/ /ræn/ /rn/  *run ran run*

[38] i /n/ after /l/ or /k/ /fln/ /tekn/ (*fallen taken*)

ii // after /t/, /d/, /v/, /z/ /bit/ /toz/ (*beaten chosen*)

iii /n/ after vowels /sin/ /gron/ (*seen grown*)

[39] i after composite vowel symbol *see seen sew sewn*

ii after composite vowel in *y* *slay slain lay lain*

iii after *re tore torn wore worn*

[40]  ***show*** r /o/ /od/ /on/  *show showed shown*

[41] Also: ***hew*** r, ***mow*** r, ***prove*** r, ***saw*** r, ***sew*** r, ***sow*** r, ***strew*** r

[42]  ***shear*** r /r/ /rd/ /rn/  *shear sheared shorn*

***swell*** r /swel/ /sweld/ /swoln/  *swell swelled swollen*

[43]  ***ride*** /rad/ /rod/ /rd/  *ride rode ridden*

[44] Also: ***drive***, ***rise***, ***shrive*** r, ***smite***, ?***stride***, ***strive***, ***thrive***, ***write***

[45]  ***bite*** /bat/ /bt/ /bt/  *bite bit bitten*

[46] Also: ***chide*** r, ***hide***

One other verb that may be considered here is ***beat***:

[47]  ***beat*** /bit/ /bit/ /bit/  *beat beat beaten*

[48]  ***bid***2 /bd/ /bæd/ /bd/ *bid bade bidden*

***blow*** /blo/ /blu/ /blon/  *blow blew blown*

***draw*** /dr/ /dru/ /drn/  *draw drew drawn*

***eat*** /it/ /et/ /it/  *eat ate eaten*

***fall*** /fl/ /fel/ /fln/  *fall fell fallen*

***give*** /gv/ /gev/ /gv/  *give gave given*

***see*** /si/ /s/ /sin/  *see saw seen*

***slay*** /sle/ /slu/ /slen/ *slay slew slain*

***take*** /tek/ /tk/ /tekn/  *take took taken*

[49] Also: (like ***blow***) ***grow***, ***know***, ***throw***; (like ***take***) ***forsake***, ***shake***

[50]  ***break*** /brek/ /brok/ /brokn/ *break broke broken*

***choose*** /tuz/ /toz/ /toz/  *choose chose chosen*

***lie***1 /la/ /le/ /len/  *lie lay lain*

***speak*** /spik/ /spok/ /spokn/  *speak spoke spoken*

***tear*** /ter/ /tr/ /trn/  *tear tore torn*

***tread*** /tred/ /trd/ /trd/  *tread trod trodden*

***wake*** /wek/ /wok/ /wokn/  *wake woke woken*

[51] Also: (like ***speak***) ***cleave*** r, ***freeze***, ***steal***, ***weave***; (like ***tear***) ***bear***, ***swear***, ***wear***

[52]  ***do*** /du/ /dd/ /dn/  *do did done*

***fly*** /fla/ /flu/ /flon/  *fly flew flown*

[53]  ***be*** /bi/ /wz//wr/ /bin/ *be waswere been*

***go*** /go/ /went/ /gn/  *go went gone*

[54]  ***flee*** /fli/ /fled/  *flee fled*

***say*** /se/ /sed/  *say said*

***shoe*** /u/ /d/  *shoe shod*

[55]  ***hear*** /hr/ /hrd/  *hear heard*

***sell*** /sel/ /sold/  *sell sold* Also: ***tell***

[56]  ***have*** /hæv/ /hæd/ *have had*

***make*** /mek/ /med/  *make made*

***stand*** /stænd/ /std/  *stand stood*

[57]  ***beseech*** */*bsit*/*  /bst*/ beseech besought*

***bring*** /br*/* /brt/  *bring brought*

***buy*** /ba/ /bt/  *buy bought*

***catch*** /kæt/ /kt/  *catch caught*

***seek*** /sik/ /st/  *seek sought*

***teach*** /tit/ /tt/  *teach taught*

***think*** /k/ /t/  *think thought*

[58]  ***can*** /kæn/ /kd/  *can could*

***may*** /me/ /mat/  *may might*

***shall*** /æl//d/  *shall should*

***will*** /wl/ /wd/ *will would*

***abide*** 2d ***be*** 3h ***bear*** 3f ***beat*** 3d ***begin*** 2a ***bend*** 1e ***bereave*** 1g

***beseech*** 4d ***bet*** 1c ***bid***1 1c ***bid***2 3e ***bind*** 2c ***bite*** 3d ***bleed*** 1f

***blow*** 3e ***break*** 3f ***breed*** 1f ***bring*** 4d ***build*** 1e ***burn*** 1a ***burst*** 1c

***bust*** 1c  ***buy*** 4d ***can*** 4e ***cast*** 1c ***catch*** 4d ***chide*** 3d ***choose*** 3f

***cleave*** 1g ***cling*** 2b ***come*** 2e ***cost*** 1c ***creep*** 1b ***cut*** 1c ***deal*** 1d

***dig*** 2b ***dive*** 2d ***do*** 3g ***draw*** 3e ***dream*** 1d ***drink*** 2a ***drive*** 3c

***dwell*** 1a ***earn*** 1a ***eat*** 3e ***fall*** 3e ***feed*** 1f ***feel*** 1d ***fight*** 2d

***find*** 2c ***fit*** 1c ***flee*** 4a ***fling*** 2b ***fly*** 3g ***forsake*** 3e ***freeze*** 3f

***get*** 2d,3f ***gird*** 1e ***give*** 3e ***go*** 3h ***grind*** 2c ***grow*** 3e ***hang*** 2d

***have*** 4c ***hear*** 4b ***heave*** 2d ***hew*** 3a ***hide*** 3d ***hit*** 1c ***hold*** 2d

***hurt*** 1c ***keep*** 1b ***kneel*** 1d ***know*** 3e ***lead*** 1f ***lean*** 1d ***leap*** 1b

***learn*** 1a ***leave*** 1g ***lend*** 1e ***let*** 1c ***lie*** 3f ***light*** 1f ***lose*** 1g

***make*** 4c ***may*** 4e ***mean*** 1d ***meet*** 1f ***mow*** 3a ***put*** 1c ***quit*** 1c

***read*** 1f ***rend*** 1e ***rid*** 1c ***ride*** 3c ***ring*** 2a ***rise*** 3c ***run*** 2e

***saw*** 3a ***say*** 4a ***see*** 3e ***seek*** 4d ***sell*** 4b ***send*** 1e ***set*** 1c

***sew*** 3a ***shake*** 3e ***shall*** 4e ***shear*** 3b ***shed*** 1c ***shine*** 2d ***shoe*** 4a

***shoot*** 1f ***show*** 3a ***shrink*** 2a ***shrive*** 3c ***shut*** 1c ***sing*** 2a ***sink*** 2a

***sit*** 2d ***slay*** 3e ***sleep*** 1b ***slide*** 1f ***sling*** 2b ***slink*** 2b ***slit*** 1c

***smell*** 1a ***smite*** 3c ***sneak*** 2d ***sow*** 3a ***speak*** 3f ***speed*** 1f ***spell*** 1a

***spend*** 1e ***spill*** 1a ***spin*** 2b ***spit*** 2d ***split*** 1c ***spoil*** 1a ***spread*** 1c

***spring*** 2a ***stand*** 4c ***steal*** 3f ***stick*** 2b ***sting*** 2b ***stink*** 2a ***strew*** 3a

***stride*** 3c ***strike*** 2d ***string*** 2b ***strive*** 3c ***swear*** 3f ***sweep*** 1b ***swell*** 3b

***swim*** 2a ***swing*** 2b ***take*** 3e ***teach*** 4d ***tear*** 3f ***tell*** 4b ***think*** 4d

***thrive*** 3c ***throw*** 3e ***thrust*** 1c ***tread*** 3f ***wake*** 3f ***wear*** 3f ***weave*** 3f

***wed*** 1c ***weep*** 1b ***wet*** 1c ***wi****ll* 4e ***win*** 2b ***wind*** 2c ***wring*** 2b

***write*** 3c

[59] i *underpin underpinned underpinning*

ii *wiretap wiretapped wiretapping*

[60] i *take took taken mistake mistook mistaken*

ii *stand stood stood understand understood understood*

[61]  ***become*** ***befall*** ***behold*** ***beset*** ***betake*** ***forbear***

***forbid*** ***forecast*** ***forgive*** ***forgo*** ***forswear*** ***hamstring***

***overbear*** ***overcome*** ***oversee*** ***overtake*** ***partake*** ***undergo***

***undertake*** ***uphold*** ***upset*** ***withdraw*** ***withhold*** ***withstand***

[62]  *aren't* /rnt/ *couldn't* /kdt/ *daren't* /dernt/ *didn't* /ddt/

*doesn't* /dzt/ *hadn't* /hædt/ *hasn't* /hæzt/ *haven't* /hævt/

*isn't* /zt/ *mightn't* /matt/ *needn't* /nidt/ *oughtn't* /tt/

*shouldn't* /dt/ *wasn't* /wzt/ *weren't* /wrnt/ *wouldn't* /wdt/

[63] i *do dont* /du/ /dnt/

ii *must mustnt* /mst/ /mst/

iii *used* %*usedn't* /just/ %/just/

[64] i *can cant* /kæn/ /knt/ (BrE), /kænt/ (AmE)

ii *shall shant* /æl/ /nt/ (BrE), /ænt/ (AmE)

iii *will won't* /wl/ /wont/

[1] a. *I think Pat has seen it.* /z/ b. *I haven't seen it, but Pat has.* /hæz/

[2] i /wt du ju wnt/

ii /wt d j wnt/

iii /wd w/

[3] item strong weak item strong weak

*a* /e/ // *me* /mi/ /mi/

*am* /æm/ /m/ *my* /ma/ /m/

*and* /ænd/ /nd/, /n/ *must* /mst/ /mst/, /ms/

*are* /r/ /r/ *of* /v/ /v/

*as* /æz/ /z/ *saint* (*St*) /sent/ /snt/

*at* /æt/ /t/ *shall* /æl/ /l/

*be* /bi/ /bi/ *she* /i/ /i/

*been* /bin/ /bn/ *should* /d/ /d/

*but* /bt/ /bt/ *sir* /sr/ /sr/

*can* /kæn/ /kn/ *some* /sm/ /sm/

*could* /kd/ /kd/ *than* /ðæn/ /ðn/

*do* /du/ /d/, /d/ *that* /ðæt/ /ðt/

*does* /dz/ /dz/ *the* /ði/ /ði/ /ð/

*for* /fr/ /fr/ *them* /ðem/ /ðm/

*from* /frm/ /frm/ *to* /tu/ /t/, /t/

*had* /hæd/ /hd/, /d/ *us* /s/ /s/

*has* /hæz/ /hz/, /z/ *was* /wz/ /wz/

*have* /hæv/ /hv/, /v/ *we* /wi/ /wi/

*he* /hi/ /hi/, /i/ *were* /wr/ /wr/

*her* /hr/ /hr/, /r/, /r/ *who* /hu/ /h/, //

*him* /hm/ /m/ *will* /wl/ /wl/, /l/

*his* /hz/ /z/ *would* /wd/ /wd/, /d/

*is /z/ /z/ you* /ju/ /j/, /j/

[4] i *I didn't say I'd found the missing key: I said I'd found a key.*

ii *I never said I was a member.*

[5] i a. *Whoi did you give it* [*to \_\_i*]*?* ) [stranding]

b. *We'll help you if we* [*can \_\_*]*.* )

c. *They want me to resign, but I don't intend* [*to \_\_*]*.* )

ii *How long will it be before she comes* [*to*]*?* [intransitive use]

iii *I haven't any money: can you lend me some?* [fused-head]

iv *She's an absolute saint.* [not the appellation use]

[6] /am/ *I'm* /wr/ *we're* /ðev/ *they've* /hil/ *he'll*

[7] i *Jo and you are in for a shock.*

ii *Both of you have been pretty inconsiderate.*

iii *The Smiths will be there, and so will I.*

[8] i *Which dogs been on the sofa?* [NP subject]

ii *That they're wet's obvious enough.* [clausal subject]

iii *Get the one that's up in the bedroom*. [subordinator *that* in relative clause]

iv *What do you think's going to happen?* [matrix clause + embedded subject gap]

v *Ed, I think, is going, and so's Sue.*  [connective *so* (or *neither*/*nor*]

vi *Here's what you need. There's the bus.* [locative *here*/*there*]

vii *Why's this happening?* [monosyllabic interrogative word]

viii *What the hell's she doing?* [interrogative + emotive modifier]

ix %*What salads that man over there eating?* [multi-word interrogative phrase]

x %*Don't use more force than's absolutely necessary*. [comparative *than*]

xi \**She often's right about things.* [central adjunct]

xii \**Never's it going to be easier.* [other preposed constituent]

[9] i *going* + *to* /gn/ *She's gonna fall.*

ii *got* + *to* /gt/ *You've gotta help me.*

iii *have* + *to* /hæft/ *We'll hafta give it away.*

iv *ought* + *to* /t/ *You oughta tell them the truth.*

v *supposed* + *to* /spost/ *He's supposta be at work.*

vi *used* + *to* /just/ *I usta like her.*

vii *want* + *to* /wn/ *They wanna get a new car.*

[10] a. *I hope to see her.* /hop t/ b. *They drove to Paris.* /drov t/

[11] i a. *He doesn't want me to tell her but I'm gonna \_\_.*

b. *I asked them to help but they don't wanna \_\_.*

ii a. *I'm not sure I'll see her, but I hope to \_\_.*  /hop tu/, not \*/hop t/

b. *That's not the place they drove to \_\_.* /drov tu/, not \*/drov t/

[12] i a. *Who do you want to invite \_\_?* b. *Who do you wanna invite \_\_?*

ii a. *Who do you want \_\_ to win?* b. \**Who do you wanna \_\_ win?*

[13] 3rd sg present plain present or plain form

i ***hafta*** /hæst/ /hæft/

ii ***wanna*** /wnst/ /wn/

[14] i a. *a fool* b. *an idiot*

ii a. *a by no means ugly man* b. *an in some ways handsome man*

[15] i *heir honest honour hour honorarium*

ii a. *habitat* *hero* *history* *hostel* *hysterectomy*

b. *habitual* *heroic* *historical* *hotel* *hysterical*

1. The asterisks here apply to the use of these expressions as ordinary comparatives/superlatives. *More good* is possible in metalinguistic comparison, where inflectional comparatives are excluded: *I'd say it was more good than excellent* (more properly classified as good than as excellent). *Most good* has *most* as an intensifier, not a strict superlative marker: *It was most good of you to invite us*. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)