



# Spelling sorted

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k as in cook, back, quit	2	oh as in note, road, show	23
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n as in nan, dinner, knee	8	ar as in far, grass	25
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# b

back  
bag  
ban  
bat  
bed  
beg  
bell  
bet  
bib  
bid  
big  
bill  
bin  
bit  
bob  
bog  
bub  
bud  
bug  
bun  
bus  
but  
cab  
cob  
cub  
dab  
dob  
hob  
hub  
jab  
lob  
mob  
pub  
sob  
sub  
tab

tub  
web

## bb

bobbing  
bubbles  
cubbies  
dobber  
dribble  
ebb  
gibbon  
hobbies  
ribbon  
rubbed  
rubbish  
sobbing  
stubborn  
webbed

## bu

build  
built  
buoy  
buy

## pb

Campbell  
cupboard  
raspberry

## bre

macabre

# C

cab  
camp  
can  
cap  
cat

clag  
class  
cliff  
clinic  
clogs  
clot  
cloth  
club  
clung  
clutch  
cod  
cold  
comic  
cop  
cost  
cot  
crab  
cram  
crash  
critic  
crop  
cross  
crutch  
cub  
cud  
cuff  
cull  
cup  
cusp  
cut  
disc  
duct  
electric  
epic  
fact  
garlic  
havoc  
logic  
maniac  
mimic  
mollusc

music  
panic  
picnic  
politics  
relic  
scab  
scan  
scare  
score  
scotch  
scoop  
scooter  
scum  
topic  
traffic  
tragic  
tropic  
volcanic

## k

ask  
bake  
bank  
bark  
bike  
book  
bunk  
cake  
cheek  
choke  
cook  
cork  
dark  
desk  
disk  
dunk  
fake  
fork  
geek  
joke  
juke

keep  
keg  
kerb  
key  
kick  
kid  
kill  
kiln  
king  
kip  
kiss  
kit  
kite  
lark  
look  
lurk  
make  
mark  
mask  
meek  
park  
peek  
pink  
poke  
pork  
puke  
punk  
sake  
seek  
shark  
skate  
skid  
skills  
skin  
skip  
skirt  
skunk  
soak  
take  
tank  
teak

tusk  
work

## ck

back  
buck  
check  
chick  
chock  
chuck  
deck  
duck  
hack  
heck  
Jack  
jocks  
kick  
lack  
lick  
lock  
luck  
pack  
peck  
pick  
pock  
puck  
rack  
rock  
sack  
shack  
shock  
shucks  
sick  
sock  
suck  
tack  
tick  
tock  
tuck  
wick  
yack

yuck	chemist	<b>que</b>	<b>x</b>	chain	Dutch
<b>q</b>	chiropractor	arabesque	exceed	chap	etch
aqua	chlorine	bisque	excel	charm	fetch
aquarium	cholera	boutique	except	chase	hatch
banquet	cholesterol	brusque	excerpt	chat	hitch
consequence	chord	cheque	excess	check	hutch
cumquat	choreography	clique	excite	chew	itch
equator	chorus	critique	<b>kk</b>	child	kitchen
equipment	Christmas	grotesque	bookkeeping	chill	latch
frequent	chrome	macaque	Fokker	chime	match
Iraq	chronic	mosque	Hakka	chip	notch
Qatar	echidna	mystique	Nikkei	chit	patch
quack	echo	oblique	quokka	chock	pitch
quail	leprechaun	physique	trekking	choose	scratch
quality	mechanic	picturesque	<b>cq</b>	chop	sketch
quarrel	mocha	plaque	acquaint	chore	stitch
queen	monarch	queue	acquiesce	chose	stretch
quell	orchestra	technique	acquire	chuck	switch
quick	orchid	torque	acquit	chug	Tchaikovsky
quid	scheme	unique	Macquarie	chum	twitch
quiet	school	<b>qu</b>	<b>ke</b>	churn	watch
quill	stomach	chequers	Bourke	duchess	witch
quince	technical	conquer	Guy Fawkes	each	<b>t</b>
quins	<b>cc</b>	croquette	Hawke	much	capture
quip	acclaim	etiquette	<b>cch</b>	ostrich	creature
quit	accord	liquor	gnocchi	ouch	culture
quite	accordion	mannequin	radicchio	perch	dentures
quiz	accost	marquee	saccharin	pooch	feature
quoll	account	masquerade	zucchini	rich	fixture
quote	accredit	mosquito	<b>cq</b>	sandwich	fracture
squad	accrue	piquant	lacquer	spinach	future
square	accuse	quiche	racquet	such	gesture
<b>ch</b>	broccoli	quoits	<b>ch</b>	touch	lecture
ache	Mecca	tequila	arch	which	mixture
anchor	moccasins	<b>kh</b>	attach	witch	moisture
architect	Morocco	astrakhan	bachelor	<b>tch</b>	nature
archive	occupy	gymkhana		batch	pasture
bronchitis	occur	Kazakhstan		blotch	picture
chameleon	piccolo	khaki		butcher	posture
chaos	raccoon	Khmer		catch	puncture
character	soccer	Sikh		clutch	rapture
charisma	staccato			crotch	rupture
chasm	stucco			crutch	sculpture
	tobacco			ditch	statue

statute	ciao	lid	<b>ed</b>	jodhpurs	self
structure	<b>tzsch</b>	mad	banned	Riyadh	loft
suture	Nietsche	mud	buzzed	<b>di</b>	golf
texture		nod	chugged	stipendiary	elf
torture	<b>d</b>	pod	dabbed	<b>bd</b>	gift
venture		pond	dimmed	bdellium	<b>ff</b>
virtue		red	dulled		affect
vulture		rid	fanned	<b>f</b>	boffin
<b>c</b>	ad	sad	fibbed		buff
arrivederci	and	sand	fizzed		cliff
bocconcini	bad	shed	hemmed	deft	coffee
Botticelli	band	sold	hugged	fall	coffin
Cello	bed	tad	hummed	fan	cuff
da Vinci	bid	wed	jabbed	fang	daffodil
dolce vita	bud	<b>dd</b>	jammed	fat	differ
vermicelli	cud	add	jazzed	fed	duffer
viva voce	dab	addict	jogged	fell	effort
<b>tsch</b>	dad	bedding	lulled	fetch	gruff
Deutschland	dag	bidder	rammed	fib	guffaw
kitsch	dam	bladder	robbed	fig	huff
putsch	dash	budding	shelled	fill	muffin
<b>cc</b>	den	caddie	thinned	fin	off
cappuccino	did	cheddar	tinned	fish	puff
Fibonacci	dig	cuddle	wagged	fit	puffin
<b>cci</b>	din	daddy	welled	flag	ruffle
carpaccio	dip	fiddle	yelled	flash	shuffle
focaccia	dish	giddy	<b>de</b>	flat	staff
<b>che</b>	dob	kidding	Adelaide	flip	stuff
carte blanche	dock	kiddies	aide	fog	toffee
luncheon	doll	ladder	avant garde	fop	traffic
<b>ti</b>	dot	middle	blonde	fresh	waffle
question	duck	muddy	charade	fridge	<b>ph</b>
<b>te</b>	dug	odd	Concorde	frill	alphabet
righteous	dull	paddock	horde	frog	amphibian
<b>cz</b>	dung	puddle	pitchblende	from	aphid
Czech	end	riddle	promenade	froth	blaspheme
<b>ci</b>	fed	saddest	roulade	fudge	dolphin
	fold	saddle	tapenade	full	elephant
	had	shredder	<b>dh</b>	fun	emphasis
	hid	teddy	dhal	if	furphy
	kid	udder	dhow	left	gopher
	lad	waddle	dhurrie	soft	graph
	land	wedding		shift	hieroglyphics

Humphrey  
hyphen  
lymph  
morph  
nephew  
paragraph  
phantom  
Phar Lap  
pharmacy  
pharynx  
phase  
pheasant  
phenomenon  
pew  
philanthropy  
philately  
philharmonic  
Philippines  
philosophy  
phobic  
phone  
phony  
phosphate  
photo  
phrase  
physical  
physics  
physio  
prophet  
siphon  
sphere  
sphincter  
sphinx  
staph  
triumph

## gh

cough  
enough  
laugh  
rough  
tough

## ft

often

soften

## ffe

gaffe  
giraffe

## fe

carafe

## pph

sapphire

## u

lieutenant<sup>1</sup>

## g

bag  
beg  
big  
bug  
chug  
dig  
dog  
dug  
fig  
fog  
gang  
gap  
gash  
gift  
gig  
give  
glad  
gloss  
golf  
gosh  
got  
grab  
grill  
grip  
grub

<sup>1</sup> UK  
pronunciation

gulf

gull

gulp

gum

gun

gush

gut

hug

jig

jog

keg

nag

peg

pig

rag

rug

tag

tug

wag

## gg

agro  
bigger  
buggy  
chugging  
dagger  
digging  
egg  
foggy  
giggle  
goggles  
guttled  
haggle  
jogger  
juggle  
nuggets  
piggy  
rugged  
sluggish  
struggle  
toboggan  
ugg boots  
wagging  
wiggle

## gu

brogue  
disguise  
fatigue  
fugue  
guarantee  
guard  
guess  
guest  
guide  
guild  
guile  
guillotine  
guilt  
guinea  
guise  
guitar  
guy  
languor  
plague  
rogue  
vague  
vogue

## gh

Afghan  
aghast  
dinghy  
Ghana  
ghastly  
ghee  
gherkin  
ghetto  
ghost  
ghoul  
sorghum  
spaghetti  
yoghurt

## gue

rogue  
league  
morgue

catalogue<sup>2</sup>

colleague

dialogue

epilogue

monologue

prologue

synagogue

travelogue

## h

hack  
had  
ham  
hang  
harm  
hat  
hate  
have  
hawk  
heat  
heck  
hell  
help  
hen  
hid  
high  
him  
hint  
hip  
his  
hiss  
hit  
hitch  
hold  
home  
hood  
hop  
hot  
huff  
hug  
huge

<sup>2</sup> US: catalog

hulk

hull

hum

hump

hunch

hung

hunt

hurt

hush

husk

hut

hutch

## wh

who  
whole  
whoop  
whore  
whose  
whom

## j

joba  
José  
Juan  
junta

## gh

Callaghan  
Monaghan

## kh

Khomeini

## x

Don Quixote

## j

ajar  
banjo  
eject  
enjoy  
Fiji

hijack	ninja	logic	smudge	submerge	nostalgia
inject	object	magic	<b>ge</b>	vegetable	paraplegia
injure	project	margin	barge	<b>dg</b>	plagiarise
jab	pyjamas	origin	bilge	badger	prestigious
Jack	reject	oxygen	binge	bludger	prodigious
jacket	rejoin	page	bulge	budgerigar	quadriplegia
jade	sojourn	passenger	charge	budget	region
jaguar	subject	rage	cringe	cartridges	religion
jail	<b>g</b>	stage	dirge	codger	sacrilegious
jar	Aboriginal	stranger	forge	cudgels	<b>d</b>
jaw	age	surgery	George	didgeridoo	assiduous
jay	agent	tangerine	gorge	dodgy	educate
jazz	agile	tragic	gouge	edges	graduate
jeer	allege	urgent	gunge	fidget	grandeur
jelly	allergy	vegemite	hinge	fledgling	residue
jerk	angel	wage	large	gadget	verdure
jet	apology	<b>dge</b>	lunge	grudging	<b>dj</b>
jewel	biology	badge	merge	hedges	adjacent
jig	bungee	budge	plunge	judges	adjective
jigsaw	cage	cadge	purge	ledger	adjoin
jive	challenge	dodge	scrooge	lodger	adjudicate
job	clergy	edge	scrounge	midget	adjunct
jockey	danger	fudge	singe	pidgin	adjust
joey	digest	hedge	splurge	pledging	Djakarta
jog	digit	judge	sponge	podgy	<b>gg</b>
join	dingy	ledge	stooge	ridges	arpeggio
joke	energy	lodge	surge	smidgin	exaggerate
jot	engage	midge	twinge	stodgy	suggest
joust	engine	nudge	urge	trudging	<b>di</b>
judge	engineer	pudge	verge	wedgie	incendiary
jug	fragile	ridge	range	widget	soldier
juggle	gel	wedge	challenge	<b>gi</b>	subsidiary
juice	gem	hodge-podge	change	allegiance	<b>jj</b>
jumbuck	genesis	bridge	emerge	Belgium	Hajj
jump	gentle	fridge	gorgeous	collegian	
June	germ	sludge	lounge	contagious	
jungle	gesture	trudge	lozenge	diplegia	
junk	giant	pledge	mange	hemiplegia	
jury	ginger	dredge	orange	hygiene	
just	gist	drudge	pigeon	legion	<b>ge</b>
jut	gym	grudge	revenge	litigious	beige
killjoy	gyrate	partridge	scavenge	neuralgia	bon voyage
lockjaw	huge	porridge	strange	Norwegian	
logjam	legend	sledge	surgeon		
major					

camouflage

collage

concierge

corsage

dressage

entourage

espionage

fuselage

mirage

prestige

rouge

sabotage

siege

tinge

triage

## si

amnesia

artesian

Asia

collision

confusion

decision

division

excursion

explosion

fantasia

fusion

illusion

inclusion

Malaysia

Polynesia

revision

version

vision

## s

casual

closure

composure

exposure

measure

pleasure

treasure

usual

visual

## g

aubergine

courgette

lingerie

negligee

protégé

regime

## j

déjà vu

Taj Mahal

Tjapaltjarri

## z

azure

seizure

## ti

equation

## su

casuarina

## l

belt

blow

bold

clay

cool

crawl

curl

drawl

eel

elf

felt

filth

fly

gal

girl

globe

golf

lab

lad

lap

lash

lass

latch

leg

less

let

lick

lid

lip

lit

live

lob

lock

lodge

log

lop

loss

lot

luck

lug

lung

lush

maul

owl

pal

peel

play

pool

rule

seal

slow

## ll

all

ball

balloon

bell

belly

bill

bull

call

chilli

collar

cull

dell

dill

doll

dull

fall

fell

fill

gull

hell

hull

jelly

kill

llama

lull

mill

mull

null

pill

poll

pull

roll

sell

sill

skill

skull

small

tall

tell

till

toll

troll

wall

well

yell

## lle

belle

Braille

chenille

fontanelle

gazelle

grille

moselle

pastille

quadrille

tulle

vaudeville

## gl

imbroglio

Imbruglia

Modigliani

## sle

aisle

isle

lisle

## ld

feldspar

Geraldton

## hl

kohl

kohlrabi

## sl

island

## lh

Lhasa

## li

Salisbury

## m

am

bump

camp

chimp

chomp

dam

dim

dump

gum

ham

him

hum

hump

jam

lamp

lump

mad

man

map

mat

match

maths

melt

mend

met

mid

midge

milk

mill

mint

mix

mob

mock

mop

moth

much

muck

mud

mulch

Mum

munch

mush

must

Pom

pump

ram

rim

rum

smack

small

smell

smock

strum

sum

temp

them	succumb	nod	knap	sovereign	ping-pong
wimp	thumb	non	knapsack	<b>nne</b>	rang
yam	tomb	not	knave	Anne	ring
yum	womb	nun	knead	cayenne	rung
<b>mm</b>	<b>mn</b>	nut	knee	comedienne	sagging
brimming	autumn	on	kneel	equestrienne	sang
clamming	column	pan	knell	julienne	setting
comma	condemn	pen	knelt	Marianne	sing
command	damn	pin	knew	Sorbonne	sitting
commute	hymn	sun	knickers	tonne	slang
dimming	solemn	ten	knick-knack	<b>ne</b>	sobbing
drummer	<b>gm</b>	tin	knife	borne	song
dummy	apophthegm	van	knight	Deane	sung
glummost	diaphragm	win	knit	Milne	sunning
hammer	paradigm	<b>nn</b>	knob	Wayne	tang
hammock	phlegm	annoy	knock	<b>pn</b>	thing
hemmed	<b>mme</b>	banner	Knossos	pneumatic	thong
humming	aerogramme	beginning	knot	pneumonia	tongs
jammed	femme	bonnet	know	<b>ng</b>	wing
madder	programme	bonnet	known	Pekingese	<b>n</b>
mammals	Somme	bunny	Knox	<b>dne</b>	anger
mummy	<b>n</b>	cannon	knuckle	Wednesday	bank
Pommy		channel	<b>gn</b>	<b>mn</b>	bingo
shimmer		cinnamon	align	mnemonic	chunk
skimming		connect	assign	<b>ng</b>	dunk
summer		dinner	benign		finger
swimming		flannel	campaign		gunk
yummy	an	funnel	champagne		honk
<b>mb</b>	bin	funny	cologne		hunger
aplomb	bun	inner	consign		hunk
catacomb	can	kennel	deign		jungle
comb	den	pennant	design		kink
honeycomb	din	runners	feign		link
bomb	fan	scanner	foreign	bang	mink
climb	fin	spanner	gnarl	ding-dong	pink
comb	fun	spinner	gnash	dung	rank
crumb	hen	sunny	gnat	fangs	rink
dumb	in	tennis	gnaw	gang	sank
door jamb	man	tinned	gnome	gong	single
lamb	nap	tunnel	gnostic	hang	sink
limb	neck	winner	malign	hung	sunk
numb	net	<b>kn</b>	reign	king	tango
plumber	nib	knack	resign	mung	thank
	nip		sign	pang	think



wink	rip	cramp	rush	wring	best
yank	sap	dress	rut	wrist	bets
zinc	sip	drip	scram	writ	bus
<b>ngue</b>	tap	frog	trap	write	cost
harangue	tip	grim	<b>rr</b>	writhe	fist
meringue	top	pram	arrow	wrong	fits
tongue	up	rack	barrel	wrote	lost
<b>nd</b>	yap	rag	berry	wrought	lots
handkerchief	<b>pp</b>	rain	borrow	wrung	pits
	apple	rake	burrow	wry	sack
	chipped	ram	carrot	wrangle	sash
<b>p</b>	happen	ramp	carry	wrapper	scab
	happy	ran	cherry	wrestle	scrap
	hopping	rang	correct	wriggle	set
	flipper	rap	currant	wrinkle	sick
cop	flipped	rare	curry	<b>rh</b>	sin
cup	mopped	rash	ferret	rheumatism	sing
dip	popped	rat	Ferris wheel	rhinestone	sip
hip	puppy	raw	ferry	rhyme	sit
hop	ripper	read	hurry	rhapsody	skid
lap	ripple	rear	mirror	rhea	sled
map	sipped	red	narrow	rhesus	sob
mop	supper	rent	parrot	rhino	socks
nip	yapping	report	porridge	rhizome	song
pack	<b>pe</b>	rest	sorry	rhododendron	spot
pad	cantaloupe	rib	sparrow	rhombus	spring
pan	coupe	rich	squirrel	rhubarb	squid
pat	taupe	rid	terrace	rhythm	step
peck	troupe	riff	terror	<b>rrh</b>	strong
peg	<b>ppe</b>	rig	tomorrow	cirrhosis	such
pen	steppe	rim	<b>wr</b>	diarrhoea	sum
pet	<b>pi</b>	ring	wrack	gonorrhea	swim
pick	aspirin	rip	wraith	haemorrhage	us
pill	<b>bp</b>	rise	wrap	haemorrhoids	yes
pip	subpoena	rob	wrath	pyrrhic	<b>ss</b>
pit		rock	wreak	<b>rw</b>	across
pod		rod	wreath	Warwick	actress
pop		rode	wreck		ass
pot		room	wren		bass
pub		rot	wrench	<b>S</b>	bless
puck	<b>r</b>	rub	wrest		bliss
pug		rug	wretch		boss
pun	brat	rum	playwright	bats	brass
pup	bring	run			class
pus		rung			

crass  
cross  
dress  
floss  
fossil  
fuss  
glass  
gloss  
goodness  
gossip  
grass  
hiss  
hopeless  
hopelessness  
kiss  
less  
loss  
massive  
mess  
moss  
mussels  
pass  
possum  
press  
Swiss  
toss

## **C**

ace  
acid  
brace  
cedar  
cell  
cement  
cent  
cider  
cinch  
cinema  
circle  
cinema  
circus  
citrus  
city  
civic  
cycle

cyclone  
cygnet  
cylinder  
cymbal  
cyst  
dice  
face  
grace  
ice  
icy  
lacy  
lice  
mice  
nice  
race  
racy  
space  
vice

## **ce**

bounce  
chance  
choice  
dance  
dunce  
lance  
farce  
fence  
fierce  
fleece  
flounce  
force  
France  
glance  
Greece  
hence  
juice  
mince  
niece  
ounce  
peace  
piece  
pierce  
pounce  
prince

pronounce  
quince  
sauce  
since  
source  
stance  
trance  
trounce  
voice  
wince

## **se**

apse  
cease  
copse  
crease  
curse  
dense  
douse  
false  
geese  
glimpse  
goose  
gorse  
grouse  
hearse  
horse  
house  
lapse  
lease  
loose  
louse  
manse  
moose  
Morse  
mouse  
noose  
nurse  
pulse  
purse  
rinse  
sense  
sparse  
spouse  
tense

verse  
worse  
**SC**  
abscess  
adolescent  
ascend  
ascertain  
corpuscle  
descend  
discern  
discipline  
fascinate  
fluorescent  
incandescent

isosceles  
muscle  
obscene  
obsolescent  
oscillate  
Pisces  
plebiscite  
rescind  
resuscitate  
scenario  
scene  
scent  
scepter  
science  
scintillate  
scythe  
susceptible  
transcend

## **st**

apostle  
bristle  
bustle  
castle  
christen  
Christmas  
epistle  
fasten  
glisten  
gristle

hasten  
hustle  
jostle  
listen  
mistletoe  
moisten  
nestle  
pestle  
rustle  
thistle  
trestle  
whistle  
wrestle

## **Z**

blitz  
chintz  
eczema  
Fitzroy  
glitzy  
howitzer  
kibbutz  
klutz  
mezzo  
Mitzvah  
mozzarella  
palazzo  
paparazzi  
pizza  
pretzel  
quartz  
schmaltz  
spritzer  
Switzerland  
terrazzo

## **sse**

crevasse  
duchesse  
en masse  
finesse  
impasse  
lacrosse  
largesse  
mousse

noblesse  
politesse  
wrasse

## **ps**

psalm  
psephology  
pseudo  
psoriasis  
psychiatry  
psychic  
psychology  
psychopath  
psychotic

## **sce**

acquiesce  
coalesce  
convalesce  
effervesce  
phosphoresce  
reminisce

## **ç**

curaçao  
façade  
garçon

## **SW**

answer  
sword

## **sth**

asthma  
isthmus

## **x**

ibexes  
indexes

## **tz**

waltz

## **sa**

sarsaparilla

# sh

ash  
bash  
cash  
dash  
dish  
fish  
gash  
gosh  
gush  
hush  
lash  
lush  
mash  
mesh  
mush  
posh  
rash  
rush  
sash  
shack  
shall  
sham  
sharp  
shave  
shed  
shell  
shine  
ship  
shock  
shod  
shop  
shot  
show  
shun  
shut  
wish

## ti

action  
caption

carnation  
cautious  
completion  
description  
destruction  
devotion  
direction  
election  
emotion  
fiction  
function  
inertia  
infectious  
initial  
invention  
junction  
lotion  
martial  
Martian  
Mauritius  
mention  
motion  
notion  
objection  
option  
patient  
potion  
prediction  
promotion  
quotient  
reception  
section  
situation  
substantial  
suction  
venetian

## ch

bechamel  
blanch  
brochure  
chagrin  
chaise  
champagne  
chandelier

chaperone  
charade  
charlatan  
chauffeur  
chauvinist  
chef  
chemise  
chic  
chivalry  
chute  
crochet  
machete  
machine  
nonchalant  
parachute  
pistachio  
quiche  
ricochet

## ci

acacia  
ancient  
artificial  
atrocious  
beneficial  
clinician  
deficient  
delicious  
efficient  
facial  
ferocious  
financial  
gracious  
magician  
musician  
official  
optician  
politician  
precious  
proficient  
social  
special  
sufficient  
technician  
vicious

## si

apprehension  
ascension  
comprehension  
compulsion  
controversial  
convulsion  
dimension  
emulsion  
expansion  
extension  
hypertension  
mansion  
pension  
pretension  
propulsion  
suspension  
tension

## ssi

aggression  
concussion  
confession  
depression  
discussion  
expression  
fission  
hessian  
impression  
mission  
obsession  
oppression  
passion  
percussion  
permission  
procession  
profession  
recession

Russia  
session

## sch

borsch(t)  
kirsch

maraschino  
pinscher  
Schindler  
schlepping  
schlock  
schmaltz  
schmooze  
schnapps  
schnauzer  
schnittzel  
schnozzle  
schtick  
Schubert  
Schumann

## che

avalanche  
barouche  
brioche  
cache  
cartouche  
cloche  
moustache  
niche  
nouveau  
riche  
panache  
truncheon

## ce

cetacean  
cretaceous  
crustacean  
curvaceous  
herbaceous  
licorice/liquorice  
ocean  
rosaceous  
sebaceous

## s

asphalt  
capsule  
censure  
glockenspiel

insulate  
peninsula  
Sinn Fein  
spiel  
sugar  
sure  
tonsure

## c

appreciate  
associate  
concerto  
depreciate  
dissociate  
excruciating  
oceanic  
officiate

## t

initiate  
insatiate  
insentient  
negotiate  
propitiate

## sci

cognosciente  
conscience  
conscious  
luscious  
prosciutto

## ss

assure  
fissure  
issue  
tissue

## shi

cushion  
fashion  
parishioner

## sc

crescendo  
fascist

## chi

Appalachian  
eustachian  
Marchioness

## chsi

fuchsia

## t

at  
bat  
bet  
bit  
but  
cat  
chat  
cot  
cut  
dot  
fat  
fit  
get  
got  
hat  
hit  
hut  
it  
jot  
kit  
lot  
mat  
met  
not  
nut  
pat  
pet  
pit  
pot  
rat  
set  
shot  
shut

tack  
tag  
tan  
tap  
tell  
ten  
tick  
till  
tin  
tip  
toll  
top  
tub  
tuck  
tug  
wet  
wit  
zit

## tt

battle  
better  
bitter  
bottom  
butter  
buttons  
cattle  
cotton  
dotted  
fattest  
fitter  
gotta  
kitten  
little  
matter  
mattress  
mittens  
mutt  
nutty  
patted  
pattern  
potter  
rattle  
setting  
tattoo

## ed

bossed  
cashed  
checked  
chopped  
cuffed  
fetched  
fished  
hissed  
hopped  
huffed  
itched  
kicked  
mashed  
matched  
pitched  
pressed  
puffed  
rocked  
sacked  
shopped  
staffed  
stuffed  
stressed  
wished  
zipped

## d

aced  
baked  
based  
caked  
chased  
coped  
duped  
faced  
hiked  
hoped  
iced  
joked  
laced  
liked  
nuked  
paced

piped  
raced  
raked  
roped  
shaped  
taped  
wiped

## tte

laundrette  
matte  
baguette  
brochette  
brunette  
cassette  
culottes  
gazette  
palette  
pipette  
roulette  
bassinette  
cigarette  
flannelette  
kitchenette  
pirouette  
serviette  
statuette  
suffragette  
vinaigrette

## th

Beethoven  
discotheque  
Esther  
Kathmandu  
Lesotho  
Mathilda  
Thailand  
Thames  
Theresa  
Thomas  
thyme  
te  
artiste

baste  
caste  
debutante  
paste  
route  
taste  
torte  
waste

## z

mezzo  
mozzarella  
palazzo  
paparazzi  
pizza  
terrazzo

## pt

pterodactyl  
Ptolemy  
ptomaine  
ptosis  
ptyalin  
receipt

## bt

debt  
doubt  
subtle

## ct

indict  
Connecticut  
victual

## cht

yacht

## th

(voiceless)

author  
bath  
birth

booth  
both  
breath  
broth  
cloth  
death  
depth  
earth  
fifth  
filth  
fourth  
froth  
girth  
health  
length  
maths  
method  
month  
moth  
north  
oath  
path  
pith  
seventh  
sixth  
sloth  
south  
strength  
teeth  
tenth  
thank  
theatre  
theft  
thick  
thigh  
thin  
thing  
think  
thirst  
thongs  
thread  
three  
thrift  
throat  
throb

throne  
throw  
thrust  
thud  
thug  
thump  
thwack  
tooth  
truth  
width  
with

## phth

apophthegm  
phthalates

## tth

Matthew

# th

### (voiced)

another  
bathe  
bathers  
public baths  
blithe  
bother  
Brethren  
brother  
clothes  
either  
father  
feathers  
gather  
heather  
hither  
lathe  
lather  
leather  
mother  
mouths  
neither  
nether

Netherlands

northern  
other  
paths  
scathing  
scythe  
southern  
smooth  
rather  
rhythm  
tether  
teething  
than  
that  
the  
thee  
their  
them  
then  
there  
therefore  
they  
this  
thither  
those  
thou  
though  
thus  
thy  
together  
weather  
whether  
with  
zither

## the

soothe  
breathe  
loathe  
sheathe  
teethe  
wraithe  
wreathe

# V

cave  
drove  
eve  
hive  
live  
move  
vain  
van  
vane  
vast  
vat  
veil  
vein  
vent  
vest  
vet  
vibe  
vice  
vine  
viper  
virus  
vital  
vole  
vote  
wove

## ve

curve  
dove  
give  
glove  
groove  
halve  
have  
leave  
love  
move  
nerve  
olive  
shove

serve  
shelve  
sleeve  
solve  
starve  
swerve  
thieve  
valve  
waive  
weave

## vv

civvies  
divvy  
flivver  
navvy  
savvy  
skivvy

## w

Ludwig  
Luftwaffe  
Wagner

## f

of

## ph

Stephen

## vre

hors  
d'oeuvre

# W

away  
dwarf  
dwell  
swept  
swing  
twig  
twin  
twitch

wade  
wag  
wake  
wall  
watch  
wave  
wax  
weave  
web  
wed  
weft  
weld  
well  
Welsh  
went  
wept  
west  
wet  
wick  
width  
wig  
will  
wilt  
wimp  
win  
wine  
wing  
wink  
wish  
wit  
witch  
with  
wok  
woke  
won  
work

## wh

whack  
whale  
wham  
wharf  
what  
wheat  
wheel

wheeze  
whelk  
whelp  
when  
whence  
where  
whet  
which  
whiff  
while  
whim  
whimper  
whine  
whinge  
whip  
whirl  
whirr  
whisk  
whisper  
whist  
whistle  
white  
whiz  
whoa  
whoosh  
why

## u

anguish  
assuage  
bilingual  
cuisine  
distinguish  
dissuade  
ennui  
extinguish  
guacamole  
guanaco  
guava  
iguana  
language  
languid  
penguin  
persuade  
quack

quaff	yard	<b>j</b>	quiz	gulls	braise
quaint	yawn	hallelujah	raze	guns	bruise
quark	year	Johann	razor	hams	cause
queen	yearn	Jung	size	hangs	cheese
queer	yeast	Majorca	topaz	has	choose
quell	yell	Sarajevo	trapeze	his	clause
quick	yellow	Reykjavik	wizard	hose	cruise
quid	yelp	<b>ll</b>	zap	hugs	disease
quill	yes		zebra	is	drowse
quince	yesterday	maillot	Zen	keys	ease
quins	yet	tortilla	zinc	kids	espouse
quip	yield	<b>~ over n</b>	zing	legs	grease
quirky	yoga	El Niño	zip	lies	guise
quit	you	La Niña	zit	lives	liaise
quite	your	mañana	zone	loves	malaise
quoll	youth	<b>l</b>	zonked	lungs	mayonnaise
quote	yo-yo	carillon	zoo	muse	noise
sanguine	yuck	cordillera	zoom	nose	pause
segue	yum	<b>z</b>	<b>s</b>	peas	please
sequel	<b>i</b>		adds	pies	poise
squad	behaviour	blaze	as	pigs	praise
square	billiards	Brazil	bags	Poms	raise
squirrel	billion	craze	bells	pose	rouse
suave	brilliant	crazy	brims	reds	tease
suite	bunions	daze	buds	rings	turquoise
<b>(nothing)</b>	civilian	doze	bums	rise	vase
heroin	companion	dozen	calls	rose	<b>zz</b>
heroine	familiar	freezer	cans	seas	blizzard
one	hotelier	froze	close	shores	buzz
once	junior	gaze	coals	songs	buzzard
<b>ju</b>	medallion	glaze	crows	tens	dazzle
marijuana	million	glaze	dogs	thorns	dizzy
<b>ou</b>	onion	graze	dolls	toads	drizzle
Ouija	opinion	haze	doves	tries	fizz
<b>y</b>	pavilion	kazoo	eggs	use	frizz
	petunia	laze	fees	valves	fuzz
	rebellion	lazy	fills	was	grizzly
	reunion	lizard	fleas	wins	guzzle
	savior	maze	foals	wise	jazz
	senior	plaza	fries	<b>se</b>	mizzle
	spaniel	prize	fuse	appease	muzzle
	stallion		gems	applause	nozzle
	union		gives	appraise	nuzzle
	view		goals	blouse	puzzle

quizzes  
razzle  
sizzle  
snazzy  
tizzy

## **cz/ts**

Czar/Tsar

### **ze**

baize  
booze  
breeze  
bronze  
freeze  
frieze  
gauze  
maize  
ooze  
seize  
sleaze  
sneeze  
snooze  
snooze  
squeeze  
tweeze  
wheeze

### **X**

Xavier  
Xena  
xenophobia  
xerox  
xylem  
xyloid  
xylophone

### **ss**

Aussie  
brassiere  
dessert  
dissolve  
possess  
scissors

### **si**

business  
hosiery

# a

act  
ad  
add  
alps  
amps  
an  
and  
ant  
apt  
ash  
asp  
at  
back  
bad  
badge  
bag  
ban  
banner  
band  
bang  
bash  
Bass Strait  
bat  
batch  
battle  
cab  
camp  
can  
cap  
cash  
cat  
cattle  
catch  
champ  
chant  
chap  
chat  
dad  
dam  
damp

dash  
fact  
fan  
fang  
fat  
gag  
gang  
gap  
gas  
hack  
had  
hag  
ham  
hang  
has  
hassle  
hat  
hatch  
have  
jack  
jacket  
jam  
jazz  
lab  
lad  
lag  
lamp  
land  
lap  
lass  
latch  
man  
manners  
map  
mash  
mass  
match  
maths  
nan  
Nanna  
nap  
pack  
pad  
paddle  
paddock

pan  
pangs  
pat  
patting  
patch  
rack  
rag  
ragged  
ram  
ramp  
ran  
rang  
rap  
rash  
rat  
rattle  
sack  
sang  
sash  
shack  
shall  
sham  
shamrock  
smack  
tab  
tabby  
tack  
tad  
tadpole  
tan  
tap  
tapping  
than  
thanks  
that  
van  
wag  
wagged  
yam  
yap  
zap  
**ai**  
plaid  
plait

daiquiri  
**i**  
meringue  
timbre  
**ah**  
Fahrenheit  
**al**  
salmon  
**ei**  
reveille

# e

bed  
beg  
bell  
belt  
bend  
bent  
best  
bet  
check  
chess  
deck  
den  
desk  
dress  
egg  
fed  
fell  
felt  
fleck  
fled  
fresh  
fret  
get  
heck  
held  
help  
hem

hen  
jet  
led  
leg  
lend  
less  
let  
melt  
men  
mesh  
mess  
met  
neck  
nest  
net  
peck  
peg  
pen  
pet  
prep  
press  
rent  
sell  
send  
set  
shed  
shell  
smell  
spell  
stem  
step  
tell  
ten  
tent  
test  
them  
vest  
vet  
web  
well  
went  
wet  
yes  
**ea**

ahead  
bread  
breakfast  
breast  
breath  
dead  
Deaf  
dealt  
death  
dread  
dreamt  
feather  
head  
health  
heather  
heaven  
heavy  
instead  
jealous  
lead  
leapt  
leather  
meadow  
meant  
pleasant  
read  
ready  
realm  
spread  
steady  
stealth  
sweat  
thread  
threat  
tread  
wealth  
weapon  
weather  
zealot  
**ai**  
again  
against  
said



## a

any  
many  
asphalt

## ei

heifer  
leisure

## eo

jeopardy  
leopard

## ae

haemorrhage  
haemorrhoids

## ie

friend

## ay

says

## u

bury

## a...e

Thames

## i

bib  
bin  
bit  
chick  
chill  
chip  
clip  
dig  
dish  
disk  
drip  
fish  
fit

fix  
flick  
give  
his  
hiss  
hit  
in  
is  
it  
jig  
kick  
kid  
kill  
king  
kip  
kiss  
kit  
lick  
lid  
lit  
live  
mill  
miss  
mix  
pick  
pig  
pin  
pit  
ring  
rip  
shin  
ship  
sick  
sing  
sip  
sit  
six  
skid  
slim  
snip  
spin  
stick  
strip  
thin  
this

tick  
tin  
tip  
trick  
trim  
twit  
wing  
wink  
wish  
witch  
with  
zip  
zit

## y

acronym  
analytic  
apocalypse  
calypso  
catalyst  
crypt  
crystal  
cygnet  
cymbal  
cynical  
cyst  
dynasty  
dyslexia  
Egypt  
gym  
gypsy  
hieroglyphics  
larynx  
lymph  
lynx  
myth  
physics  
pygmy  
pyramid  
rhythm  
Sydney  
syllable  
symbol  
symmetry  
symptom

synchronise  
syndrome  
synthetic  
Syria  
syringe  
syrup  
system  
typical

## e

college  
England  
English  
knowledge  
pretty  
privilege  
sacrilege

## u

business  
busy

## ia

carriage  
marriage

## ie

Liechtenstein  
sieve

## ee

breeches

## o

women

## ea

bream

## ey

Ann Boleyn

## O

bob

block  
bolt  
boss  
box  
chop  
cod  
cop  
cost  
cot  
crop  
dob  
dock  
dodge  
dog  
doll  
dot  
fog  
fox  
gosh  
got  
hob  
hog  
hop  
hot  
job  
jog  
lob  
lock  
lodge  
log  
loss  
lot  
mob  
mock  
mop  
moss  
moth  
nod  
non  
not  
odd  
off  
on  
ox  
pod

poll  
pop  
posh  
pot  
rob  
rock  
rod  
rot  
shock  
shop  
shot  
slob  
sock  
sold  
snot  
spot  
stop  
thong  
throb  
toll  
top  
toss  
tot  
trot  
  
**a**  
equality  
halt  
malt  
quads  
qualify  
quarrel  
quarry  
salt  
scald  
scallop  
squabble  
squad  
squadron  
squash  
squat  
squatter  
swab  
swallow  
swamp

swan  
swap  
swat  
waddle  
waffle  
wallaby  
wallet  
wallow  
wand  
wander  
want  
warrant  
warren  
warrior  
was  
wash  
wasp  
watch  
wattle  
what  
wigwam

## e

encore  
ensemble  
en suite  
entourage  
entrepreneur  
entrée  
envelope

## o...e

forehead  
gone  
scone  
shone

## ou

cough  
Gough  
trough

## ow

knowledge

## i

lingerie  
**eau**  
bureaucracy

## oh

John

## u

blush  
brush  
buck  
bud  
budge  
bun  
bus  
but  
buzz  
club  
crush  
cub  
cud  
cull  
cup  
cut  
duck  
dud  
dug  
flush  
fudge  
fun  
fuzz  
glum  
grub  
guff  
gull  
gum  
gut  
hub  
huff  
hug  
hull  
hum

hung  
hush  
hut  
hutch  
judge  
jug  
jump  
luck  
muck  
mud  
mug  
mum  
nudge  
nun  
nut  
pub  
puff  
pug  
pup  
pus  
rug  
rum  
run  
rush  
rut  
shut  
sub  
sum  
sun  
tub  
tuck  
tug  
up  
us  
yuck  
yum  
  
**o**  
above  
among  
another  
brother  
colour  
comfort  
company

compass  
covenant  
cover  
covet  
dozen  
fishmonger  
front  
glove  
govern  
honey  
love  
Monday  
money  
mongrel  
monk  
monkey  
month  
mother  
nothing  
oven  
plover  
shove  
shovel  
smother  
somersault  
son  
sponge  
ton  
won  
wonder  
worry  
  
**ou**  
country  
couple  
cousin  
double  
Douglas  
enough  
rough  
southern  
touch  
tough  
trouble  
young

## o...e

come  
done  
none  
some

## oo

blood  
flood

## a

hangi  
mamma

## oe

does

## oo

adulthood  
barefoot  
boobook  
boogie board  
booger  
book  
brook  
childhood  
chook  
cook  
cookie  
crook  
falsehood  
fatherhood  
firewood  
foot  
footy  
forsook  
girlhood  
good  
goog  
goop  
hood  
hoodlum

hoodwink  
hoof  
hoofbeats  
hook  
hookey  
kookaburra  
koosh  
likelihood  
logbook  
look  
lookout  
manhood  
mistook  
motherhood  
neighbourhood  
nook  
oompah  
oops  
outlook  
overlook  
partook  
plywood  
poof  
prebook  
precook  
rebook  
relook  
rook  
scrapbook  
shoosh  
shook  
songbook  
sook  
soot  
squooosh  
stood  
swoosh  
textbook  
took  
tootsies  
uncooked  
unhook  
whoopee  
whoosh  
widowhood

wood  
woof  
wool  
woollen  
woolly  
woolshed  
woomera  
Woop Woop  
workbook

## u

ambush  
Belarus  
Budapest  
bull  
bulletin  
bullet  
bullock  
bully  
bush  
bushel  
butch  
butcher  
careful  
cheerful  
fateful  
fulfil  
full  
helpful  
input  
Kabul  
kaput  
Muslim  
octopus  
output  
playful  
pudding  
pulpit  
pull  
pulley  
push  
puss  
put  
saltbush  
skilful

sourpuss  
sugar  
sushi  
Sunni  
Talmud  
tearful  
throughput  
Tobruk  
wasteful

## o

bosom  
wolf  
Wollongong  
woman

## oul

could  
should  
would

## ou

couscous  
hoummos  
tour

## a...e

ale  
ape  
ate  
babe  
bake  
bale  
base  
bathe  
blade  
blade  
blame  
blaze  
brave  
cake  
came  
cane  
cape

case  
cave  
chafe  
chase  
crane  
crate  
crave  
craze  
dame  
Dane  
date  
daze  
drake  
drapes  
fade  
fake  
fame  
fate  
flake  
flame  
frame  
gale  
game  
gape  
gate  
gave  
gaze  
glade  
glaze  
grade  
grape  
grave  
graze  
hate  
haze  
jade  
lake  
lame  
lane  
late  
laze  
made  
make  
male  
mane

mate  
maze  
name  
pale  
pave  
plane  
plate  
quake  
rake  
rate  
rave  
safe  
sake  
sale  
same  
sane  
save  
scale  
shade  
shake  
shape  
shave  
skate  
slate  
slave  
snake  
spade  
stake  
stale  
state  
take  
tame  
tape  
trade  
vane  
wade  
wake  
wane  
wave  
**ai**  
aid  
aim  
bail  
bait

braid  
brain  
chain  
claim  
fail  
faint  
faith  
frail  
gain  
gait  
grain  
hail  
jail  
laid  
maid  
mail  
maim  
main  
nail  
paid  
pail  
pain  
plain  
quail  
raid  
rail  
rain  
sail  
slain  
snail  
sprain  
stain  
strain  
strait  
swain  
tail  
train  
vain  
wail  
wait  
**ay**  
bay  
bray  
clay

cray  
day  
dray  
hay  
jay  
lay  
may  
pay  
play  
pray  
say  
slay  
spay  
spray  
stay  
stray  
sway  
tray  
way  
**a**  
agent  
alien  
angel  
apron  
baby  
bacon  
basin  
chamber  
danger  
elevator  
equator  
escaping  
famous  
framing  
frustrated  
halo  
label  
major  
maker  
native  
navel  
paper  
potato  
rainmaker

razor  
safest  
savings  
skater  
stapler  
table  
taken  
taping  
tornado  
vacant  
volcano  
wading

## e

café  
canapé  
cliché  
décor  
exposé  
fiancé  
flambé  
forte  
macramé  
paté  
resumé  
rodeo  
rosé  
sauté  
ukulele

## ey

convey  
fey  
grey  
hey  
obey  
prey  
purvey  
survey  
they  
whey

## ee

Beethoven  
fiancée

matinée  
mélée  
née  
negligee  
protegee  
purée  
soirée  
toupée

## ei

beige  
inveigle  
lei  
reign  
reindeer  
reins  
surveillance  
veil  
vein

## eigh

eight  
freight  
inveigh  
neigh  
neighbour  
sleigh  
weigh

## ea

break  
great  
Reagan  
steak  
Yeats

## e...e

crèche  
crepe  
fete  
suede

## ae

reggae  
sundae

## ez

laissez-faire  
rendez-vous

## aigh

straight

## au

gauge

## ie

lingerie

## ao

gaol

## ah

dahlia

## ee

bee  
beef  
been  
beep  
bleed  
breed  
cheek  
cheep  
creed  
creek  
creep  
deed  
deem  
deep  
dweeb  
eel  
fee  
feed  
feet  
fleet  
free  
geek

greed  
Greek  
green  
greet  
heed  
heel  
indeed  
jeep  
keen  
keep  
leech  
leek  
meet  
need  
peek  
peep  
preen  
queen  
reef  
reek  
screach  
screen  
seed  
seek  
seem  
seep  
sheen  
sheep  
sheet  
sleep  
sleet  
sleeve  
speech  
speed  
steed  
steep  
street  
sweep  
sweet  
teeth  
tree  
tweet  
weed  
week  
weep

## ea

beach  
beak  
beam  
beast  
bean  
beat  
bleach  
bleak  
bleat  
breach  
cheat  
clean  
cleave  
cream  
Dean  
dream  
each  
east  
eat  
feast  
feat  
flea  
freak  
gleam  
glean  
heal  
heap  
heat  
heath  
jeans  
leach  
lead  
leaf  
leak  
lean  
leap  
leash  
least  
mean  
meat  
pea  
peach  
plead

pleat  
preach  
reach  
ream  
reap  
scream  
seat  
sheaf  
sheath  
speak  
squeak  
squeal  
steam  
streak  
stream  
teach  
teak  
team  
teat  
treat  
tweak  
weak  
wean  
yeast

## e...e

athlete  
centipede  
compete  
complete  
concrete  
convene  
delete  
eve  
extreme  
grebe  
intervene  
Japanese  
kerosene  
Malese  
monotreme  
obese  
precede  
recede  
scene

serene  
stampede  
swede  
theme  
these  
trapeze

## ie

babies  
believe  
bellies  
bodies  
brief  
brownies  
chief  
cookie  
duties  
field  
fiend  
fifties  
funnies  
grief  
hobbies  
ladies  
niece  
piece  
priest  
relief  
shield  
shriek  
species  
studies  
thief  
tinies  
trendies  
wield  
yield

## e

acne  
be  
decoy  
demon  
deport  
even

ego  
equal  
evil  
female  
fever  
genius  
he  
legal  
lethal  
me  
medium  
recent  
secret  
she  
tedious  
vegan  
we

## i

albino  
alien  
apricot  
batik  
casino  
cordial  
corgi  
deli  
fiesta  
genius  
glacier  
hernia  
India  
kilo  
kiwi  
litre  
media  
piano  
radio  
salami  
semi  
taxi  
tedious  
trio  
visa

## y

angry  
baby  
belly  
body  
bossy  
cheeky  
chewy  
cloudy  
clumsy  
cranky  
crispy  
Daddy  
daily  
dainty  
duty  
early  
easy  
empty  
entry  
fancy  
filthy  
footy  
funny  
gently  
grubby  
gypsy  
happy  
hardly  
hobby  
hungry  
icy  
itchy  
jelly  
jumpy  
lady  
leafy  
leaky  
lolly  
lovely  
lucky  
messy  
muddy  
nasty

oily  
pastry  
ruby  
rugby  
rusty  
safety  
silly  
sixty  
slinky  
snowy  
tasty  
thirsty  
thirty  
tidy  
tiny  
trendy  
twenty  
ugly  
very  
wavy  
yucky

## ey

abbey  
alley  
bailey  
barley  
blimey  
chimney  
chutney  
crikey  
curtsey  
donkey  
galley  
goeey  
hockey  
honey  
jersey  
joey  
jockey  
journey  
key  
kidney  
lamprey  
medley

money  
monkey  
motley  
paisley  
parsley  
pulley  
stanley  
trolley  
turkey  
valley  
volley

## i...e

cuisine  
elite  
figurine  
gasoline  
guillotine  
limousine  
machine  
marine  
magazine  
margarine  
petite  
plasticine  
quarantine  
ravine  
routine  
sardine  
suite  
tambourine  
tangerine  
thylacine  
trampoline  
vaccine  
vaseline

## ae

aeons  
Aesop  
aetiology  
algae  
anaemic  
archaeology  
Caesar

encyclopaedia  
faeces  
haemophilia  
hyaena  
leukaemia  
mediaeval  
orthopaedic  
paediatric  
primaeval

## ei

ceiling  
conceit  
counterfeit  
deceit  
perceive  
protein  
receive  
seize  
sheila

## oe

amoeba  
coeliac  
Croesus  
foetus  
Oedipus  
oestrogen  
phoenix

## ay

quay

## eo

people

## ix

Grand Prix

## eigh

Leigh

## i...e

bike

bite  
bride  
chime  
chives  
crime  
dime  
dine  
dive  
drive  
file  
fine  
five  
glide  
grime  
gripe  
hide  
hike  
hive  
jibe  
jive  
kite  
life  
like  
lime  
line  
lithe  
mike  
mile  
mime  
mine  
nine  
pile  
pine  
pipe  
pride  
prime  
ride  
ripe  
shine  
shrine  
side  
slide  
slime  
smile  
spike

spine  
spite  
swine  
swipe  
thrive  
tide  
tile  
time  
tithe  
tribe  
trike  
tripe  
trite  
twine  
vibe  
vile  
vine  
wide  
wife  
wine  
wipe  
**y**  
by  
bypass  
cry  
cyan  
cyber  
cycle  
cyclone  
dehydrate  
dry  
dynamic  
fly  
fry  
hydrant  
kybosh  
my  
pry  
pylon  
python  
shy  
sky  
sly  
spy

synapse  
thyroid  
try  
tyrant  
why  
**ie**  
cried  
cries  
die  
dried  
flies  
fried  
lie  
pie  
skies  
spied  
tie  
tried  
**i**  
alkali  
arthritis  
behind  
Bible  
bicarb  
biceps  
bicycle  
bifocals  
bind  
biology  
bionic  
biopsy  
bison  
blimey  
blind  
Bondi  
bribery  
bridle  
child  
China  
climate  
crisis  
dial  
diamond

diary  
diet  
dinosaur  
finally  
flier  
final  
find  
giant  
grind  
hi  
hind  
I  
idle  
idol  
ivy  
kind  
liar  
libel  
library  
licence  
lion  
mild  
mind  
minor  
minus  
pilot  
pint  
pirate  
primary  
private  
quiet  
rabbi  
remind  
rifle  
rind  
riot  
silent  
siren  
spider  
tidal  
tiger  
timing  
trial  
triangle  
triumph

vibrate  
violent  
violin  
virus  
vitamin  
wild  
wily  
wind  
**igh**  
bright  
delight  
fight  
flight  
fright  
high  
light  
might  
nigh  
night  
right  
sigh  
sight  
slight  
thigh  
tight  
**y...e**  
acolyte  
analyse  
breathalyse  
byte  
catalyse  
dyke  
enzyme  
hype  
hydrolyse  
leucocyte  
lyre  
neophyte  
paralyse  
pyre  
scythe  
stereotype  
style

thyme  
troglodyte  
type  
tyre  
**ai**  
bonsai  
chai  
Dubai  
Masai  
Nairobi  
Samurai  
Shanghai  
Tai Chi  
taipan  
Taiwan  
Thailand  
**ei**  
apartheid  
eiderdown  
Eiffel  
feisty  
kaleidoscope  
poltergeist  
seismic  
Steiner  
**ay**  
Ayatollah  
Haydn  
kayak  
Uruguay  
**ye**  
bye  
dye  
lye  
rye  
**ae**  
curriculum  
vitae  
maestro  
marae

taekwondo

## igh

height  
sleight of  
hand

## a

naïve  
paella

## eye

eye

## aye

aye

## O...e

abode  
bloke  
broke  
choke  
code  
coke  
cone  
cope  
dole  
dome  
dope  
dose  
dote  
doze  
drove  
froze  
globe  
grope  
grove  
hole  
home  
hope  
joke  
jove  
lobe  
lode

lope

mode

mole

mope

mote

nope

note

ode

poke

pole

probe

quote

robe

rode

role

rope

rove

scope

shrove

slope

smoke

spoke

stoke

stole

stove

strobe

stroke

tome

vole

vote

woke

wove

## oa

bloat

boast

boat

broach

cloak

coach

coal

coast

coat

coax

croak

float

foal

foam

gloat

goad

goal

goat

groan

hoax

load

loaf

loam

loan

loath

loaves

moan

moat

oaf

oak

oat

oath

poach

roach

road

roam

roast

shoal

soak

soap

stoat

throat

toad

toast

## ow

arrow

barrow

bellow

below

billow

blow

borrow

bow

bowl

borrow

bungalow

burrow

callow

crow

elbow

fallow

fellow

flow

follow

follow

furrow

glow

grown

harrow

hollow

low

meadow

mellow

minnow

mow

narrow

own

pillow

rainbow

row

sallow

shadow

shallow

show

slow

sorrow

sow

sparrow

swallow

tallow

throw

wallow

widow

willow

window

yellow

## O

aroma

avocado

banjo

bistro

boho

bongo

bonus

both

cargo

coma

dodo

dingo

echo

expo

fiasco

gecko

ghetto

go

grotto

hero

hobo

host

mango

metro

most

no

omen

open

piano

post

potato

program

so

stereo

tomato

tornado

volcano

## oe

aloe

bongoes

cargoes

Crusoe

Defoe

dingoes

doe

echoes

fiascoes

floe

foe

geckoes

ghettoes

goes

grottoes

heroes

hoboes

hoe

mangoes

mistletoe

oboe

pekoe

potatoes

roe

tomatoes

toe

tornadoes

volcanoes

woe

## ou

boulder

Goulburn

mould

moult

poultice

poultry

shoulder

smoulder

soul

## eau

beau

bureau

chateau

gateau

plateau

tableau

## au

aubergine

chauffeur

chauvinist

gauche  
mauve

## oh

Crohn's  
disease  
ohm  
playdoh

## ough

dough  
though

## ol

folk  
yolk

## oo

brooch  
maroon

## ault

Renault  
Foucault

## ew

sew

## owe

owe

## eo

yeoman

## aux

faux

## u...e

abuse  
acute  
attitude  
capsule  
commute  
compute  
confuse

costume

cube  
cute  
dispute  
duke  
dune  
dupe  
excuse  
execute  
fortune  
fume  
fuse  
gratitude  
Hume  
immune  
institute  
introduce  
legume  
mule  
mute  
nuke  
obtuse  
perfume  
produce  
prosecute  
puce  
puke  
reduce  
refuse  
solitude  
statute  
substitute  
tribute  
tune  
tute  
ute

## ew

askew  
curfew  
curlew  
dew  
ewer  
few  
hewn

mews  
nephew  
new  
newt  
pew  
pewter  
sinew  
skew  
skewer  
spew  
stew  
steward  
yew

## eu

deuce  
eucalypt  
Eureka  
Europe  
feud  
neurotic  
neutron  
therapeutic

## ue

argue  
avenue  
cue  
due  
hue  
muesli  
Tuesday  
value  
venue  
virtue

## u

abusive  
commuter  
computing  
confusing  
Cuba  
cubic  
cutest  
disputed

dual  
duel  
duplex  
educate  
emu  
excuses  
fabulous  
fuel  
futile  
human  
incubate  
jaguar  
manual  
music  
nuclear  
popular  
producing

puma  
putrid  
student  
studio  
stupid  
tuba  
tubing  
tulip  
tuna  
tunic  
tutor  
tutorial  
unit  
utility

## ui

nuisance  
pursuit

## eau

beauty

## ewe

ewe

## uu

vacuum

## ugh

Hugh

## ooh

## oo

aloof  
afternoon  
baboon  
balloon  
bamboo  
bandicoot  
bassoon  
bloom  
boo  
boobs  
boom  
boost  
boot  
booze  
brood  
broom  
caboose  
cartoon  
cockatoo  
coo-ee  
cool  
coop  
croon  
cuckoo  
didgeeridoo  
doom  
drool  
droop  
festoon  
food  
fool  
galoot  
gloom  
goo  
goof  
goon  
goose  
groom  
groom

groove  
harpoon  
hooray  
hoop  
igloo  
kazoo  
kangaroo  
lagoon  
lampoon  
loo  
loom  
loony  
loop  
loot  
monsoon  
moo  
mood  
moon  
moose  
moot  
mushroom  
noodle  
noon  
noose  
oodles  
ooze  
papoose  
pooch  
poodle  
pool  
proof  
raccoon  
roof  
room  
rooster  
root  
saloon  
school  
scoop  
scooter  
shampoo  
shoo  
shoot  
sloop  
smooth



snooker  
snoop  
snooze  
soon  
spoof  
spook  
spool  
spoon  
stool  
stoop  
swoon  
swoop  
tattoo  
too  
toot  
tooth  
troop  
tycoon  
voodoo  
woo  
yahoo  
zoo  
zoom

## u...e

absolute  
brute  
conclude  
crude  
delude  
dilute  
dude  
elude  
fluke  
flute  
intrude  
jube  
juke  
June  
jute  
lute  
plume  
pollute  
prude  
prune

recluse  
rude  
rule  
ruse  
salute  
spruce  
truce

## ew

blew  
brew  
cashew  
chew  
crew  
drew  
eschew  
flew  
grew  
Hebrew  
Jew  
jewel  
lewd  
mildew  
screw  
sewer  
shrew  
shrewd  
slew  
strewn  
strewth  
threw  
view

## ou

acoustic  
caribou  
cougar  
coupon  
croup  
croutons  
group  
routine  
soup  
toucan  
uncouth

wound  
you  
youth  
**ue**

accrue  
blue  
clue  
construe  
flue  
glue  
gruesome  
issue  
rescue  
rue  
subdue  
sue  
tissue  
true  
untrue

## u

affluent  
brutal  
crudest  
cruel  
crusade  
deluded  
elusive  
flu  
fluent  
fluid  
fuel  
futon  
gluten  
hula  
intruder  
juror  
lunar  
Peru  
plumage  
prudish  
rudest  
ruler  
saluting

scuba  
sprucing  
suet  
tofu  
truant  
tutu

## ui

bruise  
cruise  
fruit  
juice  
recruit  
sluice  
spruik  
suit

## o

do  
lasso  
to  
today  
tomb  
tomorrow  
womb

## eu

leukaemia  
time in lieu  
melaleuca  
pleurisy  
rheumatism  
sleuth

## o...e

lose  
move  
prove

## oe

canoe  
Donohoe  
shoe

## oux

billet doux

choux  
roux

## uo

fluoroscope  
hydrofluoric

## ooh

pooh

## wo

two

## ough

through

## oeu

manoeuvre

## oup

coup

## ioux

Sioux

## ar

arch  
arm  
art

bar  
bark  
barn

car

carpet

carton

card

cart

charm

chart

dark

darn

dart

far

farm  
garden  
hard  
hark  
harm  
harp  
harsh  
jar  
lard  
market  
march  
mark  
Mars  
marsh  
pardon  
park  
part  
scar  
scarf  
shark  
sharp  
smart  
snarl  
spark  
star  
starch  
stark  
start  
tar  
tart  
**a**  
ask  
bask  
basket  
bath  
blast  
brass  
cask  
cast  
chaff  
clasp  
class  
craft  
drama

fast  
father  
flask  
gasp  
glass  
graft  
grasp  
grass  
ha  
la  
last  
lava  
Ma  
mask  
mast  
master  
nasty  
Pa  
pass  
past  
path  
plaza  
raft  
rather  
shaft  
spa  
staff  
task  
vast

## ah

blah  
Brahman  
coolibah  
galah  
hurrah  
oompah  
waratah

## al

balm  
calf  
calm  
half  
palm

psalm  
almond

## arr

barred  
charred  
jarred  
scarred  
starred  
tarred

## au

aunt  
draught  
laugh

## er

clerk  
derby  
Jervis Bay  
sergeant

## ear

hearken  
heart  
hearth

## aar

aardvark  
bazaar

## aa

baa  
Saab

## arre

bizarre

## are

are

## arrh

catarrh

# er

berth  
fern  
germ  
her  
herb  
herd  
jerk  
kerb  
nerve  
nerd  
perch  
perfect  
person  
Perth  
perks  
perm  
pert  
serge  
serve  
Serbs  
servant  
stern  
swerve  
term  
tern  
twerp  
verve  
verb

## ur

blur  
blurb  
burn  
burp  
burst  
church  
churn  
curb  
curd  
curl

curve  
disturb  
fur  
hurt  
Kurds  
lurch  
murmur  
slur  
slurp  
spur  
spurt  
suburb  
surf  
turf  
turkey  
Turks  
turn  
turnip  
turtle  
urn

## ir

bird  
birth  
chirp  
dirt  
fir  
firm  
first  
flirt  
girl  
mirth  
quirk  
shirk  
shirt  
sir  
skirt  
squirm  
squirt  
stir  
swirl  
third  
thirst  
twirl

## ear

earl  
early  
earn  
earth  
heard  
hearse  
learn  
pearl  
search  
yearn

## or

attorney  
word  
work  
worm  
worship  
worse  
worth

## eur

masseur  
poseur  
provocateur  
saboteur  
secateurs  
voyeur

## err

err  
conferred  
deterred  
occurred  
referred  
transferred

## our

adjourn  
courtesy  
journal  
journey  
scourge

## urr

blurred  
concurring  
purred

## eu

cordon bleu  
masseuse  
milieu  
Peugeot

## yr

myrtle

## ere

were

## olo

colonel

## yr rh

myrrh

# aw

awful  
awl  
awning  
bawl  
brawl  
brawn  
chainsaw  
claw  
coleslaw  
craw  
crawl  
dawdle  
dawn  
draw  
drawer  
drawl  
drawn  
fawn  
flaw  
gawk

gawp  
gnaw  
hacksaw  
hawk  
hee haw  
jaw  
jigsaw  
law  
lawn  
outlaw  
paw  
pawpaw  
pawn  
prawn  
raw  
rickshaw  
saw  
sawdust  
scrawl  
seesaw  
shawl  
spawn  
sprawl  
squawk  
straw  
tawny  
thaw  
trawler  
yawn

## or

abort  
abhor  
absorb  
accord  
acorn  
afford  
airport  
aorta  
born  
cord  
corgi  
cork  
corn  
corner

cornet  
corny  
corset  
cyborg  
deport  
dork  
dorm  
for  
fork  
form  
fort  
horn  
horse  
important  
normal  
north  
ordinary  
orchard  
organ  
porch  
pork  
port  
record  
report  
shorts  
snorkel  
snort  
sort  
sport  
stork  
storm  
thorns  
torch  
torn  
transport  
worn

## au

applaud  
auburn  
audit  
audio  
augment  
August  
auk

aura  
aurora  
author  
autism  
auto  
bauble  
baulk  
caulk  
cause  
caution  
clause  
daub  
daunt  
exhaust  
faun  
fauna  
flaunt  
fraud  
gaudy  
gaunt  
gauze  
haul  
haunch  
haunt  
jaundice  
jaunt  
laud  
launch  
laundry  
maul  
nausea  
Paul  
paunch  
pauper  
pause  
sauce  
saucer  
sauna  
staunch  
tarpaulin  
taunt  
taut  
trauma

## ore

adore  
before  
bore  
chores  
core  
explore  
forearm  
forecast  
gore  
ignore  
more  
ore  
score  
shore  
snore  
sore  
spores  
store  
swore  
wore

## a

all  
also  
bald  
ball  
call  
fall  
hall  
small  
stall  
tall  
wall  
walnuts

## ar

awards  
dwarf  
quarter  
reward  
swarm  
swarthy  
war  
warble  
ward

warden  
wardrobe  
warm  
warmth  
warn  
warp  
wart

## ough

bought  
brought  
fought  
nought  
ought  
sought  
thought  
wrought

## augh

caught  
daughter  
fraught  
haughty  
naughty  
onslaught  
slaughter  
taught  
Waugh

## oar

boar  
board  
cardboard  
coarse  
corkboard  
dashboard  
keyboard  
hoard  
hoarse  
oar  
roar  
soar  
surfboard  
uproar

## our

course  
court  
four  
gourd  
mourn  
pour  
your

## al

chalk  
stalk  
talk  
walk

## oor

boor  
door  
floor  
moor  
poor  
spoor

## aur

Centaur  
dinosaur  
Minotaur  
plesiosaur

## awe

awesome  
Stawell

## oa

broad

## ure

sure

## orps

corps

## ea

Sean

# ou

about  
accounts  
amount  
announce  
around  
blouse  
bounce  
bound  
bounty  
bout  
cloud  
clout  
couch  
council  
counsel  
counter  
county  
crouch  
flounder  
flout  
foul  
fountain  
found  
gout  
grouch  
ground  
grout  
hideout  
hound  
house  
joust  
loud  
lounge  
lout  
mountain  
mound  
mouse  
mouth  
noun  
ouch

oust  
out  
outback  
outside  
pouch  
pounce  
pound  
pout  
proud  
round  
rout  
scout  
shout  
shroud  
slouch  
snout  
sound  
south  
spout  
sprouts  
stout  
thou  
tout  
trounce  
trout  
voucher  
wound

## ow

allow  
bow  
bowel  
brow  
browse  
brown  
chowder  
clown  
cow  
coward  
cower  
cowl  
crowd  
crown  
dowdy  
dowel

down  
drown  
drowsy  
endow  
eyebrows  
fowl  
frown  
gown  
growl  
how  
howl  
jowls  
kowitz  
meow  
now  
owl  
powder  
power  
prow  
prowl  
row  
rowdy  
scowl  
sow  
towel  
town  
trowel  
vow  
vowel  
wow

## ough

bough  
doughty  
drought  
plough  
sough

## au

Auschwitz  
kauri  
sauerkraut  
umlaut

## ao

Lao  
Maori  
Sao Paulo

## aow

miaow

## eo

Macleod

## owe

Howe

# oi

adjoin  
adroit  
anoint  
appoint  
asteroid  
avoid  
boil  
ballpoint  
boing  
borzoi  
broil  
celluloid  
coil  
coin  
choice  
cloister  
cuboid  
deltoid  
despoil  
devoid  
disappoint  
doily  
droid  
embroider  
embroil  
exploit  
fibroids  
foible  
foil

foist  
goitre  
groin  
haemorrhoid  
hoick  
hoist  
hydrofoil  
hyoid  
invoice  
join  
joint  
loin  
loincloth  
loiter  
mastoid  
moist  
moisture  
noise  
oil  
oilskins  
oink  
ointment  
paranoia  
pinpoint  
poinsettia  
point  
poise  
poison  
polaroid  
purloin  
quoits  
recoil  
rejoice  
rejoin  
rhomboid  
schizoid  
sirloin  
soil  
spoil  
spoilt  
steroids  
subsoil  
tabloids  
toil  
toilet

trapezoid  
troika  
turmoil  
turquoise  
typhoid  
uncoil  
voice  
void  
yoicks  
zoid

## oy

ahoy  
alloy  
annoy  
boy  
boycott  
boysenberry  
buoy  
clairvoyant  
cloy  
convoy  
cowboy  
coy  
decoy  
deploy  
destroy  
doyen  
employ  
enjoy  
envoy  
flamboyant  
foyer  
gargoyle  
joy  
joyful  
joyride  
joystick  
loyal  
oyster  
pageboy  
ploy  
royal  
samoyed  
saveloy

soy  
soybean  
soymilk  
tomboy  
toy  
Troy  
viceroys  
voyage  
voyeur

## eu

Creutzfeldt  
Deutschland  
Freud  
Reuters

## aw

lawyer  
sawyer

# air

affair  
air  
aircraft  
bairn  
cairn  
chair  
clairvoyant  
dairy  
debonair  
despair  
eclair  
fair  
fairy  
flair  
hair  
impair  
lair  
mohair  
pair  
prairie  
repair  
stair

tairn

## are

aware  
bare  
beware  
blare  
care  
compare

dare  
declare  
fare  
flare  
glare  
hare

mare  
pare  
prepare

rare  
scare  
share  
snare  
spare  
square  
stare  
tare  
ware  
warfare  
welfare

## ar

aquarium  
arbitrary  
area  
barbarian  
blaring  
canary  
dictionary  
daring  
garish  
harem  
hilarious  
librarian  
literary  
malaria

Mary

parent

rarest

scarce

scary

sharing

temporarily

transparent

vary

vegetarian

vicarious

voluntarily

wary

## aire

Airedale

billionaire

cuisenaire

doctrinaire

legionnaire

luminaire

millionaire

questionnaire

secretaire

solitaire

## ere

compere

derriere

ere

lumiere

misere

premiere

there

where

## aer

aerate

aerial

aerobics

aerodrome

aeroplane

aerosol

aerospace

## ear

bear

pear

swear

tear

wear

## er

bolero

sombrero

Verdi

## eir

Eire

heir

their

## ayer

Ayers Rock

prayer

## ert

camembert

Flaubert

## ey're

they're

## eah

yeah

## ayor

mayor

## Eyre

Jane Eyre

# ear

appear

beard

bleary

clear

dear

disappear

dreary

ear

earlobes

earwig

endear

fear

gear

hear

hearsay

near

overhear

reappear

rear

sear

shear

smear

spear

tear

unclear

weary

year

## eer

auctioneer

beer

buccaneer

career

charioteer

cheer

deer

domineer

eerie

engineer

jeer

leer

meerkat

mountaineer

musketeer

mutineer

peer

pioneer

profiteer

puppeteer

queer

racketeer

reindeer

sheer

sneer

steer

veer

veneer

volunteer

## ere

adhere

atmosphere

austere

biosphere

cashmere

cohere

ecosphere

hemisphere

here

interfere

mere

persevere

revere

severe

sincere

sphere

stratosphere

## ier

Algiers

brigadier

cashier

cavalier

chandelier

fierce

frontier

gondolier

pier

pierce

Tangiers

tier

## er

Algeria

anterior

arterial

bacteria  
cafeteria  
cereal  
Ceres  
coherent  
experience  
hero  
hysteria  
inferior  
interior  
material  
merest  
ministerial  
perseverance  
posterior  
Presbyterian  
query  
serious  
Siberian  
sincerest  
superior  
ulterior  
wisteria  
zero

## ire

Cheshire  
Derbyshire  
Hampshire  
Lancashire  
Oxfordshire  
Staffordshire  
Yorkshire

## ir

delirious  
Emir  
nadir  
souvenir  
Vladimir

## eir

weir  
weird

## eare

Shakespeare

## X

ax(US)

box  
chux  
cox  
dux  
ex  
fax  
fox  
hex  
lax  
Mex  
mix  
ox  
pax  
pox  
Rex  
sex  
six  
tax  
Tex  
tix  
tux  
vex  
vox  
wax

## xe

annexe (US  
annex)  
axe (US ax)  
deluxe

## xi

anxious  
complexion  
connexion  
(UK archaic)  
crucifixion  
deflexion  
(deflection)  
flexion  
noxious  
obnoxious

## oi

cloissonné  
coiffeur  
coiffure  
Cointreau  
croissant  
noisette

soiree  
toile  
toilette  
vichysoisse  
voile

## oir

abattoir  
Beauvoir  
boudoir  
couloir  
memoir  
noir  
peignoir  
Renoir  
reservoir  
savoir faire  
voir dire

## oire

armoire  
conservatoire  
Cote d'Ivoire  
escritoire  
Loire  
moire

noire  
repertoire

## gn

champignon  
chignon  
cognac  
filet mignon  
gnocchi  
lasagne (US  
lasagne)  
lorgnette  
mignonette  
poignant  
sauvignon  
soignee  
vigneron  
vignette

# Spelling index

This index lets you look up spellings and find the sounds they represent, including spellings that are shared by more than one sound e.g. the “ea” in “sea”, “head”, “great”, “bream” and “Sean”.

Please note that the information in the column headed “often (but not always) from” is intended to help start discussions about the languages our words and spellings come from, but is not extensively researched or definitive. Many words’ origins are unclear, and many spellings are used in words originating in several languages. Many dictionaries include information on word origins, or for more detail see a dictionary of etymology.

Spelling	Sound	Example words	Often (but not always) from	Page
a	“a”	at, gap, van		16
a	“e”	any, many, asphalt		17
a	“u”	hangì, mamma		18
a	“l”	naïve, paella		23
a	“ar”	ask, grass, nasty		25
a	“ay”	apron, paper, table	French/Latin	19
a	“o”	quads, want, was	Germanic	17
a	“aw”	all, fall, wall	Germanic	27
a...e	“ay”	cake, date, male		19
a...e	“e”	Thames	Latin/Gaelic	17
aa	“ar”	baa, Saab		26
aar	“ar”	aardvark, bazaar		26
ae	“ay”	reggae, sundae		20
ae	“l”	curriculum vitae, maestro, taekwondo		22
ae	“e”	haemorrhage, haemorrhoids	Latin/Greek	17
ae	“ee”	algae, Caesar, faeces	Latin/Greek	21
aer	“air”	aerial, aerobics, aeroplane	Greek	29
ah	“a”	Fahrenheit		16
ah	“ay”	dahlia		20
ah	“ar”	blah, galah, hurrah		26
ai	“a”	plaid, plait, daiquiri		16
ai	“ay”	chain, trail, snail		19
ai	“l”	bonsai, Masai, taipan		22
ai	“e”	again, against, said	Germanic	16
aigh	“ay”	straight	Germanic	20
air	“air”	air, chair, pair		29
aire	“air”	billionaire, doctrinaire, questionnaire	French	29
al	“ar”	calf, halve, palm		26
al	“a”	salmon	French/Latin	16
al	“aw”	stalk, talk, walk	Germanic	27
ao	“ou”	Lao, Maori, Sao Paulo		28
ao	“ay”	gaol	French/Latin	20
aow	“ou”	miaow		28
ar	“ar”	arm, car, part		25
ar	“air”	librarian, parent, scary	French/Latin	29
ar	“aw”	dwarf, war, warmth	Germanic	27
are	“air”	care, share, welfare		29

are	“ar”	are	Germanic	26
arr	“ar”	barred, charred, starred		26
arre	“ar”	bizarre	French/Basque/Italian?	26
arrh	“ar”	catarrh	Latin/Greek	26
au	“ar”	aunt, draught, laugh		26
au	“oh”	chauffeur, gauche, mauve	French	23
au	“aw”	August, cause, launch	French/Latin	27
au	“ou”	Auschwitz, sauerkraut, umlaut	German	28
au	“ay”	gauge	Old North French	20
augh	“aw”	daughter, naughty, taught	Germanic	27
ault	“oh”	Renault, Foucault	French	24
aur	“aw”	Centaur, dinosaur, Minotaur	Greek	27
aux	“oh”	faux	French	24
aw	“aw”	claw, draw, lawn		26
aw	“oi”	lawyer, sawyer		29
awe	“aw”	awe, awesome	Germanic	27
ay	“I”	Ayatollah, kayak, Uruguay		22
ay	“ee”	quay	French/Gaelic/Cornish	21
ay	“e”	says	Germanic	17
ay	“ay”	day, play, sway	Germanic	19
aye	“I”	aye	Germanic	23
ayer	“air”	prayer, Ayers Rock		29
ayor	“air”	mayor	French	29
b	“b”	bat, big, tub		2
bb	“b”	cubby, ribbon, webbed	Germanic	2
bd	“d”	bdellium	Hebrew	4
bre	“b”	macabre	French/Latin	2
bt	“t”	debt, doubt, subtle	French/Latin	12
bu	“b”	build, buoy, buy	Germanic	2
c	“s”	ace, cent, city	French/Latin	10
c	“k”	cat, cop, cub, music, panic, traffic	Germanic	2
c	“ch”	bocconcini, cello, vermicelli	Italian	4
c	“sh”	appreciate, concerto, oceanic	Latin/Italian	11
ç	“s”	curaçao, façade, garçon	French	10
cc	“k”	account, broccoli, soccer		3
cc	“ch”	Carpaccio, focaccia	Italian	4
cch	“k”	radicchio, saccharin, zucchini	Italian	3
ce	“s”	choice, fence, niece	French/Latin	10
ce	“sh”	cetacean, crustacean, ocean	Latin	11
ch	“ch”	chain, each, perch		3
ch	“sh”	brochure, chef, machine	French	11
ch	“k”	chord, echidna, school	Greek	3
che	“ch”	Carte blanche, luncheon		4
che	“sh”	avalanche, cache, panache	French	11
chi	“sh”	Appalachian, Eustachian, Marchioness		12
chsi	“sh”	fuchsia		12
cht	“t”	yacht	Norwegian/German	12
ci	“ch”	ciao	Italian	4
ci	“sh”	ancient, musician, special	Latin	11



ck	“k”	duck, rock, sack	Germanic	2
cq	“k”	lacquer, racquet	French/Arabic	3
cq	“k”	acquaint, acquire, Macquarie	French/Latin	3
ct	“t”	Indict, Connecticut, victual	French/Latin or Mohican	12
cz	“ch”	Czech	Czech	4
cz/ts	“z”	Czar/Tsar	Russian	15
d	“d”	and, dad, had		4
d	“t”	baked, joked, wiped	Germanic (weak past tense verbs)	12
d	“j”	educate, graduate, residue	Latin	6
dd	“d”	cuddle, ladder, teddy	Germanic	4
de	“d”	Adelaide, aide, charade	French	4
dg	“j”	budgie, fidget, pidgin	Germanic	6
dge	“j”	badge, edge, ridge	Germanic	6
dh	“d”	Dhal, jodhpurs, Riyadh	Hindi	4
di	“j”	incendiary, soldier, subsidiary		6
di	“d”	stipendiary	Latin	4
dj	“j”	adjective, adjunct, Djakarta		6
dne	“n”	Wednesday	Germanic	8
e	“e”	bed, get, well		16
e	“ee”	be, evil, fever		21
e	“o”	encore, entourage, entrée	French	18
e	“i”	English, knowledge, pretty	Germanic	17
e...e	“ay”	crèche, fete, suede	French	20
e...e	“ee”	athlete, concrete, extreme	French/Latin	20
ea	“i”	bream		17
ea	“e”	bread, head, sweat	Germanic	16
ea	“ay”	break, great, steak	Germanic	20
ea	“ee”	beat, flea, sea	Germanic	20
ea	“aw”	Sean	Irish/Gaelic	27
eah	“air”	yeah	American English	29
ear	“er”	early, learn, search		26
ear	“ar”	hearken, heart, hearth	Germanic	26
ear	“air”	bear, pear, wear	Germanic	29
ear	“ear”	ear, hear, fear	Germanic	29
eare	“ear”	Shakespeare	Germanic	30
eau	“o”	bureaucracy	French	18
eau	“oh”	bureau, gâteau, plateau	French	23
eau	“you”	beauty	French/Latin	24
ed	“d”	dimmed, hugged, robbed	Germanic (weak past tense verbs)	4
ed	“t”	checked, fished, puffed	Germanic (weak past tense verbs)	12
ee	“ay”	fiancée, mélée, purée	French	20
ee	“i”	breeches	Germanic	17
ee	“ee”	been, free, see	Germanic	20
eer	“ear”	beer, career, queer		29
ei	“e”	heifer, leisure		17
ei	“ay”	surveillance, veil, vein		20
ei	“i”	Apartheid, kaleidoscope, poltergeist		22
ei	“a”	veillee	French	16
ei	“ee”	ceiling, deceit, protein	French	21

eigh	“ee”	Leigh	Gaelic	21
eigh	“ay”	eight, neigh, weight	Germanic	20
eigh	“l”	height, sleight of hand	Germanic	23
eir	“air”	heir, their		29
eir	“ear”	weir, weird	Germanic	30
eo	“ou”	MacLeod		28
eo	“e”	jeopardy, leopard	French/Latin	17
eo	“ee”	people	French/Latin/Etruscan	21
eo	“oh”	yeoman	Germanic	24
er	“ar”	clerk, derby, sergeant		26
er	“er”	her, term, verb		26
er	“ear”	bacteria, inferior, serious	French/Latin	29
er	“air”	bolero, sombrero, Verdi	Spanish/Italian	29
ere	“air”	compere, lumiere, there		29
ere	“ear”	here, severe, sphere		29
ere	“er”	were	Germanic	26
err	“er”	err, deterred, referred	French	26
ert	“air”	camembert, Flaubert	French	29
eu	“you”	deuce, Europe, feud		24
eu	“ooh”	time in lieu, rheumatism, sleuth		25
eu	“er”	cordon bleu, milieu, Peugeot	French	26
eu	“oi”	Creutzfeldt, Freud, Reuters	German	29
eur	“er”	poseur, saboteur, voyeur	French	26
ew	“you”	chew, new, steward		24
ew	“oh”	sew	Germanic	24
ew	“ooh”	blew, drew, threw	Germanic	25
ewe	“you”	ewe	Germanic	24
ey	“i”	Ann Boleyn		17
ey	“ay”	grey, prey, they		20
ey	“ee”	chimney, donkey, money (mostly nouns)		21
ey’re	“air”	they’re	Germanic	29
eye	“l”	eye	Germanic	23
eyre	“air”	Jane Eyre		29
ez	“ay”	laissez-faire, rendez-vous	French	20
f	“f”	fed, fit, golf		4
f	“v”	of	Germanic	13
fe	“f”	carafe		5
ff	“f”	coffee, off, puffin	Germanic	4
ffe	“f”	gaffe, giraffe		5
ft	“f”	often, soften	Germanic	5
g	“g”	dig, give, got		5
g	“j”	age, gel, huge	French	6
g	“zh”	aubergine, protégé, regime	French	7
ge	“zh”	beige, collage, mirage	French	6
ge	“j”	charge, hinge, sponge	French/Latin	6
gg	“g”	bigger, egg, haggle	Germanic	5
gg	“j”	arpeggio, exaggerate, suggest	Latin/Italian	6
gh	“f”	cough, enough, laugh		5
gh	“g”	ghastly, ghost, yoghurt		5

gh	“h”	Callaghan, Monaghan	Irish	5
gi	“j”	Belgium, hygiene, region	Latin	6
gl	“l”	imbroglio, Imbruglia, Modigliani	Italian	7
gm	“m”	diaphragm, paradigm, phlegm	Greek then Latin	8
gn	“ny”	chignon, sauvignon, vignette	French	30
gn	“n”	foreign, gnome, sign	French/Latin	8
gu	“g”	fatigue, guess, guy		5
gue	“g”	league, morgue, dialogue	French	5
h	“h”	hat, him, hut	Germanic	5
hl	“l”	kohl, kohlrabi		7
i	“a”	meringue, timbre		16
i	“l”	hi, blind, climate		22
i	“o”	lingerie	French	18
i	“y”	brilliant, junior, onion	French/Latin	14
i	“i”	big, it, kiss	Germanic	17
i	“ee”	alien, piano, taxi	Latin/Italian/Spanish	21
i...e	“l”	bike, five, nice		21
i...e	“ee”	elite, marine, sardine	French	21
ia	“i”	carriage, marriage	French	17
ie	“i”	Liechtenstein, sieve		17
ie	“ee”	chief, field, ladies		21
ie	“l”	die, pie, tie		22
ie	“ay”	lingerie	French	20
ie	“e”	friend	Germanic	17
ier	“ear”	cashier, fierce, pier	French	29
igh	“l”	bright, high, night	Germanic	22
ioux	“ooh”	Sioux	Algonquian/Iroquois	25
ir	“er”	bird, dirt, stir	Germanic	26
ire	“ear”	Cheshire, Oxfordshire, Yorkshire	Germanic	30
ix	“ee”	Grand Prix	French	21
j	“j”	enjoy, job, jug		5
j	“zh”	Déjà vu, Taj Mahal, Tjapaltjarri		7
j	“y”	hallelujah, Jung, Reykjavik		14
j	“h”	Jobba, José, junta	Spanish	5
jj	“j”	hajj	Arabic	6
ju	“w”	marijuana	Spanish	14
k	“k”	kit, keep, sky, bank, park, take	Germanic	2
ke	“k”	Bourke, Fawkes, Hawke		3
kh	“h”	Khomeini	Farsi	5
kh	“k”	gymkhana, khaki, Sikh	Hindi/Urdu/Sanskrit	3
kk	“k”	bookkeeping, quokka, trekking		3
kn	“n”	knee, knife, knock	Germanic	8
l	“l”	lit, fly, lock		7
ld	“l”	feldspar, Geraldton		7
lh	“l”	Lhasa	Tibetan	7
li	“l”	Salisbury		7
ll	“y”	carillon, cordillera	French/Spanish	14
ll	“l”	doll, fell, skill	Germanic	7
lle	“l”	Braille, grille, moselle	French	7

m	"m"	am, man, mum		7
mb	"m"	comb, lamb, plumber	Germanic	8
mm	"m"	comma, hammer, mammals	Germanic	8
mme	"m"	aerogramme, femme, programme	French	8
mn	"n"	mnemonic	Greek	8
mn	"m"	autumn, condemn, hymn	Latin	8
n	"n"	can, no, sun		8
n	"ng"	Bank, pink, thank	Germanic	8
nd	"ng"	handkerchief		9
ne	"n"	borne, Milne, Wayne		8
ng	"n"	Pekingese	Chinese	8
ng	"n"	bang, king, song	Germanic	8
ngue	"ng"	harangue, meringue, tongue		9
nn	"n"	bunny, dinner, kennel	Germanic	8
nne	"n"	Anne, cayenne, julienne	French	8
o	"oh"	avocado, most, no		23
o	"ooh"	do, to, womb		25
o	"o"	box, got, on	Germanic	17
o	"u"	above, mother, son	Germanic	18
o	"oo"	bosom, wolf, woman	Germanic	19
o	"i"	women	Old English (-en plurals) or Dutch	17
o...e	"o"	gone, scone, shone		18
o...e	"oh"	cone, joke, rode		23
o...e	"ooh"	lose, move, prove		25
o...e	"u"	come, done, some	Germanic	18
oa	"oh"	boat, load, roast		23
oa	"aw"	broad	Germanic	27
oar	"aw"	board, coarse, hoard	Germanic	27
oe	"oh"	foe, toe, volcanoes		23
oe	"ooh"	canoe, Donohoe, shoe		25
oe	"u"	does	Germanic with -es 3 <sup>rd</sup> person	18
oe	"ee"	amoeba, foetus, phoenix	Latin/Greek	21
oeu	"ooh"	manoeuvre	French	25
oh	"oh"	Crohn's Disease, ohm, playdoh		24
oh	"o"	John	Hebrew/Greek/Latin	18
oi	"oi"	avoid, coin, foil	French	28
oi	"wah"	croissant, noisette, soiree	French	30
oir	"wah"	abattoir, boudoir, memoir	French	30
oire	"wah"	armoire, conservatoire, repertoire	French	30
ol	"oh"	folk, yolk	Germanic	24
olo	"er"	colonel	French/Italian/Latin	26
oo	"ooh"	boot, food, moon		24
oo	"oh"	brooch, maroon	French	24
oo	"u"	blood, flood	Germanic	18
oo	"oo"	good, look, woof	Germanic	18
ooh	"ooh"	pooh		25
oor	"aw"	door, floor, poor	Germanic	27
or	"aw"	born, for, sort		27
or	"er"	work, worse, worth	Germanic	26

ore	“aw”	before, gore, more		27
orps	“aw”	corps	French/Latin	27
ou	“u”	country, enough, touch		18
ou	“oo”	couscous, hoummos, tour		19
ou	“oh”	mould, poultry, soul		23
ou	“ooh”	coupon, group, youth		25
ou	“ooh”	fluoroscope, hydrofluoric		25
ou	“ou”	cloud, found, out		28
ou	“w”	Ouija	French “oui” plus German “ja”	14
ou	“o”	cough, Gough, trough	Germanic	18
ough	“oh”	dough, though	Germanic	24
ough	“ooh”	through	Germanic	25
ough	“aw”	bought, fought, thought	Germanic	27
ough	“ou”	bough, drought, plough	Germanic	28
oul	“oo”	could, should, would	Germanic	19
oup	“ooh”	coup	French	25
our	“aw”	court, four, pour		27
our	“er”	courtesy, journal, scourge	French	26
oux	“ooh”	billet doux, choux, roux	French	25
ow	“o”	knowledge		18
ow	“ou”	cow, frown, power		28
ow	“oh”	blow, follow, yellow	Germanic	23
owe	“ou”	Howe		28
owe	“oh”	owe	Germanic	24
oy	“oi”	boy, soy, toy	French	28
p	“p”	map, pat, pup		9
pb	“b”	Campbell, cupboard, raspberry		2
pb	“p”	subpoena	Latin	9
pe	“p”	cantaloupe, coupe, troupe	French	9
ph	“f”	alphabet, dolphin, phone	Greek	4
ph	“v”	Stephen	Greek then Latin	13
phth	“th” (voiceless)	apophthegm, phthalates	Greek	13
pi	“p”	aspirin	German/Latin/Greek	9
pn	“n”	pneumatic, pneumonia	Greek then Latin	8
pp	“p”	happen, puppy, supper	Germanic	9
ppe	“p”	steppe	German/Russian	9
pph	“f”	sapphire	Greek then Latin	5
ps	“s”	psalm, pseudo, psychology	Greek then Latin	10
pt	“t”	Pterodactyl, ptomaine, receipt	French/Latin/Greek	12
q	“k”	quail, quick, squid	Germanic	3
qu	“k”	conquer, liquor, mosquito	French/Latin	3
que	“k”	Boutique, mosque, plaque	French	3
r	“r”	ran, red, room		9
rh	“r”	rhyme, rhino, rhubarb	Greek	9
rr	“r”	carrot, hurry, mirror	Germanic	9
rrh	“r”	cirrhosis, diarrhoea, pyrrhic	Greek	9
rw	“r”	Warwick		9
s	“s”	bus, sips, song	(often plural/3 <sup>rd</sup> person)	9
s	“sh”	capsule, sugar, sure	French	11

s	“z”	as, dogs, was	Germanic (often plural/3 <sup>rd</sup> person)	14
s	“zh”	casual, measure, treasure	Latin/French	7
sa	“s”	sarsaparilla	Spanish/Arabic	10
sc	“s”	ascend, muscle, scene	French/Latin	10
sc	“sh”	crescendo, Fascist	Italian	11
sce	“s”	acquiesce, convalesce, reminisce	French/Latin	10
sch	“sh”	schlock, schmooze, schnitzel	Yiddish	11
sci	“sh”	conscience, luscious, prosciutto	Latin/French/Italian	11
se	“s”	horse, nurse, rinse		10
se	“z”	bruise, cheese, noise		14
sh	“sh”	dish, sharp, show		11
shi	“sh”	cushion, fashion, parishioner	French	11
si	“z”	Business, hosiery		15
si	“zh”	Asia, decision, vision	Latin	7
si	“sh”	expansion, mansion, tension	Latin	11
sl	“l”	island	Germanic	7
sle	“l”	aisle, isle, lisle	French/Latin	7
ss	“sh”	assure, issue, tissue	French	11
ss	“z”	dessert, possess, scissors	French	15
ss	“s”	dress, kiss, pass	Germanic	9
sse	“s”	finesse, lacrosse, mousse	French	10
ssi	“sh”	discussion, passion, Russia	Latin	11
st	“s”	castle, fasten, listen	Germanic	10
sth	“s”	asthma, isthmus	Greek then Latin	10
su	“zh”	casuarina		7
sw	“s”	answer, sword		10
t	“t”	at, tap, ten	Germanic	12
t	“ch”	future, nature, structure	Latin	3
t	“sh”	initiate, negotiate, propitiate	Latin	11
tch	“ch”	catch, sketch, hitch, notch, hutch	Germanic	3
te	“ch”	righteous		4
te	“t”	Artiste, route, torte	French	12
th	“t”	Esther, Thomas, thyme		12
th	“th” (voiceless)	author, maths, with	Germanic	12
th	“th” (voiced)	brother, clothes, that	Germanic	13
the	“th” (voiced)	soothe, breathe, loathe	Germanic	13
ti	“ch”	question	French/Latin	4
ti	“zh”	equation	Latin	7
ti	“sh”	action, fiction, lotion	Latin	11
tsch	“ch”	Deutschland, kitsch, putsch	German	4
tt	“t”	butter, little, nutty	Germanic	12
tte	“t”	laundrette, gazette, serviette	French	12
tth	“th” (voiceless)	Matthew	Hebrew/Greek/Latin/French	13
tz	“s”	waltz	German	10
tzsch	“ch”	Nietzsche	German	4
u	“w”	cuisine, guava, quack		13
u	“you”	emu, human, music		24
u	“ooh”	brutal, fluid, ruler		25
u	“f”	lieutenant (UK English)	French	5

u	“e”	bury	Germanic	17
u	“i”	business, busy	Germanic	17
u	“u”	cut, jug, sun	Germanic	18
u	“oo”	full, bush, put	Germanic	19
u...e	“you”	confuse, dune, reduce		24
u...e	“ooh”	brute, June, rude		25
ue	“you”	argue, cue, Tuesday		24
ue	“ooh”	blue, clue, rescue	French	25
ugh	“you”	Hugh		24
ui	“ooh”	bruise, fruit, juice		25
ui	“you”	nuisance, pursuit	French/Latin	24
ur	“er”	burst, church, turn	Germanic	26
ure	“aw”	sure	French	27
urr	“er”	blurred, concurred, purred		26
uu	“you”	vacuum	Latin	24
v	“v”	Van, vet, wove		13
ve	“v”	groove, nerve, starve		13
vre	“v”	Hors d’oeuvre	French	13
vv	“v”	divvy, savvy, skivvy		13
w	“w”	twin, wet, with		13
w	“v”	Ludwig, Luftwaffe, Wagner	German	13
wh	“h”	who, whole, whose	Germanic	5
wh	“w”	whale, when, why	Germanic	13
wo	“ooh”	two	Germanic	25
wr	“r”	wrap, wreck, wrist	Germanic	9
x	“k”	excel, excess, excite	French/Latin	3
x	“ks”	box, fax, six	Germanic	30
x	“z”	Xavier, xylem, xylophone	Greek	15
x	“s”	ibexes, indexes	Latin	10
x	“h”	Don Quixote	Spanish	5
xe	“ks”	annexe, axe, deluxe	French (but axe is Germanic)	30
xi	“ksh”	anxious, complexion, noxious	Latin	30
y	“ee”	angry, footy, nasty (mostly adjectives)		21
y	“l”	by, my, sky		22
y	“y”	yard, yes, you	Germanic	14
y	“i”	gym, myth, Sydney	Greek	17
y...e	“l”	style, type, troglodyte		22
ye	“l”	bye, dye, rye	Germanic	22
yr	“er”	myrtle	French/Latin/Greek	26
z	“z”	doze, lazy, zoo		14
z	“zh”	azure, seizure	French	7
z	“s”	Fitzroy, pretzel, quartz	German	10
z	“t”	mezzo, pizza, terrazzo	Italian	12
ze	“z”	Breeze, gauze, snooze		15
zz	“z”	Buzz, fizz, puzzle	Germanic	14
(nothing)	“w”	heroine, one, once		14
~ over n	“y”	El Niño, La Niña, mañana	Spanish	14

