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## A Listing of Basic Words Which TEND to Defy Phonic Analysis

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again (4.75)	uh G'IN	419	colored * (7.40)	KUL lur'd	676
against (10.40)	uh G'EN's-t	419	coloring *	KUL lur ring	676
although (8.25)	AW'l th'OH	313	colors * (7.60)	KUL lurz	676
answer (6.45)	AN sur	671	colour *	KUL lur	682
answered (8.90)	AN sur'd	671	coloured *	KUL lur'd	682
answering (8.10)	AN sur ring	671	colouring *	KUL lur ring	682
answers (8.30)	AN sur'z	671	colours	KUL lurz	682
any (2.30)	EN nee	717	come (1.20)	KUM	334
anybody (3.80)	EN nee BUD dee	711	comes (2.05)	KUM'z	334
anyhow(4.55)	EN nee H'OW	318	coming (5.45)	KUM ming	334
anymore	EN nee MOH'r	526	could (2.70)	kuud	405
anyone (2.45)	EN nee WUN	340	couldn't (6.50)	kuud dint	405
anyplace	EN nee PLAY-ss	343	countries * (9.30)	KUN treez	755
anything (3.05)	EN nee TH'ing	218	country (3.70)	KUN tree	755
anywhere (3.85)	EN nee h'WAY-r	524	country's *	KUN treez	755
aunt * (4.45)	AN't	252	daughter (9.00)	DAW'tur	650
Aunt* Mary*	AN't MEHR ree	720	daughters	DAW turz	650
aunts *(7.90)	AN'tss	252	do * (1.80)	doo	312
aunt's *(13.25)	AN'tss	252	does ** (5.60)	DUZ	312
beauties	b'YOO tee	729	doesn't (8.70)	DUZ in't	134
beautiful (10.05)	b'YOO tuh ful	630	dumb (9.90)	dum	958
beautifully (14.30)	b'YOO tuh ful lee	630	eye * (3.60)	YH	308
beauty (7.95)	b'YOO tee	729	eyeball	YH baw'l	147
become (2.05)	bee KUM	334	eyebrows	YH brow'z	318
becomes (3.80)	bee KUM'Z	334	eyeful	YH ful	629
becoming (5.70)	bee KUM ming	334	eyes * (3.90)	YH'z	308
break *(8.15)	b'RAY'k	408	father (2.20)	FAH thur	646
break-in	b'RAY'k IN	408	fathers (4.95)	FAH thur'z	646
breaking (7.65)	b'RAY king	408	fatherhood	FAH thur huud	404
breaks *(10.10)	b'RAY'k-ss	408	father-in-law	FAH thur in LAW	646
breakfast (6.95)	BREK fist	233	fatherly	FAH thur lee	750
brother (4.00)	BRUH thur	646	four * (2.95)	FOH'r	532
brotherly	BRUH thur lee	646	fours	FOH'r-z	532
brothers (4.80)	BRUH thurz	646	fourth * (7.25)	FOH'r-th	534
build * (4.90)	BIL'd (bu=b)	240	GI	JEE YH	535
builder	BIL dur	640	gone (2.75)	GAW'n	309
building (4.90)	BIL ding	240	half (4.00)	HAF	243
buildings (6.45)	BIL ding'z	240	halve	HAV	243
builds	BIL'd-z	240	have ** (1.25) (*)	HAV	324
built (5.90)	BIL't	240	haven't (5.70)	HAV vint	324
buy *(3.10)	B'YH (bu=b)	308	heard * (4.75)	HUR'd	533
buyer (7.50)	B'YH ur	672	heart * (4.65)	H'AH'r-t	510
buying (4.70)	B'YH ing	308	his (1.60)	hizz	138
buys * (9.00)	B'YH-z	308	honey (5.10)	HUN nee	306
children (4.80)	CHILL drun	875	input	IN puut	135
climb * (5.80)	K'LYH-m	958	is (1.05)	IZZ	138
climbed (8.65)	K'LYH-m'd	958	island (5.15)	YH lun'd	281
climber	K'LYH mur	958	isle *	YH'l	962
climbing	K'LYH ming	958	isn't (5.55)	IZ zint	138
color * (5.40)	KUL lur	676	lamb * (5.30)	lam	958

again	24% <sup>1</sup>	I'll say it again, although you never answered my question.
against	06%	I said, "Up against the wall!"
any	50%	Does anybody know anything anymore about Aunt Mary's heart?
anybody	16%	Can anybody tell me why it's so hard for some kids to spell body?
body	33%	The plural of body is bodies.
beauty	05%	A beauty is beautiful and dresses beautifully.
beauties	<3%	Beauties ought to have beautiful clothes.
beautiful	02%	Oh, what a beautiful morning.
become	68%	Has breakfast become the most important meal of the day?
becoming	24%	My brother is becoming a real bother to everybody.
break	05%	Give me a break. I break my fast with breakfast.
breakfast	06%	Why should breakfast be 20% easier to spell than break?
build	18%	A good builder can build any kind of buildings.
built	12%	An experienced builder has built all kinds of buildings.
buy	52%	That guy will buy almost anything that's on sale.
buyer	25%	Why should adding -er to the word buy to get buyer be so hard?
children	20%	Most American children love to color in coloring books.
color	14%	What is your favorite color?
colour	<14%	Most British children love to colour in colouring books.
climb	29%	Jack and Jill love to climb trees.
climbed	08%	They climbed the mountain just because it was there.
couldn't	07%	Tom couldn't believe what he heard. It was so dumb.
does	24%	What difference does that make?
doesn't	09%	It doesn't make any difference at all.
dumb	04%	He is so dumb he thinks clocks have fingers on their hands.
dumber	n.a.	There's nobody who can be dumber than a rock.
dumbest	n.a.	Jacques LaRocque is the dumbest person I know.
daughter	02%	If you add c to the front of laughter you'll get daughter.
eye	39%	I was sure I would get a black eye if I said, "Aye, aye, sir."
father	67%	My father has a most unusual name.
father's	23%	My father's name is Lemuel Cicero McCabe.
fathers	49%	The school has a program for fathers and mothers.
four	42%	My father had four brothers and three sisters.
fourth	17%	Coming in fourth is better than coming in last.
fore	n.a. <sup>2</sup>	Fore means front as in forehead, foreground, and before.
gone	49%	Let bygones be bygones is a foregone conclusion gone nuts.
half	33%	Why don't you cut the apple in half?

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lambs (6.25)	lamz	958	teaks	S'TAY-k-ss	408
laugh (5.05)	LAF	407	their * (7.05)	THEHR	530
laughed (9.50)	LAF't	407	there * (3.95)	THEHR	524
laughing (6.80)	LAF fing	407	they (2.25)	THAY	302
laughs	LAF'ss	407	they're * (15.15)	THEHR	523
laughter (7.25)	LAF tur	650	thorough (18.20)	THUR roh	313
listen (7.60)	LISS sun	877	thoroughbred	THUR roh bred	107
listened (10.70)	LISS sun'd	877	thoroughfare	THUR roh FEHR	523
listener	LISS nur	877	thoroughgoing	THUR oh GOH wing	309
listeners	LISS nurz	877	thoroughly	THUR roh lee	747
listening (10.70)	LISS ning	877	thoroughness	THUR roh ness	1067
listens	LISS sunz	877	though (8.20)	TH'OH	313
many (3.30)	MEN nee	717	through * (8.45)	TH'ROO	313
Massachusetts	Mass uh CHOO set-ss	536	throughout * (9.75)	th'roo OW't	431
money (2.55)	MUN nee	306	throughway	TH'ROO way	301
Mr.	MISS tur	536	thumb (9.15)	THUM	958
Mrs.	MISS us	536	thumbs	THUM'z	958
Ms.	MIZZ	536	touch (6.80)	TUCH	205
Mses.	MIZZ uz	536	touches	TUCH iz	205
much (2.55)	MUH'ch	205	touched (9.40)	TUCH't	205
none * (4.90)	NUN	340	tough (8.70)	TUF	313
often (6.65)	AW fun	232	trouble (5.55)	TRUB b'l	313
oftentimes	AW fun TYH'm-z	232	troubles (8.45)	TRUB b'lz	313
oh (2.80)	OH	536	troubled	TRUB b'l-d	313
once (3.75)	WUN-ss	536	troubling	TRUB bling	313
one * (1.15)	WUN	340	two * (1.90)	TOO	312
one-half	WUN HAF	243	twos	TOO'z	312
other (2.90)	UH thur	646	twosome	TOO sum	224
others (4.40)	UH thurz	646	was (1.50)	wuzz	140
otherwise (5.45)	UH thur W'YH-z	363	wasn't (4.90)	wuz zin (t)	140
output	OW't puut	135	were (3.15)	WUR	524
put (1.70)	puut	135	we're (9.65)	WUR	523
putting ** (4.15)	puut ting	135	weren't (9.45)	WUR'n-t	134
puts (3.45)	puutz	135	what (2.00)	h'WUT	504
rough * (7.80)	ruff	313	where (3.60)	h'WEHR	524
said (2.55)	sed	401	who (2.30)	HOO	312
says (6.65)	SEZ	301	whom (5.95)	HOO'm	312
shoe * (3.65)	shoo	313	who'd (2.30)	HOO'd	241
shoes * (4.05)	shooz	313	whole * (5.10)	HOH'l	331
should (3.65)	shuud	405	wholly * (16.40)	HOH'lee	749
shouldn't (8.50)	shuud dint	405	who're	HOO'r	523
sign * (5.80)	SYH'n	959	who's *	HOO'z	138
signed (7.25)	SYH'n-d	959	whose * (10.30)	HOO'z	365
signer	SYH nur	959	woman (7.45)	WuuM mun	869
signs (8.10)	SYH nurz	959	women (6.15)	WIM min	869
signing	SYH ning	959	would * (2.85)	wuud	241
some * (2.10)	SUM	334	wouldn't (7.10)	wuud din'(t)	241
St. (As in St. Joseph)	SAY'n-t JOH suf	536	you * (1.05)	YOO	317
St. (As in Main St.)	MAY'n STREET	536	youth	YOO'th	277
steak	S'TAY-k	408	youthful	YOO'th ful	277

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lambs	16%	We're poor little lambs who have lost our way. Baa, baa, baa.
laughed	15%	Liberace (Lee ber AH chee) laughed all the way to the bank.
laughter	08%	Laughter is contagious.
listen	15%	Perhaps you should listen to what we've been saying.
listening	04%	Is anybody listening to what I have to say?
many	57%	It seems that many people want to become better spellers.
Mr.	n.a.	You would think Mr. Smith could spell the word <i>mister</i> .
Mrs.	n.a.	You would think that Mrs. Smith would pay more attention.
often	19%	Just how often do you think children should do the dishes?
one	80%	Perhaps one day eighty per cent of 3rd graders will be able to spell all the words on this page.
put	69%	Where should we put our boots?
putting	11%	They were putting all the dirty clothes into one basket.
putting	n.a.	Tiger Woods is a master at putting on fast greens.
rough	04%	We were rough and ready guys who could really harmonize.
says	22%	That's what she says, but I don't believe it.
shoes	27%	Baby needs some new shoes.
shouldn't	03%	I know I shouldn't have said that only 3% of 3rd graders could spell the word shouldn't.
signs	08%	Everybody should be able to read the street signs.
their	16%	They just painted their new house.
they're	04%	They're going to have to paint their house a different color.
thorough	01%	Schools need to do a thorough job of teaching spelling.
touch	11%	You should never touch someone else's food.
touched	04%	Tommy shouldn't have touched Jerry's ice cream cone.
trouble	07%	Even gifted third graders can have trouble spelling simple words.
two	61%	One, two. Buckle my shoe.
we're	09%	We're finding that even the gifted are having problems.
weren't	04%	60% of the gifted third graders weren't spelling <i>weren't</i> correctly.
whole	17%	I can't believe I ate the whole pie by myself, but I did.
wholly	03%	I guess I'm wholly responsible for the mistakes I made.
wouldn't	06%	Most teachers wouldn't believe what I just wrote is true.
woman	16%	At least, the gifted third graders could spell the word woman.
women	12%	How many women have been elected governor in the U.S.?

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ache (11.30)	AY'k	905	cupboards	KUB burd-z	533
ached	AY'k-t	905	debt (12.50)	DET	959
aches	AY'k-ss	905	debtor (16.45)	DET tur	959
aching	AY king	905	debts	DET-ss	959
acre (9.85)	AY kur	683	depot	DEE poh	949
acres (11.00)	AY kurz	683	dept.	dee PAH'r-t munt	883
aisle *	YH'l	962	dishonest	diss AH nist	234
aisles * (18.55)	YH'l-z	962	dishonesty	diss AH niss tee	758
ancient (14.60)	AY'n chunt	260	dishonestly	diss AH niss lee	753
area (8.80)	EHR ree uh	369	dishonor *	diss AH nur	677
areas	EHR ree uz	369	dishonorable *	diss AH nur uh b'l	617
assign (14.25)	uh SYH'n	959	dishonorably *	diss AH nur uh blee	617
assigned (13.70)	uh SYH'n-d	959	dishonour *	diss AH nur	677
assigning	uh SYH'n ing	959	dishonourable *	diss AH nur uh b'l	617
assignment (13.15)	uh SYH'n munt	959	dishonourably *	diss AH nur uh blee	617
assigns	uh SYH'n-z	959	double (7.55)	DUB b'l	610
biscuit	biss kit	690	doubled	DUB buld	610
biscuits	biss kit-ss	690	doubling	DUB ling	610
bologna *	buh LOH nee	375	doubles	DUB b'lz	610
bronze	BRAH'n-z	537	doubt (11.55)	DOW't	958
burial	BEHR ee ul	821	doubted	DOW tid	958
buried (11.15)	BEHR reed	727	doubtful (13.10)	DOW't ful	631
bury * (11.80)	BEHR ree	727	doubting	DOW ting	958
burying	BEHR ring	727	doubtless (13.30)	DOW't liss	1066
calf (5.75)	KAF	243	ensign	EN sin	959
calves (11.40)	KAV'z	243	Esther	ESS tur	537
canoe (10.25)	kuh NOO	313	etc.	et SET tur uh	376
canoes	kuh NOO'z	313	ewe *	YOO	316
cantaloupe	KAN tuh LOH'p	537	ewes *	YOO'z	316
choir * (14.60)	KWYH'r	907	exhaust (17.00)	eg ZAW-st	438
choirs *	KWYH'r-z	907	exhausted (17.50)	eg ZAW stid	438
Christ	KRYH-st	234	exhausting	eg ZAW sting	438
Christian (15.40)	KRISS chun	868	exhaustion	eg ZAW-ss chun	863
Christianity	KRISS chee AN uh tee	735	exhaustive	eg ZAW stive	897
Christmas (9.10)	KRISS muss	234	exhausts	eg ZAW-st-ss	438
circuit	SUR kit	690	feud	f'YOO-d	957
circuits	SUR kits	690	feuded	f'YOO did	957
circuitry	SUR kit tree	755	feuding	f'YOO ding	957
colonel * (17.45)	KUR nul	625	feuds	f'YOO'd-z	957
Col. Brown	KUR nul BROW'n	625	feudal	f'YOO d'l	820
cordial	KOH'r jul	820	feudalism	f'YOO d'l izm	272
cordially (17.70)	KOH'r jul lee	820	forehead (10.15)	FOH'r rid	402
corps *	KOH'r	961	foreign	FOH'r rin	959
cough (7.30)	KAW'f	313	foreigner	FOH'r rin ur	959
coughed	KAW'f-t	313	foreigners	FOH'r rin urz	959
coughing	KAW'fing	313	frijoles	free HOH layz	938
coughs	KAW'f-ss	313	geyser	GYH zur	666
cousin (8.55)	KUZZ in	879	geysers	GYH zurz	666
cousins	KUZZ inz	879	ghoul	GOOL	960
cupboard	KUB burd	533	ghouls	GOOLz	960

ache	06% <sup>1</sup>	I think I'm going to have a head ache.
aches	n.a. <sup>2</sup>	This time of year I have all kinds of aches and pains.
aching	n.a.	Oh, my aching back!
acre	02%	My dad always wanted to have one acre of land.
acres	01%	My grandfather had forty acres and a mule.
aisles	01%	I used to think it was great fun to run up and down the aisles.
ancient	n.a.	He's not an old sailor. He's an ancient mariner.
area	08%	What's the area of a two foot square?
assignment	04%	Your assignment is learn how to multiply two times two.
bury	02%	Where should you bury the survivors of a airplane crash?
buried	n.a.	Survivors aren't supposed to be buried! They're alive.
calf	22%	I think a newly born calf is kind of cute.
calves	05%	How many calves does that farmer have?
canoe	02%	You shouldn't go walking around in a canoe.
choir	02%	I have always enjoyed singing in a choir.
Christian	03%	You would think a Christian would follow the teachings of Christ.
cordially	02%	You are cordially invited to attend the services at our church.
cough	04%	You really shouldn't cough right into somebody's face.
cousin	06%	My cousin Bob lives in Detroit, Michigan.
cupboard	n.a.	We used to hang cups in the cupboard.
cupboards	n.a.	My dad built new cupboards for my mother.
debt	01%	It's no fun being in debt.
double	03%	Do twin blondes have double the fun?
doubt	02%	There's no doubt about that.
doubtful	n.a.	It's rather doubtful that he knows what he's talking about.
exhaust	01%	Trying to fix the exhaust system has got me totally exhausted.
exhaustion	n.a.	I'm so tired I don't even know how good exhaustion feels.
forehead	06%	It's hard to believe but forehead should rhyme with horrid.
feuds	n.a.	There have been lots of senseless feuds throughout history.
foreign	03%	I've always wanted to learn a foreign language.
foreigners	n.a.	Lots of foreigners speak English. Some are from England, even.
frijoles	n.a.	There's nothing like eating frijoles for breakfast.
ensign	n.a.	My cousin was an ensign in the U.S. Navy.
Esther	n.a.	My Aunt Esther was an ensign in the U.S. Navy, too.

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geysers	GYH zurz	666	honours *	AH nurz	682
ghoul	GOOL	960	impious	IM pee us	886
ghouls	GOOLz	960	Iraq	ee RAH'k	538
ghastly	GASS lee	753	Iraqi	ee RAH kee	945
ghee	G'EE	960	Iroquois	EER ruh koy	436
gherkins	GUR kinz	960	Isaac	YH zik	538
ghetto	GET toh	960	Isaiah (Proper)	yh ZAY uh	378
ghost (11.20)	GOH-st	235	Isiah Thomas	yh ZAY uh TAH mus	538
gnarled	NAH'r uld	959	Israel	IZH ree ul	624
gnash *	NASH	959	Israeli	iz RAY lee	945
gnat *	NAT	959	Jesus Garcia	hay ZOO-ss GAH'r see uh	160
gnaw *	NAW	959	Job	JOH'b	538
gneiss *	NYH-ss	959	Job's Daughters	JOH'bz DAW turz	650
gnome *	NOH'm	959	Jose	hoh ZAY	938
Gnostics	NAH stiks	817	Joshua	JAH'sh wuh	377
gnu *	NOO	314	Juan	h'WAH'n	504
Hades	HAY deez	304	Juanita	h'wah NEE tuh	947
has-been	HAZ bin		Judea	Joo DAY uh	369
headache (12.20)	HED AY'k	905	juries	JUR reez	727
headaches	HED AY'k-ss	905	jury (8.90)	JUR ree	727
hearth	HAH'r th	510	jury's	JUR reez	727
heir *	EHR	442	lasagna	luh ZAH'n yuh	375
heirs *	EHR-z	442	Lo-Cal *	LOH KAL	146
heirloom	EHR loom	418	locale	LOH KAL	538
herb **	URB (h'urb [BR.])	511	minute ** (8.00)	MIN it	359
herbal **	URB'l (h'urb'l)	819	minutes (8.80)	MIN it-ss	359
herbs **	URB-z (h'urbz)	511	molar	MOH lur	673
herring	HEHR ring	943	Nicklaus	NIK luss	538
Hobbes	HAH'bz	538	ocean (4.70)	OH shun	864
honest (7.30)	AH nist	234	oceans	OH shunz	864
honesty (10.25)	AH niss tee	758	oceanic	OH shee AN ik	807
honestly	AH niss lee	753	octave	AH'k tiv	538
honor * (9.45)	AH nur	677	PED XING	Pedestrian Crossing	547
honorable * (14.60)	AH nur uh b'l	677	plaid	PLAD	106
honorably *	AH nur uh blee	617	plaids	PLAD'z	106
honarium *	AH nur REHR ee um	833	plough	PLOW	313
honorary *	AH nur REHRee	721	ploughed	PLOW'd	313
honored *(12.45)	AH nurd	677	ploughing	PLOW ing	313
honoring *	AH nur ring	677	ploughs	PLOWz	313
honors *	AH nurz	677	Plymouth	PLIM muth	278
honour *	AH nur	682	Ramon	ray MOH'n	538
honourable *	AH nur uh b'l	617	raspberries	raz BEHR reez	706
honourably *	AH nur uh blee	617	raspberry	raz BEHR ree	706
honourarium *	AH nur REHR ee um	833	receipt (17.60)	ree SEET	961
honourary *	AH nur REHRee	721	receipts (17.95)	ree SEET-ss	961
honoured *	AH nurd	682	recipe	RESS uh pee	304

ghastly	n.a. <sup>1</sup>	Forgetting to turn off the stove was a ghastly mistake.
ghetto		The word ghetto was first used for the walled off area for Jews in Italian cities.
ghost	04%	He doesn't have a ghost of a chance to win the election.
gnashing		I hate to hear the sound of the gnashing of teeth.
gnaw		I rat can gnaw a hole in almost anything.
gnome		Did you know that they don't have a gnome in Nome?
Gnostics		The Gnostics were very early Christians who claimed special knowledge of the teachings of Christ.
gnu		It's news to me that Joan knew that the zoo has a new gnu,
Hades		Hades in Greek mythology could be compared to hell.
headache	02% <sup>2</sup>	I think I'm getting a headache reading all this drivel.
hearth		Did Garth find a word to rhyme with hearth?
heir		Who was the heir to the Woolworth fortune?
herb <sup>3</sup>		What herb is the best for treating arthritis?
honest	05%	To be honest, I haven't a clue.
honesty	02%	Do you really believe politicians believe honesty is the best policy?
honor	11%	In America we expect children to honor their parents.
honour	c. 11%	In England they expect children to honour their parents.
impious		Did you know the word impious should rhyme with "HIM see us"?
Iraq		I don't see a single ewe or you in Iraq.
Iroquois		My grandfather was a pure blooded Iroquois.
Isaac		My Uncle Isaac was half Sioux and so was Aunt Sue.
Isaiah		What kind of a prophet was Isaiah?
Jesus Garcia		"Hey Zeus!" is the way Jesus Garcia pronounces his name.
Job's Daughters		Why don't they use a silent e to make it "Jobe's" instead of Job's Daughters?
Jose		Jose lost his temper when I called him Josie by mistake.
Joshua		My buddy Joshua almost made the same mistake.
Juan		My buddy Juan and his sister Juanita both knew better.
jury	07%	I wonder if I'll ever be called upon to serve on a jury.
lasagna		Last night we had lasagna for supper.
ocean	07%	In 1492 somebody sailed the ocean blue.
plaid		I usually wear a green plaid shirt on March 17th.
plough		It's easier to get a mule to pull a plow than to plough.

<sup>1</sup> n.a. means that the word wasn't given as part of The New Iowa Spelling Scale. From now on as so many of the non-phonetic words are not listed in the scale, we are just leaving the spot blank and only giving the percentages of the words that were listed.

<sup>2</sup> While 38% of the 3rd graders could spell the word head, and 6% could spell ache only 2% could spell headache.

<sup>3</sup> In British English, the initial h is pronounced, but in American English it is silent.



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recipes	RESS uh peeZ	304	sophomore	SAH'f moh'r	526
recollect	REK uh LEK't	224	sophomores	SAH'f moh'rz	526
recollecting	REK uh LEK ting	224	souvenir	SOO vuh neer	524
recollection	REK uh LEK shun	860	souvenirs	SOO vuh neerz	524
recollections	REK uh LEK shunz	860	sovereign	SAH vrun	959
recollects	REK uh LEK-ss	224	sovereignty	SAH vrun tee	757
reign * (16.75)	RAY'n	959	spaghetti	spuh GET tee	946
reigned *	RAY'n-d	959	stereo	STEHR ree oh	309
reigning *	RAY ning	959	stomach (12.45)	STUM ik	832
reigns *	RAY'n-z	959	sundae *	SUN dee	375
rhyme *	RYH'm	333	sundaes *	SUN deez	375
rhymed	RHY'm-d	333	suite *	SWEET	937
rhymes	RHY'm-z	333	suites *	SWEET-ss	356
rhyming	RHY ming	333	Taiwan	t'yh WAH'n	504
rhythm	RITH'm	537	tamale	tuh MAH lee	304
rhythmic	RITH mik	806	tamales	tuh MAH leez	304
rhythmical	RITH mik'l	806	Teri *	TEHR ree	945
rhythmically	RITH mik lee	748	Theresa	tur REE suh	376
rhythms	RITH'mz	537	Therese	tur REE-ss	345
rouge	ROOzh	919	Thomas	TAH muss	136
Sabbath	SAB buth	539	Thompson	TAH'mp sun	837
salmon (11.65)	SAM mun	960	Thomson	TAH'm sun	837
salve	SAV	390	tomb	toom	418
Schmidt	shMID't	911	tombstone	TOOM stoh'n	339
Sean	SHAW'n	539	tongue (14.30)	tung	922
sesame	SESS uh me	304	tongues	TUNG'z	922
sew * (5.40)	SOH	316	tortilla	toh'r TEE yuh	373
sewed * (8.15)	SOH'd	316	tortoise	TOH'r tiss	158
sewer **	SOO wur (SOH wur)	671	toward (7.55)	TOH'r-d	506
sewers **	SOO wurz (SOH wurz)	671	towards (9.45)	TOH'r-d'z	506
sewing * (5.05)	SOH ing	316	trough	TRAW'f	313
sews *	SOH'z	316	troughs	TRAW'f-ss	313
sewn	SOH'n	316	uncle (4.75)	UNG k'l	605
Shoshone	shuh SHOH nee	304	Uncle John	UNG k'l JAH'n	605
sieve	siv	325	uncles (5.90)	UNG k'l-z	605
soccer	SAH kur	647	uncle's (11.65)	UNG k'l-z	605
solder	SAH dur	640	Utah	YOO taw	319
soldered	SAH dur'd	640	Ute	YOOT	359
soldering	SAH dur ring	640	vineyard	VIN yurd	506
solders	SAH durz	640	Wednesday (9.55)	WENZ dee	301
soldier (11.55)	SOH'l jur	660	weirdo	WEER doh	309
soldiered	SOH'l jur'd	660	Xmas *	KRISS muss	156
soldiering	SOH'l jur ring	660	yacht	YAH't	134
soldiers (11.85)	SOH'l jurz	660	yachts	YAH't-ss	134

rhythm		I've got rhythm. I've got music. Who could ask for anything more?
rouge		Some women put on way too much rouge on their faces.
salmon	03%	I really love fresh salmon, baked or broiled.
slave		St. Patrick was a slave. He spoke out against slavery.
slavery	08%	Every culture at one time practiced slavery.
Sean		My friend Sean doesn't like the way Shawn spells his name.
sesame		I always say, "Open Sesame" when I click the door opener.
sew	14%	So, why do you sew buttons and not sow seeds?
sewers/sewers		Sewers sew but never sew in sewers. Ugh!
Shoshone		My uncle is a member of the Shoshone tribe.
solder		He really knows how to solder fine wires.
soldier		Tom is a soldier who knows how to solder wires together.
sophomore		Tom flunked out of college when he was just a sophomore.
souvenir		Wherever he goes, he manages to "find" a souvenir.
sovereign		A king or a queen may be sovereign.
spaghetti		I love to eat spaghetti with lots of meatballs.
stereo		Would you please turn your stereo down!
stomach	02%	Johnny could spell belly but had no idea about stomach.
suite		Isn't it sweet that Kelly arranged for a whole suite of rooms?
Taiwan		Please don't tie Juan to a chair. Just send him to Taiwan.
tamales		I do love hot tamales.
tomb		A bomb may send you to your tomb. Want a tombstone?
tongue	01%	Bite your tongue! You've already said too much.
tortilla		I'd rather have a tortilla right now than a raw oyster.
tortoise		I still can't imagine a tortoise winning any kind of race.
towards	07%	Along towards evening, I remembered I was supposed to go.
trough		Pigs eat at trough.
uncle	17%	My uncle doesn't like to be called Uncle Tom.
uncle's	06%	We spent a week's vacation at my uncle's farm.
Utah		Tweetie Bird said "He tawt he taw you in Utah."
Ute		Aunt Helen married into the Ute tribe. She was a Chippewa.
vineyard		Vinnie owns his own vineyard which rhymes with pin heard.
Wednesday		We made a date for next Wednesday evening.
Xmas		The X in Xmas stands for Christ, hence we say Christmas.
yacht		I'd like sometime to have enough money to buy a yacht.
yachts		Anyone who owns yachts doesn't have to think about their cost.

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alas (11.00)	uh LASS	156	chateau	shuh TOH	949
alias	AY lee us	156	chateaux	shuh TOH (shuh TOH'z)	949
align	uh LYH'n	959	chauffeur	SHOH fur	910
aligned	uh LYH'n-d	959	chauvinism	SHOH vuh niz'm	272
alignment	uh LYH'n munt	959	chauvinist	SHOH vuh nist	272
alleged	uh LEJ'd	366	chequers *	CHEK kurz	902
almond	AH mun'd	960	cheques *	CHEK-ss	215
alms	AH'mz	960	chic *	SHEEK	910
Andes *	Andy's (ANN deez)	304	Chihuahua	chi WAH wuh	377
Andre	AH'n dray	939	Chile *	chil LAY (CHIL lee)	945
anon.	uh NAH nim mus	888	chitterlings	CHIT lin'z	638
amok *	amuck (uh MUK)	216	Chopin	shoh PAN	910
Arkansas	AH'r kin saw	540	chutza *	khhHuuT-ss puh	540
aye *	eye, I, (YH)	308	chutzpah *	khhHuuT-ss puh	540
balm	bomb (BAH'm)	119	cliché	klee SHAY	939
bogue	BOH'g	922	cliente	KLYH un TEL	540
Bolshevik	BOH'l shuh vik	540	collage	kuh LAH'zh	919
botulism	BAH choo liz'm	816	cologne	kuh LOH'n	959
bough	b'OW!	313	communiqué	kuh m'YOO nuh KAY	939
Braille	BRAY'l	411	connoisseur	KAH nuh soo'r	681
brasserie	brass suh REE	540	corsage	k'oh-r SAH'zh	919
brassiere	bruh ZEER	524	coup *	coo (KOO)	961
Buddha	BOO duh	369	coupe *	coop (KOOZ)	540
bueno	b'WAY nuh	540	coups *	coos (KOOZ)	961
Bueno Vista	b'WAY nuh VEE stuh	540	coupes	coops (KOOZ-ss)	540
Buenos Aires	b'WAY nuss YH'r iz	540	debris	duh BREE	962
buoy *	BOY or BOO ee	313	debut	day b'YOO	949
bureau (17.70)	b'YOO roh	949	débutante	day b'YOO TAH'n-t	540
bureaucracy	b'YOO RAH'k ruh see	710	decor	day KOH'r	516
bureaucrat	b'YOO roh krat	131	Des Moines	duh MOY'n-z	540
bureaus	b'YOO roh z	949	diabetes	d'YH uh BEE tiss (teez)	540
burlesque	bur LESK	902	diaphragm	d'YH uh fram	959
caballero	kab uh Y'AY roh	309	discotheque	DISS kuh tek	902
cabana	kuh BAH'n yuh	375	Don Juan	DAH'n hWAH'n	540
cache *	KASH	909	Don Quixote	DAH'n kee HOH tay	540
Caesar	SEE zur	674	do-si-do	DOH see DOH	309
café	kaf FAY	939	dossier	d'AW see AY	661
caffeine	kaf FEEN	336	double-entendre	doo b'l AW'n TAW'n druh	540
calm (9.35)	KAH'm	119	douche	DOOSH	910
cameo	KAM mee oh	309	draught *	draft (DRAFF't)	232
carte blanche	KAH'rt BLAH'n-sh	910	draughtsman *	draftsman (DRAFF'ss mun)	871
cello	CHEL loh	309	draughty *	drafty (DRAFF tee)	756
chamois	SHAM mee	909	Eau Clair *	Oh, Clare! (oh KLEHR)	949
champagne	sham PAY'n	909	eau de cologne	OH duh kuh LOH'n	949
Chanukah *	HAH nuh kuh	378	eau de toilette	OH duh twah LET	1068
chargé d'affaires	shah'r ZHAY duh FEHR	939	eau de vie	OH duh VEE	949
Charlemagne	SHAH'r luh may'n	909	ellipse	ee LIP-ss	263
chartreuse	SHAH'r troo-ss	957	entrée	awn TRAY	939
chassis	shass see	946	épitome	uh PIT uh mee	304

alias	A pseudonym or <i>nom de plume</i> is really just a literary alias.
align	You sometimes need to align you wheels. Can you align a line?
alleged	It is alleged that Shakespeare didn't write Shakespeare.
alms	Alms for poor. Alms, calms, and bombs all rhyme.
amok	I hope you never run amok.
Andes/Andy's	Andy's folks came to America from the Andes.
Andre	Andre doesn't like to be called Andrew.
Anon.	Has anybody written more stories and poems than Anon.?
anonymous	The donor wanted to remain anonymous.
balm	There's nothing like some balm to calm you down.
bogue	Do you think it's "bogue" that MSU has a Bogue Street?
Buddha	Prince Siddartha became known as the Buddha.
Buenos Aires	I expect to speak at a conference in Buenos Aires someday.
buoy	I rhyme buoy with boy. Others rhyme it with Boo E.
bureau	01% My dad always drops his keys on top of the bureau.
cache	The federal agents discovered a cache of cash and drugs.
cello	I never learned to play the cello.
chamois	There is an animal named chamois that the chamois comes from.
champagne	Why do they christen ships with a bottle of champagne?
Chanukah	I never really worry about misspelling Chanukah.
chequers	Personally, I like to play checkers instead of chequers.
cheques	I wrote checks but my British cousin writes cheques.
chic	It isn't chic to pronounce chic as chick.
Chile	I wonder if the chili in Chile is as good as it is in Detroit.
chitterlings	I like chitterlings, but I can't stand the smell when they're made.
Chopin	I enjoy listening to a little Chopin but never to Chop Inn.
chutzpa/chutzpah	It takes chutzpa, a lot of chutzpah, to smoke a cigar in church.
cliché	You really should avoid using a cliché like the plague.
cologne	I used to buy my mother cologne every Christmas.
coup	There has been many a coup in South America.
debris	Who's going to clean up all the debris left after the party?
debut	Does anybody here remember Tiger's debut at the Masters?
Des Moines	My Aunt Debbie lives in Des Moines, Iowa.
diabetes	My friend Jim has diabetes and needs to go on a diet.
Don Juan	My Uncle Juan likes to be referred to as Don Juan.
draught	Why we sometimes spell draft as draught is beyond me.
Eau Claire	Eau Claire simply means water clear, or clear water.
entrée	Sometimes I just order sandwich and forget about an entrée.
epitome	Don't confuse epitome with apex. Epitome is a perfect average.

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esprit	ess SPREE	946	khan *	con (KAH'n)	541
esprit de corps	ess SPREE duh KOH'r	946	lacrosse	luh KRAW-ss	541
euchre	YOO kur	905	Lamaze	luh MAH-z	541
expertise	ek spur TEE-ss	363	lingerie	lahn zhur RAY	541
façade	fuh SAH'd	541	llama *	lama (LAH muh)	541
filet mignon	fil LAY meen YOH'n	940	Lloyd	LOY'd	541
flambé	flah'm BAY	939	luau	LOO ow	541
flambeau	flam BOH	949	machete	muh SHET tee	304
flange	FLAN-j	213	madame	muh DAH'm	541
fleur-de-lis	f'LOOR duh lee	957	mademoiselle	mad m'wah ZEL	938
Francesca	fran CHESS kuh	368	malady	MAL uh dee	711
Francois	fran s'WAH	938	Mardi Gras	MAH'r dee GRAH	541
Freud	FROY'd	541	matzah *	MAH't suh	541
Freudian	FROY dee un	866	matzo *	MAH't suh	541
fuchsia	f'YOO shuh	372	matzoh *	MAH't suh	541
garçon	gah'r SOH'n	541	mauve	MOH'v	541
gendarme	zhaw'n DAH'r-m	541	mazel tov	MAH z'l TAW'f	627
gourmand	goor MAW'n-d	541	melee	MAY lay	541
gourmet	goor MAY	940	memoirs	MEM wah'r-z	938
Hanukah *	HAH nuh kuh	378	Mendelssohn	MEN d'l sun	541
Hanukkah *	HAH nuh kuh	378	meringue	mur RANG	922
Hebert, Jacques	AY bEHR, ZHAH'k	541	Mesdames	may DAH'm	541
Hebrides	HEB ruh deez	304	Mesdemoiselles	may'd m'wah ZEL	938
Hercule Poirot	HUR kyool p'wah ROH	541	Messieur	muz Yuur	541
Hercules	HUR kyoo leez	304	Messieurs	muz Yuur	541
Hermes	HUR meez	304	minestrone	min uh STROH nee	304
herpes	HUR peez	304	Montreal	MAH'n tree AW'l	541
Hippocrates	hip PAH'k ruh teez	304	monsignor	mah'n SEEN yur	541
hifalutin *	HYH fuh loo tin	541	mores	MOH'r rayz	541
highfalutin *	HYH fuh loo tin	541	morgue	MOH'r-g	922
Honduras	hah'n DOO'r russ	541	mortgage	MOH'r gjj	327
hors d'oeuvres	OH'r DURV-ss	960	mosque	MAH'ss-k	903
iguana	ig WAH nuh	375	mosquito	muh SKEE toh	903
impasse	IM pass	156	mousse *	moose (MOO-ss)	951
impetigo	im puh TYH goh	309	mustache	MUSS tash	910
impotence	IM puh tun-ss	261	myrrh	mur	541
impotency	IM puh tun see	740	narc	NAH'rk	541
impotent	IM puh tunt	256	Navajo	NAH vuh hoh	309
indices	IN duh seez	541	<i>noblesse oblige</i>	noh BLESS uh BLEEzh	366
indict	in DYH't	541	ohm	OH'm	541
indictment	in DYH't munt	803	oui *	we, wee (WEE)	945
Jacques Cousteau	ZHAH'k koo STO	904	Ouija	WEE jee	373
Jahveh (JHVH)	YAH vuh	541	papier-mâché	PAY pur muh SHAY	939
Jeanne D'Arc	ZHAW'n DAH'r-k	541	Parmigiana	PAH'r muh zhah nuh	375
Jehovah (JHVH)	juh HOH vuh	541	petite	puh TEET	356
jodhpurs	JAH'd pur-z	541	phlegm	FLEM	959
Johann	YOH hah'n	541	Pierre	pee EHR	943
Johannes	yoh HAH ness	541	pilaf	pee LAH'f	948
Johannesburg	joh HAH ness burg	541	Pilate *	pilot (PYH lit)	354
khaki	KAK kee	945	pinochle	PEE nuk'l	604

esprit de corps	The U.S. Marines are known for their esprit de corps.
euchre	One of my favorite card games is euchre.
façade	Many buildings have a façade that is really fake.;
flambeau	I enjoy watching a chef create anything flambeau.
garçon	It may be okay to call a waiter garçon, just don't call him boy.
Francois	Francois knows that the word in French for boy is garçon.
Freud	Freud was one of the first cocaine addicts.
gourmet	I enjoy preparing gourmet meals.
Hanukah	I enjoy using the different spellings of Hanukah.
Hanukkah	It's really hard to misspell Hanukkah.
Hebert, Jacques	Eh Bear! Jacques Hebert is not Jack Q's He Burt.
Hebrides	Please don't pronounce Hebrides as He Brides.
Hercules	I enjoyed the movie about Hercules.
Hippocrates	Hippocrates never made any crates for hippos.
hors d'oeuvres	My brother-in-law loves to serve hors d'oeuvres.
indict	I really think they should indict that lying mayor for perjury.
Johann	Johann doesn't like to be called Jo Ann.
khaki	I got a new pair of khaki colored pants.
lingerie	Do not linger in the lingerie department.
llama	I have never ridden a llama.
luau	There's nothing quite like an Hawaiian luau.
machete	It takes a machete to cut a path through that part of the jungle.
mazel tov	I love to hear the words mazel tov used.
melee	Me and Lee were not in the melee (May lay).
meringue	Would you like a slice of lemon meringue pie?
minestrone	Ah, for a taste of good minestrone soup! M-m-m good.
mores	Every culture has its own set of mores (more rays).
morgue	I hope Jim doesn't become a John Doe in a morgue somewhere.
mosque	The Blue Mosque in Istanbul was once a Christian cathedral.
mousse	I'm ready for a chocolate mousse.
mustache	Little Tommy is trying to grow a mustache.
Navajo	I have a second cousin who is a Navajo.
<i>noblesse oblige</i>	The British nobility claim to have a sense of <i>noblesse oblige</i>
oui / Ouija	Oui, madame, that is a Ouija board. Yes? Yes?
phlegm	Some people call it phlegm, but it's not.
Pilate	Pilate was a Roman governor, not a pilot.
pinochle	Have you ever played double deck pinochle?
placebo	Double blind drug tests always involve a placebo.

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placebo	pluh SEE buh	309	rhumba	RUM buh	368
pneumatic	noo MAT ik	811	Richard, Maurice	ree SHAH'rd, moh REE-ss	506
pneumonia	noo MOH'n yuh	371	Richelieu	REE shuh loo	317
porpoise	POH'r puss	436	ricochet *	Rick O'Shay (RIK uh shay)	940
Procrustes	proh KRUSS teez	304	risqué	riss KAY	939
protégé *	proh tuh ZHAY	939	Rodin & Chopin	roh DAN - shoh PAN	542
protégée	proh tuh ZHAY	939	rosé **	roh ZAY	939
queue	cue/Q (K'YOO)	315	roué	roo AY	939
quiche	KEESH	910	sauterne	soh (saw) TUR'n	512
Quixote	kee HOH tay	542	savoir faire	SAV wah FEHR	938
quixotic	kwik SAH tik	814	shillelagh	shuh LAY lee	542
Rabelais	RAH buh LAY	542	signor	seen YOH'r	516
ragout	rag GOO	963	signora	seen YOH'r ruh	376
Ramses	RAM zeez	304	signore	seen YOH'r ray	939
Reading, PA	RED ding , Penn.	402	signorina	seen YOH'r ree nuh	375
Reich	RYH'k	907	Sikh *	seek (SEEK)	542
reminisce	REM uh NISS	158	silhouette	SIL loo WET	1068
rendezvous	RAH'n day voo	957	simile	SIM uh lee	304
renege	ree NEG	112	Sinai	SYH nyh	308
reneged	ree NEG'd	112	Sioux *	Sue/Sault/Soo (SOO)	542
repartee	rep pah'r TAY	939	sleight *	slight (SLYH't)	542
repertoire	REP uh TWAH'r	938	Socrates	SAH kruh teez	304
reservoir	REZ uh VWAH'r	938	soirée	SWAH RAY	938
restaurateur	RES tur uh TOO'r	957	solace	SAH liss	343
résumé **	REZ zoo MAY	939	solenoid	SEL uh NOY'd	403
veille	REV uh lee	304	Sophocles	SAH fuh KLEEZ	304
Reye's syndrome	RAY'z SIN droh'm	302	soufflé	soo FLAY	939
Rh factor	AH'r AYCH factor	679	spumante, Asti	spoo MAH'n tee, AH stee	304
Rh negative	AH'r AYCH negative	893	spumone *	spoo MOH nee	304
Rh positive	AH'r AYCH positive	896	spumoni *	spoo MOH nee	945
rhapsody	RAP suh dee	711	suave	s'WAH'v	937
rheostat	REE oh stat	131	subpena *	suh PEE nuh	375
rhetoric	RET ur rik	809	subpoena *	suh PEE nuh	375
rhetorical	ruh TOH'r ruh k'l	809	subtle	SUH t'l	603
rheum *	room (ROOM)	960	subtleties	SUH t'l teez	729
rheumatic	roo MAT ik	811	subtlety	SUH t'l tee	729
rheumatism	ROO muh TIZ'm	272	succumb	suh KUM	120
rheumatoid	ROO muh TOY'd	403	Taj Mahal	TAH'zh muh HAW'l	542
Rhine *	rine (RYH'n)	336	Teheran	tEHR RAH'n	124
rhinestone	RYH'n stoh'n	339	Tel Aviv	TEL uh VEEV	441
rhinoceros	ryh NAH sur russ	1070	toreador	toh RAY uh doh'r	675
Rhode * Island	road/rode/rowed (ROH'd)	323	toupee	too PAY	939
Rhodes *	roads	323	valet	val LAY (VAL lit)	940
Rhodesia	roh DEE zhuh	372	Vaughan	VAW'n	423
rhododendron	roh doh DEN drun	836	vigilante	vij jil LAN tee	304
rhombic	RAH bik	802	Waikiki	WYH kee kee	945
rhomboid	RAH'm boy'd	403	yarmulke	Yah muh kuh	542
rhombus	RAH'm buss	160	Zimbabwe	zim BAHB way	939
Rhone	ROH'n	339	zucchini	zoo KEE nee	379

pneumatic	Have you ever operated a pneumatic drill?
pneumonia	One of the common causes of death is pneumonia.
Procrustes	Procrustes according to fable adjusted everybody to his bed.
protégé, protégée	Jim is my protégé but Mary is his protégée.
queue	Being in queue is as bad as being in a stew.
quiche	Lots of real men like quiche as well as ribs and burgers.
Quixote, quixotic	Why is someone like Don Quixote (kee HO tay) quixotic (quick sotic)?
ragout	I'm really starving for a good old southern ragout.
Reading, PA	Take a ride on the Reading (rhymes with wedding) Railroad.
Reich	Did Hitler really create the Third Reich?
reminisce	It's fun to reminisce about the good times we had years ago.
rendezvous	Do you have a rendezvous with destiny?
renege	You're supposed to follow suit. If you don't it's a renege.
résumé	Will he ever resume writing his résumé.
rhapsody	I think I'll write a rhapsody in blue. Forget Gershwin.
rhetoric	Did Rhett Butler ever study rhetoric?
rheumatic	Aaron Miller had rheumatic fever when he was little.
Rhine	Have you ever been to a castle on the Rhine?
Rhododendron	My grandmother grew the most amazing Rhododendron.
rhubarb	When you're cooking rhubarb, you don't need to add water.
Richard, Maurice	Maurice Richard (More REESE ree SHARD) was better known as The Rocket.
Richelieu	Cardinal Richelieu loved to have little kittens around him.
ricochet	I don't want a ricochet romance. No, no. Not me.
risqué	Some comics enjoy making risqué or off color remarks.
rose	Wine that is pink is often referred to as rose (row zay).
savoir-faire	And did you know that savoir-faire is everywhere?
shillelagh	Ah, I don't think you'd enjoy meeting my shillelagh.
silhouette	I still have the silhouette picture of me from kindergarten.
Sioux	Sioux City Sue never did meet Sue from Sault Ste. Marie.
Socrates	Please, Socrates did not sew crates or sow crates. Sock ruh teas.
soiree	There's nothing quite like a Southern soiree.
Sophocles	Sophocles thought he knew how to write a play right.
subtle	Tommy's sarcasm was as subtle as a sledge hammer.
toupee	Some movie actors wear a toupee.
valet	You know it's expensive when they have valet parking.
yarmulke	My Uncle Isaac brought me a yarmulke from Israel.
Zimbabwe	My Aunt Rosie visited some relatives in Zimbabwe.



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aborigine	Why do they call a native Australian an aborigine?
acetone	You can use acetone to remove fingernail polish.
Achilles	Do you know the story behind the heel of Achilles?
acquiesce	I wouldn't mind it if you would acquiesce to my demands.
attaché	John Means was an embassy attaché.
Bach	I wonder if Bach ever drank bock beer.
Bar Mitzvah	My cousin learned Hebrew just in time for his Bar Mitzvah.
Beethoven	Beethoven became stone deaf because he loved loud music.
bier	They took the corpse out of a body bag and placed it on a bier.
blasé	How can anyone be blasé about the holocaust?
<i>bon appetite</i>	Pierre always says, " <i>Bon appetite</i> " when he serves a meal.
boudoir	The rich and famous may have a boudoir. We just have a bedroom.
bourgeois	The fancy word for common people is bourgeois.
Brahms	Brahms is probably the least famous of the musical Three B's.
butte	The word butte rhymes with cute not putty.
cause célèbre	The Scopes trial is one example of a cause célèbre. The plural of cause célèbre is causes célèbres and has exactly the same pronunciation!
Chateauguay	The best man at my wedding lives in Chateauguay, Quebec.
<i>ciao</i>	You shouldn't have to take Italian to know what <i>ciao</i> means.
coup de grace	Don't say "Cup duh grass" for coup de grace.
coup d'état	Who was it that became a president in Latin America through a bloodless coup d'état.
denouement	The logical ending of a story is the denouement.
dinghy	Every boat should have dinghy just in case.
encore	One more time. One more time. That's an encore!
entourage	Rock stars generally have their own entourage.
entre nous	Just between you and me, <i>entre nous</i> , is phoney.
escargots	The driver of the S-cargo was served escargots.
faux pas	Saying "Fox pass" is really a faux pas (FOE paw).
Greenwich	What time is it in Greenwich right now?
hyperbole	Whatever is the all time greatest is a simply a hyperbole.
jalepeño	I love putting jalepeño peppers on my peanut butter sandwiches.
<i>joie de vivre</i>	Just being happy and full of life is what some call <i>joie de vivre</i> .
junta	Do you know any of the members of the ruling junta?
La Jolla, CA	<i>Hello La Jolla</i> is the title of a book of poetry.
naïf	Jack is terribly naïf.
naïve	He is so naïve he doesn't know when he's being insulted.

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nouveaux riches	When rich people are referred to as nouveaux riches, it is not a compliment.
panache	Rhyme panache with pun ash.
potpourri	I once heard a superintendent of schools say "Pot poor eye" when describing the curriculum as a potpourri of courses.
psoriasis	A fancy word for an incurable skin condition is psoriasis.
sake (rice wine)	I learned to enjoy drinking sake while I was in Japan.
San Joachim	Have you ever been to the San Joachim Valley?
San Jose	Do you know the way to San Jose?
sinecure	It would be nice to have a well paying sinecure.
suede	Please don't step on my blue suede shoes.
Tecumseh	Tecumseh was a famous Indian warrior.
Thames	The London Bridge goes over the Thames River.
thyme	I have the thyme if you have the rest of the spices.
two pence	The British pronounce two pence "tuppence."
ukulele	Arthur Godfrey made the ukulele popular.
unwonted	Unwonted is not a misspelling of unwanted.
Versailles	Someday I plan to visit Versailles.
vis-à-vis	When we meet face-to-face we'll discuss it vis-à-vis.
voila	Ah, I love to say voila!
wont	It is my wont to tease people who don't know that want and wont are pronounced exactly the same. I hope you won't get upset.

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bade	Today, I will bid you adieu. Yesterday, I bade you adieu. The words <i>bade you</i> sound just like “bad joo.”
blackguard	Blackguard rhymes with staggered. The haggard blackguard staggered and fell into the well.
boatswain	A boatswain is a bo’s’n. Only one pronunciation. Rhymes with O’sun.
bocci	Have you ever played bocci ball?
conch	Conk and conch are pronounced the same. You can get conked by a conch shell.
brougham	Why should broom be pronounced the same as brougham?
c’est moi.	It’s me. C’est moi. I said, “SAY MWah!”
coxswain	The coxswain said, “Son, Ah said call me “KAH’k sun” Ah ain’t no kind of swain.
dachshund	A dachshund looks like a walking wiener.
forecastle	The forecastle is often spelled fo’c’s’le to try to get you to pronounce it correctly as “Folks’ll.” Your folks’ll be okay staying in the forecastle.
gaol	One of my favorite poems is Oscar Wilde’s “The Ballad of Reading Gaol.” (Say, Redding Jail)
loch, lough	In Scotland they have lochs, and in Ireland they have loughs. So you can eat lox, or pick locks, or swim in lochs or loughs.
Mackinac Island	There’s a gnaw but no knack at the end of Mackinac.
Nice	My niece has a friend in Nice, France.
quays	Writers love to talk about the wharves, docks, and quays and quays sounds exactly like keys!
slough	A snake will slough (sluff) off its skin. You can get stuck in a slough (“sloo”).
topsail	Some tops’ll sound just like a topsail whistling in the breeze.
victuals	I’ve always known that “vittles” was food. I didn’t realize until I was 45 that the correct spelling of “vittles” is victuals.
wassail	Every Christmas time I hear about people drinking wassail which rhymes with Pa sill.

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The words below defy normal methods of spelling because the sounds that are used are structured entirely differently. They involve such sounds as clicking noises, semi-whistles, full whistles, blowing, spitting, etc. Yet, they are real words because they convey meaning and are very basic to normal spoken communication. In many cases, AVKO has lifted these spellings directly from books or cartoons.

AAAAA!	A scream of anguish.
Aaaggh!	A scream of anguish
Ahem	The sound we make when we clear our throats to get someone's attention.
arf	Bark like a dog.
BLECCCHHH	The sound a person makes while vomiting.
br-r-r-r	The sound a person makes when shivering.
gkk	The sound a driver of horses or mules uses to get them started. The tongue is kept pressed tightly against the teeth while the lips open quickly at one or even both ends of the mouth.
gr-r-r	Growl like a dog.
harrumph !	The very loud sound we make when clearing out throat to get someone's attention.
mmmmmm	The sound we make that is almost a purring sound that shows contentment. It is often used before the expression such as "Is that ever good!"
nyahhh	The teasing noise, usually repeated three or four times in rapid succession.
OWWW!	A scream of pain.
pfft	The sound you make when you imitate the sound of something whizzing by. You bring your lower lip between your teeth and then blow it back out.
pssst	The sound you make to get a person's attention quietly, almost secretly.

AAAAA!	All I could hear was a muffled scream of “AAAAA!”
Aaaggh!	Aaaggh! Who put the maggots on my French fried worms?
Ahem	“Ahem,” Jack said clearing his throat, “Excuse me, but would you happen to know what happened to Jill?”
Arf, arf.	When you hear Lassie go, “Grrrr, arf, arf,” don’t try to pet her.
BLECCCHHH.	When you hear, “BLECCCHHH” you know someone is vomiting.
br-r-r-r	“Br-r-r-r,” said Jill, “It’s really cold in here. I’m shivering.
gkk, gkk	“Gkk, gkk, Gitty up, Gitty up.”
gr-r-r	I don’t like to hear a pet bull go gr-r-r.
harrumph!	Only in the movie, Blazing Saddles, have I heard someone try to phonetically pronounce, “harrumph.”
mmmmmm	Mmmmmm, mmmmmm, good. Most any soup is mmmmmm, mmmmmm, good.
nyahhh	Nyahh, nahhh, nyahh, nyahhh, nyahh, nyahh. You can’t catch me.
OWWW!	OWWW! Ouch! That hurts.
pfft.	Jack heard a pfft as something whizzed by his ear.
psst	Pssst. Don’t turn around. Don’t speak. Just listen carefully.



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pshaw	The funny little gasping sound made by opening the lips and letting some air explode as you would if you were to say “sh-h-h.” except that you don’t purse your lips. The word <i>pshaw</i> does <b><i>NOT</i></b> rhyme with <i>SAW</i> . Please do not say puh <i>SHAW</i> either.
sh-h-h	The sound that tells people to be quiet.
tsk, tsk	The clicking sound you make to show disapproval. The tongue is pressed against the teeth and quickly released. Tsk, tsk should never be made to rhyme with Wisk! See “tut tut” below.
tut, tut	A clucking sound showing disapproval. The tongue is pressed tightly against the roof of the mouth and then released quickly. Compare this sound with “tsk, tsk” above. It does NOT rhyme with either cut or put.
ugh	A noise that shows disgust.
uh huh	The little staccato grunt that indicates agreement.
uh uh	The little staccato grunt that indicates disagreement.
uh oh	The little staccato grunt that indicates you suddenly realize that you did something wrong and something bad is likely to happen immediately.
whew	wwwwyyyyyoooo. A half whistle half blowing noise that is used to show relief after a close call.
zzz	Make your own snoring sound.
PED XING	Pedestrian Crossing. (PED = Pedestrian; X = CROSS’ Xing = CROSSing.

pshaw Pshaw , you didn't think I would try to trick you, did you.  
sh-h-h Sh-h-h, somebody might hear you snicker.  
tsk, tsk If you rhymed tsk, tsk, to whisk, whisk, shame, shame on you.  
tut, tut And if you rhymed tut, tut with either cut or put. triple shame on  
you!  
ugh When I saw the fake vomit, all I could do was say, ugh!  
uh huh Yep, I know I should say yes, and not yeah or uh huh.  
uh uh I don't want to hear either oops or uh uh in an operating room.  
uh oh uh oh is even worse than uh uh in an operating room.  
whew Whew! That was a close call.  
zzz Now you know what copping a few z's really means.  
PED XING The PED stands for pedestrian and the X for cross so PED XING  
means a pedestrian crossing.

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### Phrases Most Often Mispronounced by the Most Highly Educated Educators

- i.e.** **that is.** Please do not say the letter names. The letters are used only as a handy abbreviation of the Latin phrase *id est*, which means “that is.” Say what you mean, “That is.”
- e.g.** **for example.** Again, do not say the letter names EE JEE. Say, “For example.” The letters e.g. are just a handy way to abbreviate the Latin phrase, *exempli gratia*.
- et. al.** **and others** (or **and elsewhere**). Again, don’t say the “ET AL” that some learned professors say. Their expertise is in their field of specialty which is not language. If you want to use the **Latin phrase** for “and others” say, “*et alii*” (Masculine plural). If you want to use the **Latin phrase** for “and elsewhere” say, “*et alibi*.” If you want people to understand you, just use the simple **English phrases**. If, in your writing, you want or are expected to appear highly educated, go ahead and use the abbreviations. Scholars do.

Question: Is it ever permissible to just say the letter abbreviations?

Answer: Yes, for example, you can say 10 A.M. or 5 P.M. or talk about 900 BC or 500 AD. Please don’t say, *exempli gratia* (or EE JEE) ten *ante meridiem* or five *post meridiem* or talk about 900 before Christ or 500 *Anno Domini*. In other words, use common language when you speak and common abbreviations when you write. When you read common abbreviations, think or say the common words the abbreviations represent. End of sermon.

- i.e. (Say, "That is") Some abbreviations are not to be said as their initials, i.e., you wouldn't think of saying EE, TEE, SEE, when you read etc. would you?
- i.e. The i stands for id which means that in Latin. The e stands for est which means is. So say, "That is," instead of saying "Eye" "EE."
- i.e. The worst thing you can do is to read the letters, i.e. as EYE period EE period which is what one of my college professors used to say.
- e.g. (Say, "For example") In academic writing, professors just love to use the abbreviation for *exempli gratia*. If one says, "EE period, GEE period, the person has used 8 syllables. To say, "For example," uses only four syllables. Even the full Latin phrase takes only six syllables.
- et. al. Just because some "learned" professors say, "ET AL" don't read the abbreviation that way. First of all, that abbreviation is used for two different Latin phrases, *et alii* and *et alibi*. One stands for "and others" while the other stands for "and elsewhere."

Question: Is it ever permissible to just say letter abbreviations?

Answer: Yes, of course. For example you can say 10 AM or 5 PM or talk about 900 BC or 500 AD. Please don't say, for example, 10 *ante meridiem* or 5 *post meridiem* or talk about 900 years before Christ or 500 *Anno Domini* (Year of the Lord). Whenever possible, when reading common abbreviations, you should think or say the common words the abbreviations represent. By the way, today's politically correct academics don't use the abbreviations BC and AD. Now they use BCE (for before the common era) and CE for the Common Era.