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Dictionary of English Rhymes

1

Words ending with the sound of a in day.

Bray, clay, day, dray, tray, flay, fray, gay, hay, jay, lay, may, nay, pay, play, ray, say, way, pray, spray, slay, spay, stay, stray, sway, affray, allay, array, astray, away, belay, bewray, betray, decay, defray, delay, disarray, display, dismay, essay, forelay, gainsay, inlay, relay, repay, roundelay, virelay, neigh, weigh, inveigh, prey, they, convey, obey, purvey, survey, disobey, grey, tway, fay, shay, yea, gray, aye, denay, sleigh.

2

Words ending with the sound of a in call.

Craw, daw, law, claw, draw, flaw, gnaw, jaw, law, maw, paw, raw, scraw, shaw, saw, straw, thaw, withdraw, foresaw, usquebaugh.

3

Words ending with the sound of e in bee.

Bee, free, glee, knee, see, three, thee, tree, agree, decree, degree, disagree, flee, foresee, oversee, pedigree, he, me, we, she, be, jubilee, lee, ne, sea, plea, flea, tea, key, cap-a-pie, gree, dree, calipee, the, quay, lea, tee.

4

Words ending with the sound of i in high.

By, buy, cry, die, dry, eye, fly, fry, fie, hie, lie, pie, ply, pry, rye, shy, sly, spy, sky, sty, tie, try, vie, why, ally, apply, awry, bely, comply, decry, defy, descry, deny, imply, espy, outvie, outfly, rely, reply, supply, untie, amplify, beautify, certify, crucify, deify, dignify, edify, falsify, fortify, gratify, glorify, indemnify, jus-

tify, magnify, modify, mollify, mortify, pacify, petrify, purify, putrify, qualify, ratify, rectify, sanctify, satisfy, scarify, signify, specify, stupefy, terrify, testify, verify, vilify, vitrify, vivify, prophesy, high, nigh, sigh, thigh, alibi, alkali, wry, dye, lye, I.

5

Words ending with the sound of o in go.

Calico, bo, portico, go, ago, undergo, row, though, tho, woe, adagio, seraglio, owe, beau, crow, lo, no, fro, so, snow, show, slow, overthrow, overflow, foreshow, outgrow, dough, foreknow, forego, undergo, below, bestow, hoe, ho, ago, strow, slow, mistletoe, sloe, toe, foe, doe, roe, oh, stow, bow, flow, glow, grow, know, low, mow, sew, plateau, throw, tow, throe, floe, sow, trow.

6

Words ending with the sound of ow in how.

Bow, how, mow, cow, brow, sow, vow, prow, avow, allow, disallow, endow, bough, plough, slough, thou, row.

7

Words ending with the sound of u in imbue, true and too.

Blew, chew, dew, brew, flew, few, grew, new, coo, woo, shoe, too, who, do, blue, stew, knew, hew, Jew, mew, view, threw, yew, crew, slew, anew, askew, bedew, eschew, renew, review, withdrew, screw, interview, emmew, clue, due, cue, glue, hue, rue, sue, true, accrue, ensue, endue, imbue, imbrue, pursue, subdue, adieu, purlieu, perdue, residue, ormolu, avenue, revenue, through, pooh, retinue, you, thru, shoo, slue, two, to, ewe, flue.

8

Words ending with the sound of oy in boy.

Boy, buoy, coy, employ, cloy, joy, toy, alloy, annoy, convoy, decoy, destroy, enjoy.

9

Words ending with the sound of y in poesy.

Pleurisy, chemistry, academy, apostacy, conspiracy, confederacy, ecstacy, democracy, embassy, fallacy, legacy, supremacy, lunacy, privacy, piracy, malady, remedy, tragedy, comedy, cosmography, geography, geometry, elegy, certainty, sovereignty, loyalty, disloyalty, penalty, casualty, ribaldry, chivalry, infamy, constancy, fealty, cavalry, bigamy, polygamy, vacancy, inconstancy, infancy, company, accompany, litany, tyranny, villainy, anarchy, monarchy, lethargy, incendiary, infirmary, library, salary, sanctuary, votary, auxiliary, contrary, diary, granary, rosemary, urgency, infantry, knavery, livery, recovery, robbery, novelty, antipathy, apathy, sympathy, idolatry, galaxy, husbandry, cruelty, enemy, blasphemy, prophecy, clemency, decency, inclemency, emergency, regency, progeny, energy, poverty, liberty, property, adultery, artery, artillery, battery, beggary, bribery, bravery, delivery, drudgery, flattery, gallery, imagery, lottery, misery, mystery, nursery, raillery, slavery, sorcery, treachery, discovery, tapestry, majesty, modesty, immodesty, honesty, dishonesty, courtesy, heresy, poesy, poetry, secresy, leprosy, perfidy, subsidy, drapery, symmetry, drollery, prodigy, policy, mutiny, destiny, scrutiny, hypocrisy, family, ability, activity, avidity, assiduity, civility, community, concavity, consanguinity, conformity, congruity, diuturnity, facility, falsity, familiarity, formality, generosity, gratuity, humidity, absurdity, activity, adversity, affability, affinity, agility, alacrity, ambiguity, animosity, antiquity, austerity, authority, brevity, calamity, capacity, captivity,

charity, chastity, civility, credulity, curiosity, finery, declivity, deformity, duty, dexterity, dignity, disparity, diversity, divinity, enmity, enormity, equality, equanimity, equity, eternity, extremity, fatality, felicity, fertility, fidelity, frugality, futurity.

Gravity, hostility, humanity, humility, immanity, immaturity, immensity, immorality, immortality, immunity, immutability, impartiality, impossibility, impetuosity, improbity, inanity, incapacity, incivility, incongruity, inequality, indemnity, infinity, inflexibility, instability, invalidity, jollity, lenity, lubricity, magnanimity, majority, mediocrity, minority, mutability, nicety, perversity, perplexity, perspicuity, prosperity, privity, probability, probity, propensity, rarity, rapidity, sagacity, sanctity, sensibility, sensuality, solidity, temerity, timidity, tranquillity, virginity, visibility, university, trumpery, apology, genealogy, etymology, simony, symphony, soliloquy, allegory, armory, factory, pillory, faculty, treasury, usury, augury, importunity, impunity, impurity, inaccuracy, inability, incredulity, indignity, infidelity, infirmity, iniquity, integrity, laity, liberality, malignity, maturity, morality. Memory beauty,

10

Words ending with the sound of b.

Abe, astrolabe.

11

Bab, cab, dab, Mab, gab, nab, blab, rab, drab, scab, stab, slab, crab.

12

Ebb, web, neb, bleb.

13

Bribe, tribe, scribe, ascribe, describe, superscribe, prescribe, proscribe, subscribe, transcribe, inscribe, kibe, imbibe, diatribe.

14

Bib, crib, squib, drib, glib, nib, rib.

15

Globe, lobe, probe, robe, conglobe.

16

Fob, hob, mob, knob, sob, rob, throb, swab, squab, cob, bob, lob, nob, cabob.

17

Cube, tube.

18

Cub, club, dub, chub, drub, grub, hub, rub, snub, shrub, tub.

19

Barb, garb.

20

Orb, sorb, corb.

21

Curb, disturb, herb, verb.

22

Words ending with the sound of d preceded by a vowel sound.

Cade, fade, made, jade, lade, wade, blade, glade, shade, spade, trade, degrade, evade, dissuade, invade, persuade, blockade, brigade, esplanade, cavalcade, masquerade, renegade, retrograde, serenade, ambuscade, cannonade, palisade, aid, maid, braid, afraid, raid, upbraid, bade, estrade, arcade, cascade, cockade, crusade, gambade, brocade, rhodomontade, lemonade, and the preterites and the participles of verbs in number 1.

23

Add, bad, dad, gad, had, lad, mad, pad, sad, brad, clad, glad, plad, chad, fad, plaid, cad, shad, bade.

24

Creed, deed, indeed, bleed, breed, feed, heed, meed, need, reed, speed, seed, steed, weed, proceed, succeed, exceed, knead, read, intercede, precede, recede, concede, impede, supersede, bead, lead, mead, plead, glede, rede, cede, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 3.

25

Bed, bled, fed, fled, bred, Ted, red, shed, shred, sped, wed, abed, imbred, misled, said, bread, dread, dead, head, lead, read, spread, thread, tread, behead, overspread, led. dead, ahead.

26

Bide, chide, hide, gride, glide, nide, pied, pride, ride, slide, sighed, side, wide, stride, tide, bride, abide, guide, aside, astride, beside, bestride, betide, confide, decide, deride, divide, preside, provide, subside, misguide, subdivide, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 4.

27

Bid, chid, did, hid, kid, lid, slid, rid, bestrid, pyramid, forbid, quid, squid, katydid.

28

A la mode, bode, code, ode, mode, rode, abode, corrode, explode, forebode, commode, incommode, episode, road, toad, goad, load, lode, and the preterites and participles of the verbs in number 5.

29

Clod, rod, sod, nod, plod, odd, cod, trod, shod, quod, pod, wad, quad, hod, tod, God.

30

Rude, crude, prude, allude, conclude, delude, elude, include, mood, food, rood, illude, exclude, exude, snood, intrude, obtrude, seclude, altitude, fortitude, gratitude, interlude, latitude, longitude, magnitude, multitude, solicitude, solitude, vicissitude, aptitude, habitude, ingratitude, inaptitude, lassitude, plenitude, promptitude, servitude, similitude, leud, feud, brood, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 7.

31

Bud, scud, stud, mud, cud, blood, flood.

32

Good, hood, stood, withstood, understood, could, would, wood, brotherhood, livelihood, likelihood, neighborhood, widowhood.

33

Fraud, laud, applaud, defraud, broad, abroad, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 2.

34

Void, avoid, devoid, asteroid, alkaloid, varioloid, and the preterites and participles of the verbs in number 8.

35

Shroud, cloud, loud, proud, aloud, crowd, overshroud, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 6.

36

Words ending in ld.

Bald, scald, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 192.

37

Field, yield, shield, wield, afield, weald, and the preterites and participles of words in number 184.

38

Held, geld, withheld, upheld, beheld, eld, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 185.

39

Mild, wild, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 186.

40

Gild, build, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 187.

41

Old, cold, bold, fold, gold, hold, mold, scold, sold, told, behold, enfold, unfold, uphold, withhold, foretold, manifold, marigold, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 188.

42

World rhymes with the preterites and participles of verbs in number 197.

43

Words ending in nd.

And, band, hand, land, rand, sand, brand, bland, grand, gland, stand, strand, command, demand, countermand, disband, expand, withstand, understand, reprimand, contraband, and preterites and participles of verbs in number 217.

44

Fiend rhymes with the preterites and participles of verbs in number 219.

45

End, bend, mend, blend, fend, lend, rend, send, spend, tend, vend, amend, attend, ascend, commend, contend, defend, depend, descend, distend, expend, extend, forefend, impend, misspend, obtend, offend, portend, pretend, protend, suspend, transcend, unbend, apprehend, comprehend, condescend, discommend, recommend, reprehend, dividend, reverend, friend, befriend, penned, kenned.

46

Find, mind, blind, kind, grind, rind, wind, behind, unkind, remind, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 221.

47

Rescind rhymes with the preterites and participles of verbs in number 222.

48

Pond, bond, fond, beyond, abscond, correspond, blond, despond, diamond, vagabond, conned.

49

Fund, refund, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 226.

50

Maund rhymes with the preterites and participles of verbs in number 218.

51

Found, bound, ground, hound, mound, pound, round, sound, wound (verb), abound, aground, around, confound, compound, expound, profound, rebound, redound, resound, propound, surround, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 228.

52

The noun wound rhymes with the preterites and participles of verbs in number 225.

53

Words ending in rd.

Bard, card, guard, hard, lard, nard, shard, yard, bombard, discard, regard, interlard, retard, disregard, and words ending in d from verbs in number 256.

54

Beard and weird rhyme with the preterites and participles of verbs in number 257.

55

Cord, lord, record, accord, abhorred, hoard, horde, board, aboard, ford, afford, sword, chord, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 261.

56

Curd, absurd, bird, gird, heard, herd, sherd, word, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 259.

57

Words ending with the sound of f.

Safe, chafe, vouchsafe, waif.

58

Gaff, chaff, draff, graff, quaff, staff, distaff, engraff, epitaph, cenotaph, paragraph, photograph, telegraph.

59

Grief, chief, fief, thief, brief, lief, belief, relief, reef, beef, leaf, sheaf.

60

Clef, nef, semibref, deaf.

61

Rife, fife, knife, wife, strife, life.

62

If, skiff, stiff, whiff, cliff, sniff, tiff, hieroglyph.

63

Oaf, loaf.

64

Off, scoff, cough, trough, doff.

65

Hoof, proof, aloof, disproof, reproof, behoof, roof, woof.

66

Buff, cuff, chuff, bluff, huff, gruff, luff, muff, puff, snuff, stuff, ruff, rebuff, counterbuff, rough, tough, enough, slough, chough.

67

Calf, half, behalf, laugh.

68

Elf, delf, pelf, self, shelf, himself, Guelf, Guelph.

69

Dwarf, wharf.

70

Turf, scurf, surf, serf.

71

Nymph, lymph.

72

Words ending with the sound of g in cage and g in dig.

Age, cage, gage, guage, mage, page, rage, sage, wage, stage, swage, assuage, engage, disengage, enrage, presage.

73

Appanage, parsonage, personage, pasturage, patronage, pilgrimage, equipage, heritage, hermitage, parentage, villanage, equipage.

74

Badge, cadge.

75

Liege, siege, assiege, besiege.

76

Edge, wedge, fledge, hedge, ledge, pledge, sedge, allege, kedge, privilege, sacrilege, sortilege.

D is silent before the sound of g in cage or j.

77

Bridge, ridge, midge, fidge, abridge.

78

Dodge, lodge, hodge, podge, bodge.

79

Judge, drudge, grudge, trudge, adjudge, prejudge, fudge, smudge, nudge, budge, sludge.

80

Plague, vague.

81

Bag, cag, fag, gag, hag, jag, lag, nag, quag, rag,

sag, tag, wag, brag, crag, drag, flag, knag, shag, snag, stag, swag, scrag, Brobdingnag.

82

Egg, leg, beg, peg, keg. dreg

83

League, teague, intrigue, fatigue.

84

Big, dig, gig, fig, pig, rig, sprig, twig, swig, grig, Whig, wig, jig, prig.

85

Rogue, vogue, prorogue, collogue, disembogue.

86

Hog, bog, cog, dog, clog, fog, frog, flog, jog, log, agog, gog, prog, shog, tog, pollywog, dialogue, epilogue, synagogue, catalogue, pedagogue.

Do not give o in these words the sound of aw in August, which is the sound of aw in saw. Give it the sound of o in not.

87

Lug, bug, dug, drug, hug, jug, rug, slug, smug, snug, mug, shrug, pug.

88

Bulge, indulge, divulge.

89

Change, grange, range, strange, estrange, arrange, exchange, interchange.

90

Bang, fang, gang, hang, pang, tang, twang, sang, slang, rang, harangue, swang, stang, lang, chang, clang.

91

Avenge, revenge.

92

Cringe, fringe, hinge, singe, springe, swinge, tinge, twinge, infringe.

93

Plunge, sponge, expunge.

94

Bring, sing, cling, fling, king, ring, sling, spring, sting, string, swing, wing, wring, thing, and the participles of the present tense in ing, with the accent on the antepenultimate, as recovering, altering.

95

Long, song, strong, wrong, along, belong, prolong. Let us give o in the words in number 95 the sound of aw in saw.

96

Dingdong, gong, prong, throng, thong. Let us give o in these words the sound of o in not. Dong

97

Bung, clung, dung, flung, hung, lung, rung, strung, sung, sprung, slung, stung, swung, wrung, unsung, young, tongue, among.

98

Barge, charge, large, marge, targe, discharge, overcharge, surcharge, enlarge.

99

Verge, absterge, emerge, dirge, urge, purge, surge, immerge, thaumaturge, gurge, diverge, scourge, serge.

100

Exergue, burgh.

101

Gorge, disgorge, reforge, forge, George.

102

Words ending with the sound of ch in teach.

Catch, match, hatch, latch, patch, scratch, smatch, snatch, dispatch, ratch, slatch, attach, detach, thatch. T before ch is silent.

103

Beach, breach, bleach, each, peach, preach, teach, impeach, beech, leech, speech, beseech, leach.

104

Fetch, stretch, wretch, sketch.

105

Itch, ditch, pitch, rich, fitch, bitch, flitch, hitch, stitch, switch, twitch, which, bewitch, niche, enrich.

106

Broach, croach, poach, approach, encroach, reproach, abroach, loach.

107

Botch, notch, watch, crotch, blotch, Scotch, swatch.

108

Crutch, hutch, Dutch, much, such, touch.

109

Couch, pouch, vouch, slouch, avouch, crouch.

110

Filch, milch.

111

Mulch, gulch.

112

Blanch, branch, stanch.
Haunch, launch, paunch.

In the first three words give a the sound of in branch.

In the last three words reject u and give a the sound of a in park.

113

Bench, drench, retrench, quench, clench, stench, tench, trench, wench, intrench, blench, wrench.

114

Clinch, finch, inch, pinch, winch. cinch

115

Bunch, punch, hunch, lunch, munch, scrunch, crunch.

116

Arch, march, larch, parch, starch, countermarch.

117

Church, lurch, birch, smirch, perch, search.

118

Scorch, torch, porch.

119

Words ending with the sound of sh.

Ash, cash, dash, clash, crash, flash, gash, gnash, hash, lash, plash, bash, pash, brash, rash, thrash, slash, trash, abash, sash, splash.

120

Flesh, fresh, refresh, thresh, afresh, nesh, mesh.

121

Dish, fish, wish, cuish, pish, quish.

122

Bosh, wash, squash, quash, swash.

123

Barouche, cartouche.

124

Blush, brush, crush, gush, flush, rush, hush, lush, frush, mush, tush.

125

Bush, push.

126

Harsh, marsh.

127

Words ending with the sound of th.

Bathe, swathe, lathe, scathe.

128

Faith, wraith.

129

Bath, path, hath, aftermath, rath.

130

Breathe, sheathe, wreathe, inwreathe, bequeathe, seethe.

131

Heath, sheath, teeth, wreath, beneath.

132

Breath, death, saith.

133

Blithe, hithe, tithe, scythe, writhe, lithe.

134

Pith, smith, frith, sith.

135

Clothe, loathe.

136

Both, loth, sloth, oath, growth, loath.

137

Broth, cloth, froth, troth, moth, swath, wrath, betroth.

138

Booth, smooth, soothe.

139

Tooth, truth, youth, uncouth.

140

Azimuth, doth.

141

Mouth, south, drouth.

142

Health, wealth, stealth, commonwealth.

143

Filth, tilth, spilth.

144

Plinth, hyacinth, labyrinth.

145

Length, strength.

146

Earth, dearth, birth, mirth, worth, berth, girth.

147

Swarth, north, fourth, fosth,

148

Words ending with the sound of k and x.

Ake, bake, cake, lake, make, quake, rake, sake, take, wake, brake, drake, flake, shake, snake, stake, strake, spake, awake, betake, forsake, mistake, partake, overtake, undertake, bespake, break, steak, hake, mandrake, ache, opaque.

149

Zodiac, maniac, demoniac, ammoniac, almanac, symposiac, hypochondriac, aphrodisiac, crack, lac, brach, back, hack, bric-a-brac, jack, lack, pack, quack, tack, sack, rack, black, clack, crack, knack, slack, snack, stack, track, wrack, attack, smack, thwack, arrack.

C before k is silent.

150

Ax, tax, lax, pax, wax, relax, flax, knicknacks, and words in number 149 when s is added to them.

151

Beak, bleak, creak, freak, leak, peak, sneak, squeak, speak, streak, tweak, wreak, bespeak, cheek, leek, creek, meek, reek, seek, sleek, week, shriek, pique, bezique, eke, clique, critique, antique, oblique, weak, peek.

152

Beck, peck, neck, check, fleck, deck, speck, wreck, geck, reck.

153

Sex, vex, annex, convex, complex, perplex, circumflex, and words in number 152 when s is added to them.

154

Dike, alike, like, pike, spike, strike, dislike, oblique, shrike, glike.

155

Brick, sick, chick, kick, lick, nick, pick, quick, stick, thick, trick, arithmetic, choleric, catholic, heretic, rhetoric, splenetic, lunatic, politic.

156

Sardonyx, fix, six, mix, nix, affix, infix, prefix, pyx, transfix, intermix, crucifix, and words in number 155 when s is added to them.

157

Broke, choke, smoke, spoke, stroke, yoke, bespoke, invoke, provoke, revoke, cloak, oak, soak, joke, moke, coke, equivoque, yolk.

158

Hoax, coax, and words in number 157 when s is added to them.

159

Block, lock, cock, flock, crock, dock, frock, knock, mock, rock, shock, sock, stock, clock, brock, hough, loch.

160

Ox, box, fox, equinox, orthodox, heterodox, and words in number 159 when s is added to them.

161

Duke, puke, rebuke, fluke, chibouque.

162

Buck, luck, pluck, suck, struck, tuck, truck, duck.

163

Dux, crux, lux, flux, reflux, and words in number 162 when s is added to them.

164

Book, brook, cook, hook, look, rook, shook, took, mistook, undertook, forsook, betook, stook, caoutchouc, crook, betook.

165

Auk, balk, chalk, stalk, talk, walk, calk, squawk, hawk. L is silent in the words in number 165.

166

Elk, whelk.

167

Milk, silk, bilk, whilk.

168

Bulk, hulk, skulk, sulk.

169

Bank, blank, brank, shank, clank, dank, drank, slank, frank, spank, stank, lank, plank, prank, rank, thank, disrank, mountebank.

170

Ink, think, wink, drink, blink, brink, chink, clink, link, pink, shrink, sink, slink, stink, bethink, forethink, skink, swink, zinc, cinque, appropinque.

171

Lynx, minx, sphinx, methinks, jinks, and words in number 170 when s is added to them.

172

Drunk, sunk, shrunk, stunk, spunk, punk, trunk, slunk, bunk, funk, chunk, hunk, monk.

173

Ark, bark, cark, clark, dark, lark, mark, park, shark, spark, stark, embark, remark, hierarch, heresiarch, chark, marque. monarch matriarch, patriarch

174

Dirk, firk, kirk, stirk, quirk, shirk, work, mirk, murk, Turk, lurk, irk, jerk, perk.

175

Ork, cork, fork, stork, York, pork.

176

Ask, task, bask, cask, flask, mask, casque.

177

Desk, grotesque, burlesque, arabesque, picturesque, moresque.

178

Brisk, frisk, disk, risk, whisk, basilisk, tamarisk.

179

Mosque, kiosk.

180

Busk, tusk, dusk, husk, musk.

181

Words ending with the sound of l.

Bail, brail, fail, grail, hail, jail, mail, nail, pail, quail, rail, sail, shail, tail, wail, frail, flail, snail, trail, assail, avail, detail, bewail, entail, prevail, aventail, retail, countervail, curtail, Abigail, ale, bale, dale, gale, hale, male, pale, sale, tale, vale, wale, scale, shale, stale, swale, whale, impale, exhale, regale, veil, nightingale, ail.

182

Shall, sal, cabal, canal.

183

Animal, admiral, cannibal, capital, cardinal, comical, conjugal, corporal, criminal, critical, festival, funeral, general, hospital, interval, liberal, madrigal, literal, magical, mineral, mystical, musical, natural, original, pastoral, pedestal, personal, physical, poetical, political, principal, prodigal, prophetical, rational, satirical, reciprocal, rhetorical, several, temporal, tragical, tyrannical, carnival, schismatical, whimsical, arsenal.

184

Deal, heal, reveal, meal, peal, seal, steal, teal, veal, weal, zeal, squeal, repeal, conceal, congeal, anneal, appeal, eel, heel, feel, keel, kneel, peel, reel, steel, wheel, ceil.

185

Ell, dwell, fell, hell, knell, quell, sell, bell, cell,

dispel, foretell, excel, compel, befell, yell, well, tell, swell, spell, smell, shell, parallel, sentinel, infidel, citadel, refel, repel, impel, expel, rebel, asphodel, petronel, calomel, muscatel, belle.

186

Bile, chyle, file, guile, isle, aisle, mile, pile, smile, stile, style, tile, vile, while, awhile, compile, revile, defile, exile, erewhile, reconcile, beguile.

187

Bill, chill, fill, drill, gill, hill, ill, kill, kiln, mill, pill, quill, rill, shrill, fill, skill, spill, still, swill, thrill, till, trill, will, distill, fulfill, instill, codicil, daffodil, until, and words ending in ile pronounced ill, if the words be accented on the antepenult.

Full has only one l when a syllable or syllables is prefixed or added to it; as, fulfill, handful.

188

Bole, dole, jole, hole, mole, pole, sole, stole, whole, shoal, cajole, condole, parole, patrol, pistole, coal, foal, goal, soal, bowl, droll, roll, scroll, toll, troll, control, enroll, soul, console, girandole, vole, poll, boll, role.

189

Alcohol, capitol, doll, extol, loll, Moll, Poll.

190

Cool, fool, pool, school, stool, tool, befool, spool, buhl, pule, rule, mule, Yule, overrule, ridicule, misrule. ferrule

191

Cull, dull, gull, lull, hull, mull, null, trull, skull, annul, disannul, scull. [illegible]

192

Full, wool, bull, pull, bountiful, fanciful, sorrowful,

dutiful, merciful, wonderful, and other words ending in ful with the accent on the antepenult.

193

All, ball, call, gall, caul, haul, Gaul, appall, enthrall, awl, bawl, brawl, crawl, drawl, small, scrawl, sprawl, shawl, squall, hall, maul, stall, fall, pall, tall, wall, inthrall, install, forestall, thrall.

194

Oil, boil, coil, moil, soil, spoil, toil, despoil, embroil, recoil, turmoil, disembroil.

195

Owl, growl, fowl, howl, prowl, scowl, foul.

196

Carl, snarl, marl, parle, gnarl, harl.

197

Earl, pearl, churl, girl, furl, curl, hurl, unfurl, uncurl, purl, whirl, thirl, twirl, whorl.

198

Words ending with the sound of m.

Blame, came, dame, same, fame, flame, frame, game, lame, name, prame, same, tame, shame, inflame, became, defame, misname, misbecame, overcame, aim, claim, maim, acclaim, declaim, disclaim, exclaim, proclaim, reclaim.

199

Am, dam, ham, pam, ram, Sam, cram, dram, flam, sham, swam, kam, clam, epigram, anagram, damn, lamb, jam, jamb, oriflamme, ma'am, telegram, lamm.

200

Bream, cream, gleam, seam, scream, stream, team, beam, dream, enseam, scheme, theme, blaspheme, ex-

treme, supreme, deem, teem, beseem, misdeem, esteem, disesteem, redeem, seem, beteem.

201

Gem, hem, kemb, stem, them, diadem, stratagem, anadem, phlegm, condemn, contemn, parapegm, apothegm.

202

Chime, time, grime, clime, crime, prime, mime, slime, lime, sublime, climb, rhyme, thyme, rime.

203

Brim, dim, grim, him, rim, skim, slim, trim, whim, prim, limb, hymn, limn, paradigm.

204

Dome, home, mome, foam, roam, loam, Rome.

205

Tom, from.

206

Rum, chum, drum, glum, gum, hum, mum, scum, plum, sum, swum, thrum, opium, encomium, thumb, dumb, succumb, come, become, overcome, burdensome, cumbersome, frolicsome, humorsome, quarrelsome, troublesome, crumb, plumb, some.

207

Gloom, groom, loom, room, spoom, bloom, broom, boom, doom, tomb, entomb, whom, womb, plume, spume, fume, consume, assume, presume, resume, perfume, rheum.

208

Calm, balm, becalm, psalm, palm, embalm.

209

Haulm, shawm.

210

Elm, helm, whelm, overwhelm, realm.

211

Arm, barm, charm, farm, harm, alarm, disarm.

212

Firm, affirm, confirm, infirm, chirm, worm, turm, term.

213

Storm, conform, deform, inform, perform, reform, misinform, uniform, multiform, chloroform, transform, warm, swarm.

214

Chasm, spasm, miasm, enthusiasm, cataplasm, phantasm. plasm, neuroplasm et

215

Chrism, solecism, anachronism, schism, syllogism, witticism, criticism, organism, heroism, prism, egotism, abysm, cataclysm.

216.

Words ending with the sound of n.

Cain, blain, brain, chain, fain, gain, grain, lain, main, pain, rain, vain, wain, drain, plain, slain, Spain, stain, swain, train, twain, sprain, strain, abstain, amain, attain, complain, contain, constrain, detain, disdain, distrain, enchain, entertain, explain, maintain, ordain, pertain, obtain, refrain, regain, remain, restrain, retain, sustain, appertain, thane, Dane, bane, crane, cane, fane, Jane, lane, mane, plane, vane, wane, profane, hurricane, deign, arraign, campaign, feign, reign, vein, rein, skein, thegn, champagne, ta'en, pane, sane.

217

Ban, can, dan, fan, man, nan, pan, ran, tan, van, bran, clan, plan, scan, span, than, unman, foreran,

began, trepan, partisan, artisan, pelican, caravan, shandrydan, barracan.

218

Dawn, brawn, fawn, pawn, spawn, drawn, yawn, awn, withdrawn, lawn, prawn, gone, faun.

219

Keen, screen, seen, green, spleen, between, careen, teen, foreseen, queen, bean, clean, dean, glean, lean, mean, wean, yean, demean, unclean, skean, convene, demesne, intervene, mien, machine, serene, obscene, terrene, scene. find been

220

Den, hen, fen, ken, men, pen, ten, then, when, wren, denizen. often, soften again

221

Dine, brine, mine, chine, fine, line, nine, indign, pine, shine, shrine, kine, thine, trine, twine, vine, Rhine, wine, whine, combine, confine, decline, define, incline, enshrine, entwine, opine, calcine, recline, refine, repine, superfine, interline, countermine, undermine, eyne, supine, concubine, porcupine, divine, sign, assign, consign, design, condign, indign. divine calcimine enshrine

222

Bin, chin, din, fin, gin, grin, in, inn, kin, pin, shin, sin, spin, skin, lin, thin, twin, tin, win, within, javelin, begin, whin, baldachin, cannikin, discipline.

223

Prone, drone, throne, alone, stone, tone, lone, zone, atone, enthrone, dethrone, postpone, cone, grown, flown, disown, thrown, sown, own, loan, shown, overthrown, groan, blown, moan, known, shone, mown.

224

On, con, upon, anon.

On in these words has the sound of on in conscience.

225

June, tune, untune, jejune, prune, dune, triune, importune, croon, hewn, swoon, moon, soon, boon, noon, spoon, buffoon, lampoon, poltroon, coon, cocoon, raccoon, shalloon, dragoon.

226

Dun, bun, gun, nun, pun, run, sun, shun, tun, stun, spun, begun, son, one, ton, done, won, none, undone.

227

Coin, join, subjoin, groin, loin, adjoin, conjoin, disjoin, enjoin, foin, proin, purloin, rejoin, coign.

228

Town, clown, crown, down, drown, frown, gown, adown, renown, embrown, noun.

229

Barn, yarn, tarn, darn.

230

Born, bourne, corn, horn, morn, adorn, scorn, thorn, suborn, unicorn, sorn, capricorn, shorn, torn, worn, lorn, forlorn, lovelorn, sworn, forsworn, overborne, mourn, warn, forewarn, forborne.

231

Burn, churn, spurn, turn, urn, return, overturn, tern, discern, earn, sojourn, adjourn, rejourn, fern, stern, hern, concern, learn, yearn, quern, dern, eterne.

232

Words ending with the sound of p.

Ape, cape, shape, grape, rape, scape, scrape, escape, nape, chape, trape, jape, crape, tape.

233

Cap, dap, gap, hap, lap, map, nap, pap, rap, sap, tap, chap, clap, trap, fap, flap, knap, slap, snap, wrap, scrap, strap, enwrap, entrap, mishap, affrap, mayhap.

234

Creep, deep, sleep, keep, peep, sheep, steep, sweep, weep, asleep, cheap, heap, neap.

235

Step, nep, skep, rep, steppe.

236

Gripe, pipe, ripe, snipe, type, stripe, wipe, archetype, prototype. ~~tripe~~

237

Chip, lip, hip, clip, dip, drip, nip, sip, rip, scrip, ship, skip, slip, snip, strip, tip, trip, whip, equip, and words ending in ship with the accent on the antepenult; as fellowship.

238

Hope, cope, mope, grope, pope, rope, scope, slope, trope, aslope, elope, interlope, telescope, heliotrope, horoscope, antelope, ope. dope, soap,

239

Chop, hop, drop, crop, fop, top, pop, prop, flop, shop, slop, sop, stop, swap, underprop. cop

240

Loop, poop, scoop, stoop, troop, droop, whoop, coop, hoop, soup, group, dupe, cantaloup, troupe.

241

Cup, sup, pup, dup, up.

242

Alp, scalp.

243

Help, whelp, kelp, yelp.

244

Holp, colp.

245

Gulp, sculp, pulp, ensculp.

246

Camp, champ, cramp, damp, stamp, vamp, lamp, clamp, decamp, encamp.

247

Imp, limp, pimp, gimp, jimp. primp

248

Pomp, swamp, romp.

249

Bump, pump, jump, lump, plump, rump, stump, trump, thump, clump.

250

Carp, harp, sharp, counterscarp.

251

Thorp, warp.

252

Usurp, chirp, extirp, discerp.

253

Asp, clasp, gasp, grasp, hasp, rasp.

254

Crisp, wisp, lisp.

255

Words ending with the sound of r.

Care, dare, fare, gare, hare, mare, pare, tare, ware, flare, glare, scare, share, snare, spare, square, stare, sware, yare, prepare, aware, beware, compare, declare, ensnare, air, vair, fair, hair, lair, pair, chair, stair, affair, debonair, despair, impair, glair, repair, bear, pear, swear, tear, wear, forbear, forswear, there, were, where, ere, e'er, ne'er, elsewhere, whate'er, howe'er, howsoe'er, whene'er, where'er, heir, coheir, their, bare.

256

Czar, bar, car, far, mar, par, tar, spar, scar, star, char, afar, debar, petar, unbar, catarrh, particular, perpendicular, secular, angular, regular, popular, singular, titular, vinegar, scimetar, calendar, avatar, cinnabar, caviare, are, jar.

257

Beer, deer, fleer, gear, jeer, peer, meer, leer, sheer, steer, sneer, cheer, veer, pickeer, domineer, cannoneer, compeer, engineer, mutineer, pioneer, privateer, charioteer, chanticleer, career, mountaineer, fere, here, sphere, adhere, cohere, interfere, persevere, revere, austere, severe, sincere, hemisphere, ear, clear, dear, fear, near, sear, hear, pier, bier, tier, smear, spear, tear, rear, year, appear, besmear, bandolier, disappear, endear, auctioneer, seer, shear.

258

Er as in administer.

Islander, arbiter, character, villager, cottager, dowager, forager, pillager, voyager, massacre, gardener, slanderer, flatterer, idolater, provender, theatre, amphitheatre, foreigner, lavender, messenger, passenger, sorcerer, interpreter, officer, mariner, harbinger, minister, register, canister, chorister, sophister, presbyter, lawgiver, philosopher, astrologer, loiterer, prisoner,

beamer, weaver, griever

grasshopper, astronomer, sepulchre, thunderer, traveler, murderer, usurer. minister given shiver

259

Her, sir, fir, burr, cur, err, aver, defer, infer, deter, inter, refer, transfer, confer, prefer, whirr, purr, myrrh, slur, fur, bur, spur, concur, demur, incur, skirr, amateur, connoisseur, bon-viveur.

260

Fire, dire, hire, ire, lyre, mire, quire, sire, spire, squire, wire, tire, attire, acquire, admire, aspire, conspire, desire, inquire, entire, expire, inspire, require, retire, transpire, gipsire, gire, pyre, choir. dear

261

Or, for, four, abhor, bore, boar, pour, pore, tore, tor, hoar, war, corps, core, gore, lore, more, ore, score, shore, snore, sore, store, swore, wore, adore, afore, ashore, deplore, explore, implore, restore, forebore, foreswore, oar, roar, soar, door, floor, o'er, encore, and other words in or which have the accent on the last syllable or the third syllable from the end of the word.

262

Cure, pure, dure, lure, sure, adjure, allure, assure, demure, conjure, endure, manure, inure, insure, immature, immure, mature, obscure, procure, secure, adjure, calenture, coverture, epicure, investiture, forfeiture, furniture, miniature, nouriture, overture, portraiture, primogeniture, temperature, poor, moor, your, contour, amour, boor, tour. sewre

263

Our, bower, tower, deflower, flower, devour, scour, sour, lour, hour, flour.

264

Words ending with one of the sounds of s. They are words ending in ce, se, s and ze.

Craze, daze, blaze, gaze, maze, raze, amaze, glaze, graze, raise, praise, dispraise, phrase, paraphrase, maize, and the words in number one when s is added to them; as, days. appraise

265

Has, as.

266

Ace, dace, pace, face, lace, mace, race, brace, chase, grace, place, Thrace, space, trace, apace, deface, efface, disgrace, displace, misplace, embrace, grimace, interlace, retrace, populace, carapace, base, case, abase, debase, bass. neck-lace

267

Ass, brass, class, grass, lass, mass, pass, alas, amass, cuirass, repass, surpass, morass, gas, bass. gloss

268

Breeze, freeze, wheeze, sneeze, squeeze, cheese, these, ease, appease, disease, displease, tease, seize, frieze, please, and words in number 3 when s is added to them.

269

Cease, lease, release, grease, decease, decrease, increase, release, surcease, peace, piece, niece, fleece, geese, frontispiece, apiece, Greece.

270

ESS—Bless, dress, cess, chess, guess, less, mess, press, stress, acquiesce, access, address, assess, compress, confess, caress, depress, digress, dispossess, distress, excess, express, impress, oppress, possess, surpass profess, recess, repress, redress, success, transgress, bashfulness, bitterness, cheerfulness, comfortless, comeliness, dizziness, diocese, drowsiness, eager-

ness, easiness, embassadress, emptiness, evenness, fatherless, filthiness, foolishness, forgetfulness, forwardness, frowardness, fruitfulness, fulsomeness, giddiness, greediness, gentleness, governess, happiness, haughtiness, heaviness, idleness, heinousness, hoariness, hollowness, holiness, lasciviousness, lawfulness, laziness, littleness, liveliness, loftiness, lioness, lowliness, manliness, masterless, mightiness, motherless, motionless, nakedness, neediness, noisomeness, numberless, patroness, peevishness, perfidiousness, pitiless, poetess, prophetess, ransomless, readiness, righteousness, shepherdess, sorceress, sordidness, spiritless, sprightliness, stubbornness, sturdiness, surliness, steadiness, tenderness, thoughtfulness, ugliness, uneasiness, unhappiness, votaress, usefulness, wakefulness, wantonness, weaponless, weariness, duresse, cesse, yes, willingness, wilfulness, weariness, wickedness, wilderness, wretchedness, drunkenness, childishness.

271

Disguise, guise, despise, merchandise, rise, wise, advise, devise, improvise, supervise, revise.

Excise, exercise, exorcise, circumcise, criticise, Anglicise, compromise, demise, premise, surmise.

Comprise, enterprise, surprise, apprise, emprise, advertise, chastise.

Civilize, idolize, realize, signalize, agonize, tyrannize, canonize, catechize, solemnize, authorize, pulverize, summarize, sympathize, immortalize, systematize, assize, prize, size.

The words from disguise to civilize have s and not z as their last consonant. All other words ending with the sound of ise in despise, may be given z and not s as the last consonant; except franchise and its compounds.

Let us give no word the ending cize, prize or vize except prize, and let us give no word the ending lise, nise, or tise except chastise and advertise. The

rules do not apply of course to words containing the short sound of i as treatise and mortise. The words in number 271 rhyme with the words in number 4 when s or es is added to them.

272

Ice, dice, mice, nice, price, rice, spice, slice, thrice, trice, advice, entice, vice, device, concise, precise, paradise, splice, suffice, sacrifice and the noun rise.

273

Bliss, miss, hiss, kiss, this, abyss, amiss, submiss, dismiss, remiss, wis, Dis, spiss.

273A
is, his,
wiz, whiz
tis

274

Close, dose, hose, pose, chose, glose, froze, nose, prose, those, rose, compose, depose, disclose, dispose, discompose, expose, impose, inclose, interpose, oppose, propose, recompose, repose, suppose, transpose, arose, presuppose, foreclose, and words in number 5 when s is added to them. decompose, shows

275

Close, dose, jocose, morose, gross, engross, verbose.

276

Gloss, boss, emboss, soss, albatross, dross.

Let us give o in the words in number 276 the sound of o in not.

277

Cross, moss, loss.

Let us give o in these three words in number 277 the sound of aw in law, which is the sound of au in caustic.

278

Lose, choose, shoes, ooze, noose, whose, muse, the verb use, abuse, amuse, news, diffuse, excuse, infuse, misuse, peruse, refuse, suffuse, transfuse, accuse,

bruise, cruise, and words in number 7 when s is added to them; as dews.

279

The noun use, disuse, abuse, deuce, truce, goose, noose, moose, loose, truce, sluice, spruce, deuce, conduce, deduce, induce, introduce, produce, seduce, traduce, juice, reduce, abstruse, excuse, misuse, obtuse, recluse.

280

Us, thus, buss, pus, plus, cuss, truss, discuss, incubus, overplus, amorcus, boisterous, clamorous, credulous, dangerous, degenerous, generous, emulous, fabulous, frivolous, hazardous, idolatrous, infamous, miraculous, mischievous, mountainous, mutinous, necessitous, numerous, ominous, perilous, poisonous, populous, prosperous, ridiculous, riotous, ruinous, scandalous, scrupulous, sedulous, traitorous, teacherous, tyrannous, venomous, vigorous, villainous, adventurous, adulterous, ambiguous, blasphemous, dolorous, fortuitous, sonorous, gluttonous, gratuitous, incredulous, lecherous, libidinous, magnanimous, obstreperous, odoriferous, ponderous, ravenous, rigorous, slanderous, solicitous, timorous, valorous, unanimous, calamitous.

281

Alms, calms, balms, becalms, psalms, palms, embalms.

282

Cause, pause, clause, applause, gauze, because, and the words in number 2 when s is added to them; as, laws, saws.

283

Blowze, browse, rouse, spouse, carouse, touse, espouse, and words in number 6 when s is added to them.

284

House, mouse, chouse, douse, grouse, louse.

285

Poise, noise, counterpoise, equipose, and words in oy number 8 when s is added to them.

286

Choice, voice, rejoice.

287

Adze, rhymes with words in number 23 when s is added to them.

288

Ides, besides, and words in number 26 when s is added to them.

289

Suds rhymes with words in number 31 when s is added to them.

290

False, waltz, and words in number 342 when s is added to them.

291

Pulse, repulse, impulse, expulse, convulse, insulse. [illegible] adults

292

Betimes, and words in number 202 when s is added to them.

293

Chance, dance, glance, lance, trance, prance, entrance, romance, advance, mischance, complaisance, circumstance, countenance, deliverance, consonance, dissonance, extravagance, ignorance, inheritance, maintenance, temperance, intemperance, exorbitance, ordinance, sufferance, sustenance, utterance, arrogance, vigilance, expanse, enhance. ants, pants, rants?

294

Amends, cleanse, dens, hens, fens, kens, pens, lens, tens, wrens, denizens, and words in number 45 when s is added to them.

295

Fence, hence, pence, thence, whence, defense, expense, offense, pretense, commence, abstinence, circumference, conference, confidence, consequence, continence, benevolence, concupiscence, difference, diffidence, diligence, eloquence, eminence, evidence, excellence, impenitence, impertinence, impotence, impudence, improvidence, incontinence, indifference, indigence, indolence, inference, intelligence, innocence, magnificence, munificence, negligence, omnipotence, penitence, preference, providence, recompense, reference, residence, reverence, vehemence, violence, sense, dense, cense, condense, immense, intense, propense, dispense, suspense, prepense, incense, frankincense, accoutrements, and words in ent number 351 when s is added to them. nonsense

296

Mince, prince, since, quince, wince, convince, evince.

297

Dunce, once.

298

Response, sconce, ensconce.

299

Ounce, bounce, flounce, renounce, pounce, denounce, pronounce. announce

300

Means rhymes with words in number 219 when s is added to them.

301

Lapse, elapse, relapse, perhaps, and the words in number 233 when s is added to them: as, caps. collap

302

Eclipse, rhymes with words in number 237 when s is added to them.

303

Glimpse, imps, pimps, limps, gimps, jimps.

304

Corpse rhymes with words in number 251 when s is added to them.

305

Farce, parse, sarse, sparse.

306

Fierce, pierce, tierce.

307

Horse, endorse, unhorse, remorse, coarse, course, corse, force, torse, morse, divorce, enforce, perforce, hoarse, discourse, recourse, intercourse, source, resource.

308

Verse, absterse, adverse, averse, converse, terse, disperse, immerse, perverse, reverse, asperse, intersperse, universe, amerce, coerce, nurse, curse, purse, accurse, disburse, imburse, reimburse, worse, hearse.

309

Unawares, theirs, and the words in number 255 when s is added to them.

310

Quits rhymes with words in number 320 when s is added to them.

311

Orts rhymes with words in number 365 when s is added to them.

312

Beaves rhymes with words in number 382 when s is added to them.

313

Loaves, groves, roves, cloves.

314

Elves, themselves, delves, helves, twelves, selves, shelves.

315

Words ending with the sound of t preceded by a vowel sound.

Bait, strait, wait, await, great, straight, tete-a-tete, eight, weight, fete, plait, gait, and words ending in ate pronounced as in hate.

Note.

Ate at the end of verbs has the sound of ate in hate. Final ate in adjectives has an obscure sound. Final ate in some nouns has an obscure sound, in others it has the sound of ate in hate.

List of words in ate.

alleviate
ameliorate
ratigate

Bate, date, fate, gate, grate, hate, mate, pate, plate, prate, rate, state, sate, skate, slate, abate, belate, collate, create, deliberate, elate, dilate, estate, ingrate, innate, rebate, relate, sedate, translate, abdicate, abominate, abrogate, accelerate, accommodate, accumulate, accurate, adequate, affectionate, advocate, adulterate, aggravate, agitate, alienate, animate, annihilate, antedate, anticipate, antiquate, arbitrate, arrogate, articulate, assassinate, calculate, capitulate, captivate, celebrate, circulate, coagulate, commemorate, commiserate, communicate, compassionate, confederate, congratulate, congregate, consecrate, contaminate, corroborate, cultivate, candidate, co-operate, celibate, considerate, consulate, capacitate, debilitate, dedicate, degenerate, delegate, deliberate, denominate, depopulate, dislocate, deprecate, discriminate, derogate, dissipate, delicate, disconsolate, desolate, desperate, educate, effeminate, elevate, emulate, estimate, elaborate, equivocate, eradicate.

Evaporate, exaggerate, exasperate, expostulate, exterminate, extricate, facilitate, fortunate, generate, gratulate, hesitate, illiterate, illuminate, irritate, imitate,

depreciate

immoderate, impetrate, importunate, imprecate, inanimate, innovate, instigate, intemperate, intimate, intimidate, intoxicate, intricate, invalidate, inveterate, inviolate, legitimate, magistrate, meditate, mitigate, moderate, necessitate, nominate, obstinate, participate, passionate, penetrate, perpetrate, personate, potentate, precipitate, predestinate, predominate, premeditate, prevaricate, procrastinate, profligate, prognosticate, propagate, recriminate, regenerate, regulate, reiterate, reprobate, reverberate, ruminate, separate, sophisticate, stipulate, subjugate, subordinate, suffocate, terminate, tolerate, temperate, vindicate, violate, unfortunate, ate.

316

At, bat, cat, hat, fat, mat, pat, rat, sat, tat, vat, brat, chat, flat, lat, sprat, that, gnat.

317

Bleat, eat, feat, heat, meat, neat, seat, treat, wheat, beat, cheat, defeat, estreat, escheat, entreat, retreat, obsolete, replete, concrete, complete, feet, fleet, effete, gleet, greet, meet, sheet, sleet, street, sweet, discreet, beet, mete, suite.

318

Bet, get, jet, fret, let, met, net, set, wet, whet, yet, debt, abet, beget, beset, forget, regret, alphabet, amulet, anchoret, cabinet, epithet, parapet, rivulet, violet, coronet, parquette, basinet, wagonette, cadet, epaulet, piquet, sweat, threat, rosette, silhouette.

319

Bite, cite, kite, mite, quite, rite, site, smite, spite, sprite, trite, white, write, accite, contrite, excite, incite, indite, indict, invite, polite, recite, requite, unite, zoophyte, aconite, acolyte, anchorite, despite, disunite, appetite, coenobite, dynamite, expedite, parasite, proselyte, reunite, satellite, blight, bright, dight, fight, flight, fright, height, knight, light, might, pight, plight, right,

sight, slight, tight, affright, alight, aright, bedight, benight, delight, foresight, midnight, moonlight, twilight, upright, oversight, night.

320

Bit, cit, hit, fit, grit, flit, knit, pit, quit, sit, split, twit, wit, chit, whit, writ, admit, acquit, commit, emit, omit, outwit, permit, remit, submit, transmit, refit, benefit, perquisite, requisite.

321

Note, vote, lote, mote, quote, rote, wrote, smote, tote, denote, promote, remote, devote, anecdote, antidote, boat, coat, bloat, dote, float, gloat, goat, oat, overfloat, throat, moat, afloat.

322

Clot, cot, blot, got, hot, jot, lot, knot, not, plot, pot, scot, shot, sot, spot, apricot, trot, rot, begot, forgot, allot, besot, complot, grot, polyglot, yacht, melilot, quat, counterplot, what, squat.

323

Brute, lute, flute, mute, acute, compute, confute, dispute, dilute, depute, impute, minute, pollute, refute, salute, absolute, attribute, contribute, constitute, destitute, dissolute, execute, institute, persecute, prosecute, resolute, substitute, fruit, bruit, suit, recruit, boot, hoot, coot, shoot, toot, soot, root, route.

324

But, butt, cut, hut, gut, glut, jut, nut, shut, strut, englut, rut, scut, slut, smut, abut, soot.

325

Foot, put.

326

Bought, taut, ought, thought, brought, forethought, fought, nought, sought, wrought, besought, bethought, methought, aught, naught, haught, taught, caught, fraught, distraught.

327

Bout, stout, out, clout, pout, gout, grout, rout, scout, shout, snout, spout, sprout, trout, about, devout, without, throughout, doubt, redoubt, misdoubt, drought.

328

Doit, exploit, adroit, quoit.

329

Words ending in ct.

Act, fact, pact, tract, attract, abstract, extract, compact, contract, detract, distract, exact, protract, enact, infract, subtract, transact, cataract, fract, tact, intact, contact, subact, co-act, retract, re-act, counteract, the preterites and participles of verbs in number 149.

330

Sect, affect, correct, incorrect, collect, deject, detect, direct, disrespect, disaffect, dissect, effect, elect, eject, erect, expect, indirect, infect, inspect, neglect, object, project, protect, recollect, reflect, reject, respect, select, subject, suspect, architect, circumspect, direct, intellect, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 152.

331

Strict, addict, afflict, conflict, convict, inflict, contradict, pict, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 155.

332

Concoct and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 159.

333

Conduct, deduct, instruct, obstruct, aqueduct, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 162.

334

Instinct, distinct, extinct, precinct, succinct, tinct, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 170.

335

Defunct, disjunct, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 172.

336

Words ending in ft.

Aft, daft, haft, raft, waft, craft, shaft, abaft, graft, draft, ingraft, handicraft, draught, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 58.

337

Cleft, left, theft, weft, bereft.

338

Gift, drift, shift, lift, rift, sift, thrift, adrift, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 62.

339

Oft, croft, soft, aloft, scoffed, coughed, doffed, loft.

340

Tuft rhymes with the preterites and participles of verbs in number 66.

341

Words ending in lt.

Shalt, alt, asphalt.

342

Halt, malt, exalt, salt, vault, assault, default, fault.

343

Belt, gelt, melt, felt, welt, smelt, pelt, dwelt, dealt.

knelt

344

Gilt, jilt, built, quilt, guilt, spilt, stilt, tilt, milt.

345

Bolt, colt, dolt, holt, jolt, revolt, thunderbolt, molt.

346

Result, adult, exult, consult, indult, occult, insult, difficult, catapult.

347

Words ending with the sound of mt.

Tempt, exempt, attempt, contempt, dreamt.
P is silent in the words in number 347.

348

Prompt, romped, swamped.

349

Words ending in nt.

Faint, paint, plaint, quaint, saint, taint, acquaint, attaint, complaint, constraint, restraint, feint, aint, maynt, distraint.

350

Ant, cant, chant, grant, pant, plant, rant, slant, aslant, complaisant, displant, enchant, gallant, implant, recant, supplant, transplant, absonant, adamant, arrogant, combatant, consonant, cormorant, protestant, significant, visitant, covenant, dissonant, disputant, elegant, elephant, exorbitant, conversant, extravagant, ignorant, insignificant, inhabitant, militant, predominant, sycophant, vigilant, petulant, shant, aunt.

351

Bent, lent, rent, pent, scent, sent, cent, shent, spent, tent, vent, went, brent, hent, absent, meant, ascent, assent, attent, augment, cement, content, consent, descent, dissent, event, extent, foment, frequent, indent, intent, invent, lament, misspent, o'erspent, present, prevent, relent, repent, resent, ostent, ferment, outwent, underwent, discontent, unbent, circumvent, represent, abstinent, accident, accomplishment, admonishment, acknowledgment, aliment, arbitrament, argument, banishment, battlement, blandishment, astonishment, armipotent, bellipotent, benevolent, chastisement.

Competent, compliment, complement, confident, con-

tinent, corpulent, detriment, different, diffident, diligent, disparagement, document, element, eloquent, eminent, equivalent, establishment, evident, excellent, excrement, exigent, experiment, firmament, fraudulent, government, embellishment, imminent, impenitent, impertinent, implement, impotent, imprisonment, improvident, impudent, incident, incompetent, incontinent, indifferent, indigent, innocent, insolent, instrument, irreverent, languishment, ligament, lineament, magnificent, management, medicament, malcontent, monument, negligent, nourishment, nutriment, occident, omnipotent, opulent, ornament, parliament, penitent, permanent, pertinent, president, precedent, prevalent, provident, punishment, ravishment, regiment, resident, redolent, rudiment, sacrament, sediment, sentiment, settlement, subsequent, supplement, intelligent, tenement, temperament, testament, tournament, turbulent, vehement, violent, virulent, reverent.

352

Dint, mint, hint, flint, lint, print, squint, asquint, imprint, sprint, quint, tint. glint

353

Won't, don't.

354

Font, want.

355

Brunt, blunt, hunt, grunt, front, wont, runt.

356

Aunt, daunt, gaunt, haunt, jaunt, taunt, vaunt, avaunt.

357

Count, mount, fount, amount, dismount, remount, surmount, account, discount, miscount, account.

358

Oint, joint, point, disjoint, anoint, appoint, aroint, disappoint, counterpoint.

359

Words ending in pt.

Apt, adapt, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 233.

360

Accept, adept, except, intercept, crept, sept, slept, wept, kept.

361

Adopt rhymes with preterites and participles of verbs in number 239.

362

Abrupt, corrupt, interrupt, and the preterites and participles of the verbs in number 241.

363

Words ending in rt.

Art, heart, hart, cart, dart, mart, part, smart, tart, start, apart, depart, impart, dispart, counterpart.

364

Wert, advert, assert, avert, concert, convert, controvert, desert, divert, exert, expert, insert, invert, pervert, subvert, shirt, dirt, squirt, flirt, blurt, hurt, spurt.

365

Short, sort, exhort, consort, distort, extort, resort, retort, snort, mort, wart, fort, port, court, report, mort, thwart, quart, swart.

366

Words ending in st.

Baste, chaste, haste, paste, taste, waste, distaste, waist, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 266.

367

Cast, last, blast, mast, past, vast, hast, fast, aghast, avast, forecast, overcast, outcast, repast, caste and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 267.

368

Priest, east, beast, feast, least, yeast, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 269.

369

Best, chest, crest, guest, jest, nest, pest, quest, rest, test, vest, lest, west, arrest, attest, bequest, contest, detest, digest, divest, invest, palimpsest, alkahest, infest, molest, obtest, protest, request, suggest, unrest, interest, manifest, breast, abreast, wrest, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 270.

370

Fist, list, mist, twist, wrist, assist, consist, resist, desist, exist, insist, persist, resist, subsist, alchemist, amethyst, anatomist, antagonist, annalist, evangelist, Eucharist, exorcist, herbalist, humorist, oculist, organist, satirist, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 273.

371

Ghost, post, most, coast, and the second person singular present of verbs in number 5; as, bestowst.

372

Cost, frost, lost, accost, holocaust, crossed, mossed.

Let us give o in these words in number 372 the sound of aw in saw which is the sound of au in caustic.

373

Pentecost, glossed, bossed, embossed, sossed, drossed.

Let us give o in these words the sound of o in not.

374

Bust, crust, dust, just, must, lust, rust, thrust, trust, adjust, disgust, distrust, intrust, mistrust, robust, unjust, dost, and preterites and participles of verbs in number 280.

375

Hoist, moist, foist, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 286.

376

Midst, amidst, didst, and the second person singular present of verbs in number 27.

377

Burst, curst, durst, accurst, thirst, worst, first, versed, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 308.

378

Words ending in xt.

Next, pretext, and the preterites and participles of verbs in number 153.

379

Betwixt rhymes with the preterites and participles of verbs in number 156.

380

Words ending with the sound of v.

Cave, brave, gave, grave, crave, lave, nave, knave, pave, rave, save, shave, slave, stave, wave, behave, deprave, engrave, outbrave, forgave, misgave, architrave, waive.

381

Calve, halve, salve.

L is silent in these words.

382

Cleave, heave, interweave, leave, lieve, weave, bereave, inweave, receive, conceive, deceive, perceive, eve, grieve, sleeve, thieve, aggrieve, achieve, believe, disbelieve, relieve, reprieve, retrieve.

Ei for ie or the long sound of e is not used in monosyllables.

Exceptions, seine, seize, weird, and ceil because ie is never used after c. Hence, perceive.

383

Five, dive, alive, gyve, hive, drive, rive, shrive, strive, thrive, arrive, connive, contrive, deprive, derive, revive, survive.

384

Give, live, sieve, fugitive, positive, sensitive.

385

Wove, inwove, interwove, alcove, clove, grove, rove, stove, strove, throve, drove, hove.

386

Dove, love, shove, glove, above.

387

Approve, disprove, disapprove, improve, groove, prove, reprove.

388

Delve, helve, twelve, shelve.

389

Solve, absolve, resolve, convolve, involve, devolve, dissolve, revolve.

390

Carve, starve.

391

Serve, nerve, swerve, preserve, deserve, conserve, observe, reserve, disserve, subserve, curve.

Words ending with the sound of v are all spelled with final e. The letter u is never used before final ve.

392

Rhyme.

Words or syllables which have the same sound do not rhyme. Hence, sent and cent, possess and recess, fair and fare, do not rhyme. Words or syllables which have a different sound, but the same sounding vocal ending are words or syllables that rhyme. Hence the following words rhyme: track, rack, blame, lame, mile, smile, shows, those, chose, hose.

393

Words that have no rhyme.

Against, bilge, chimney, coif, crimson, culm, cusp, fugue, revenge, gulf, have, microcosm, month, the verb

mouth, oblige, rhomb, scarce, scarf, silver, widow, window, valve, alb, glebe, bulb, daub, was.

394

Homonyms.

A homonym is a word that has the same sound as another word with a different meaning. A word does not rhyme with its homonym or homonyms.

Ail, ale.
Air, ere, e'er, heir.
Alligation, allegation.
Aisle, isle, I'll.
All, awl.
Altar, alter.
Arc, ark.
Ascent, assent.
Ate, eight.
Auger, augur.
Aught, ought.
Bad, bade.
Bail, bale.
Bald, bawled.
Ball, bawl.
Ballot, ballet.
Bear, bare.
Baron, barren.
Base, bass.
Bay, bey.
Bays, baize.
Be, bee.
Blew, blue.
Born, bourne, borne.
Beach, beech.
Beat, beet.
Beau, bow.
Been, bin.
Beer, bier.
Bell, belle.
Berry, bury.
Berth, birth.
Boar, bore.
Board, bored.
Bold, bowled.
Bolder, boulder.
Bole, boll, bowl.
Borough, burro, burrow.
Bough, bow.
Brake, break.
Breach, breech.
Bread, bred.
Bridal, bridle.
Broach, brooch.
Bruise, brews.
But, butt.
Buy, by, bye.
Calendar, calender.
Call, caul.
Canon, cannon.
Canvas, canvass.
Chased, chaste.
Capital, capitol.
Caret, carat, carrot.
Cast, caste.
Caster, castor.
Cause, caws.
Cede, seed.

Ceil, seal.
Ceiling, sealing.
Cell, sell.
Cellar, seller.
Cent, sent, scent.
Censor, censer.
Cereal, serial.
Cession, session.
Chews, choose.
Choir, quire.
Chord, cord.
Chute, shoot.
Clause, claws.
Climb, clime.
Coarse, course.
Coat, cote.
Collar, choler.
Colonel, kernel.
Compliment, complement.
Coral, corol.
Core, corps.
Cousin, cozen.
Council, counsel.
Courser, coarser.
Creak, creek.
Crews, cruise.
Culler, color.
Currant, current.
Cymbal, symbol.
Days, daze.
Dear, deer.
Deign, Dane.
Dew, due.
Die, dye.
Dire, dyer.
Discreet, discrete.
Doe, dough.
Done, dun.
Dost, dust.
Draft, draught.
Dual, duel.
Earn, urn.
Eye, ay, aye, I.
Ewe, yew, you.
Ewer, your.
Eyelet, islet.
Fain, fein, feign.
Faint, feint.
Fair, fare.
False, faults.
Fate, fete.
Faun, fawn.
Feat, feet.
Ferrule, ferule.
Find, fined.
Fir, fur.
Fisher, fissure.
Flea, flee.
Flew, flue.
Flour, flower.
Floe, flow.
Fore, four, for.
Fort, forte.
Forth, fourth.
Foul, fowl.
Frays, phrase.
Freeze, frieze.
Furs, furze.
Gait, gate.
Gambol, gamble.
Gaul, gall.
Gild, guild.
Gilt, guilt.
Glare, glair.
Grate, great.
Greater, grater.

Grease, Greece.
Grieves, greeves.
Grisly, grizzly.
Groan, grown.
Grocer, grosser.
Guessed, guest.
Hail, hale.
Hair, hare.
Hall, haul.
Hart, heart.
Heal, heel.
Hear, here.
Heard, herd.
Hew, hue.
Hie, high.
Hied, hide.
Higher, hire.
Him, hymn.
Hoes, hose.
Hole, whole.
Holy, wholly.
Hour, our.
Hoard, horde.
Idle, idol, idyl.
In, inn.
Indict, indite.
Jam, jamb.
Key, quay.
Kill, kiln.
Knave, nave.
Knead, need.
Knew, new.
Knight, night.
Knit, nit.
Knot, not.
Know, no.
Lade, laid.
Lain, lane.
Leach, leech.
Lea, lee.
Leave, lieve.
Lead, led.
Leak, leek.
Lean, lien.
Leased, least.
Levy, levee.
Lief, leaf.
Lessen, lesson.
Lie, lye.
Limb, limn.
Links, lynx.
Liar, lyre.
Load, lode.
Lock, loch.
Loan, lone.
Loot, lute.
Made, maid.
Mail, male.
Mark, marque.
Manner, manor.
Mantel, mantle.
Main, Maine, mane.
Marshal, martial.
Mall, maul.
Maize, maze.
Mean, mien.
Meat, meet, mete.
Medal, meddle.
Meed, mead.
Metal, mettle.
Might, mite.
Miner, minor.
Missal, missle.
Missed, mist.
Moan, mown.
Moat, mote.

Morn, mourn.
Muscle, mussel.
Mustard, mustered.
Mews, muse.
Nay, neigh.
None, nun.
Nose, knows.
Oar, o'er, ore.
Ode, owed.
Our, hour.
Owe, oh.
One, won.
Pail, pale.
Pain, pane.
Pair, pare, pear.
Palate, palette.
Past, passed.
Patience, patients.
Pause, paws.
Piece, peace.
Peak, peek, pique.
Peal, peel.
Pearl, purl.
Pedal, peddle.
Peer, pier.
Pendant, pendent.
Place, plaice.
Pistol, pistel.
Plain, plane.
Plait, plate.
Please, pleas.
Plum, plumb.
Pole, poll.
Pore, pour.
Pray, prey.
Praise, prays, preys.
Presents, presence.
Pride, pried.
Principal, principle.
Prize, pries.
Profit, prophet.
Pomace, pumice.
Quarts, quartz.
Rabbet, rabbit.
Rain, rein, reign.
Raise, rays, raze.
Rap, wrap.
Red, read.
Reed, read.
Reck, wreck.
Reek, wreak.
Rest, wrest.
Retch, wretch.
Rhyme, rime.
Rice, rise.
Right, rite, wright, write.
Ring, wring.
Road, rode, rowed.
Roe, row.
Role, roll.
Roam, Rome.
Room, rheum.
Root, route.
Rood, rude.
Rose, rows.
Rote, wrote.
Rough, ruff.
Rye, wry.
Sail, sale.
Sailor, sailer.
Salter, psalter.
Sane, seine.
Scene, seen.
Scull, skull.
Sea, see.
Seas, sees, seize.

Seam, seem.
Sear, seer, sere.
Sense, cents.
Serf, surf.
Serge, surge.
Sew, so, sow.
Shear, sheer.
Shoe, shoo.
Shone, shown.
Side, sighed.
Sighs, size.
Sight, site, cite.
Slay, sleigh.
Sleight, slight.
Slew, slue.
Slow, sloe.
Soar, sore.
Soared, sword.
Sold, soled.
Sole, soul.
Some, sum.
Son, sun.
Stair, stare.
Staid, stayed.
Stake, steak.
Stationary, stationery.
Steal, steel.
Step, steppe.
Stile, style.
Straight, strait.
Succor, sucker.
Suite, sweet.
Sutler, subtler.
Tail, tale.
Taper, tapir.
Tare, tear.
Taught, taut.
Tea, tee.
Teas, tease.
Team, teem.
Tear, tier.
The, thee.
Their, there, they're.
Throe, throw.
Throne, thrown.
Threw, through.
Thyme, time.
Tide, tied.
Toe, tow.
To, too, two.
Told, tolled.
Ton, tun.
Tract, tracked.
Troop, troupe.
Turn, tern.
Vail, vale, veil.
Vain, vane, vein.
Vial, viol.
Vice, vise.
Waist, waste
Wait, weight.
Ware, wear.
Wade, weighed.
Waive, wave.
Way, weigh.
Weak, week.
Weather, wether.
Whirl, whorl.
Wood, would.
Yoke, yolk.

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The following rules apply to Latin and Greek Proper Names and to many words derived from Latin and Greek and to many other words.

Rule VII is derived from Rule I.

Rules VIII, IX and XI are derived from Rule V.

When we speak of one consonant we do not mean the consonant x.

Rules for the vowel i apply also to the vowel y.

Rule I.

a, e, o and u have the long sound, when they are followed by one consonant which is followed by

ia, ie, ii, io, iu,
ea, ee, ei, eo, eu.

Rule II.

a, e, o and u have their long sound, when they are followed by a mute and liquid which is followed by the same vowels.

Examples of Rules I and II.

The accented vowels in the following words are examples:

immediate,
cutaneous,
ingratiate,
grammarian,
funereal,
eulogium,
commodius,
erroneous,
copious,
foliage,
duteous,
sulphureous,
gymnasium,
sagacious,
phraseology,
euphonious,
patriarch,
ecclesiastic,
medieval,
immediate,
irradiate,
plagiarism,
sidereal,
congenial,
magisterial,
premium,
mediator,
barium,
serium,
magnesium,
sodium,
petroleum,
collodion,
Ignatius,
Eulalia,
Januarius,
Demetrius,
Fabian,
obedient,
tragedian,
inebriate,
expedient,

Damian,	Antonius,	Cornelius.
Adrian,	Anastasia,	
Gabriel,	Athanasius,	

The principal exceptions are national, rational, discretion, precious and gladiator.

Rule III.

The vowel i has the short sound when it is followed by a consonant and two vowels.

The accented i in the following words is an example:

opinion, filial, filiation, dimidiate, novitiate, oblivion, opposition, condition, optician, beneficial, musician, Maximian, Cecilia, Bibiana.

Exceptions.

Accented i in ditheism and tritheism and the first i in words formed from idea have the long sound; as, idealogy.

Rule IV.

A, e and o have the short sound when they are followed by a consonant u and a vowel; as accented a in gradual and casual.

Rule V.

An accented non-penultimate vowel has the short sound when it is followed by one consonant, a vowel, and a consonant. U in this position has the long sound.

Examples.

O in barometer in which o is followed by the consonant m, the vowel e, and the consonant t. The accented vowels in the following words are also examples:

oculist,	chemistry,	gravity,
hilarity,	janitor,	tenacity,
sanity,	nebular,	velocity,
vernacular,	cosmology,	solidity,
operate,	astronomy,	telephone,

penetrate,
tenebrae,
centrifugal,
monument,
tolerance,
probable,
spiritual,
family,
charity,
evidence,
platinum,
silicon,
Polycarp,
Dominic,
Agatha,
Hieronimus,
Christophorus,
Heliopolis,
Damascene,
Benedict,
Leonidas,
Monica,
Felicitas,
medical,
secondary,
academy,
divinity,
monitor,
Stanislaus,
Nicolaus,
Catharine,
sycophant,
quinquagesima,
holograph,
secular.

Exceptions.

Nearly all the exceptions are in words which have an accent on the first syllable, as o in phonograph and i in viticulture.

The endings able, ible, ably, ery, ory and monosyllabic suffixes generally do not change the pronunciation of the syllable or the word to which they are added.

Examples.

Advisable, vitalize, scenery, votary, notary, agency, diplomacy.

Rule VI.

Accented a, e, i and o have the short sound when they are followed by a consonant and the ending ic; as in tonic, conic, scenic, phonic, logic, euphonic, strategic, Pacific, harmonic.

A in basic is an exception.

Rule VII.

A, e, o, and u followed by one consonant and the endings ia, iac, ial, ian, eal, eous, ious, have the accent and the long sound; as a in spontaneous.

I followed by one consonant and those endings has the short sound according to Rule III.

Rule VIII.

A, e, i, and o have the accent and the short sound when they are followed by a consonant and the endings acal, ical, itude, ulous, efy, ify, ity, ety; as in charity, sanity, probity, plenitude, rarefy, edify.

Rule IX.

Words with the following terminations have the accent on the antepenult and the vowel in that syllable has the short sound, if it be not u:

ferous;	as, argentiferous.	meter;	as, barometer.
cracy;	as, democracy.	nomy;	as, astronomy.
geny;	as, progeny.	pathy;	as, antipathy.
gonal;	as, diagonal.	phony;	as, telephony.
graphy;	as, geography.	vorous;	as, carnivorous.
gony;	as, cosmogony.	tomy;	as, anatomy.
logy;	as, theology.		

Rule X.

All vowels have their long sounds when they are accented and followed by a vowel, as i in piety and society.

Rule XI.

Accented non-penultimate ar, er, ir and or have their short sound when followed by a vowel and a consonant.

Examples for ar, er, and ir.

Charity, celerity, virulent.

Or in this position has not the sound of aw in cause or the sound of or in cord, but the o in this position has the sound of o in not.

Examples for or.

Historical, historic, orator, origin, priority, majority, authority, categorical, seniority, minority, orifice, oracle, orison, oratorical.

Hence o in historical has not the sound of o in historian. See Rule VII.

Exception.

The rule does not apply to derivatives or compounds of words endings in ore and ory; as, deplore, deplorable, glory, glorify, scorify.

Rule XII.

When or is followed by i and another vowel, or has the sound of o in orient.

Examples.

Historian and oriental.

Rule XII holds also when or is followed by e and a vowel.

Rule XIII.

O has the short sound of o in not in the following words of two syllables:

Orange, coral, forage, foreign, sporule, moral, forest, florid and florin. Also in the nouns process, produce, product, progress, project, prophet, proverb, province, provost, and in promise, profit, proper. O in oral and orally has not the short sound of o in not.

Rule XIV.

Every vowel has the short sound when it is followed by rr, as the vowel before rr in carry, terrible, irritate, sorrow, hurry, abhorrent, abhorrence.

Exceptions.

Err, erred, burr, burred, whirring, whirred, myhrr, purr, stirring, stirred, skirr, abhorring, abhorred and accented erred and urred in verbs, as, conferred and concurred.

The rule does not apply to words containing w or q; as, warrant, quarry, worry.

Rule XV.

The sound of a in arm is used when a is followed by r and a consonant not r; as a in card.

The sound of o in ford is used when o is followed by r and a consonant which is not r; as o in cord.

The sound of e in fern is used when e is followed by r and a consonant which is not r; as e in herd.

The sound of e in fern is used also when i is followed by r and a consonant which is not r; as i in bird.

The sound of e in fern is used also when u is followed by r and a consonant which is not r; as u in curd.

The rule does not apply to words containing w or q; as, word and quarter.

Rule XVI.

In monosyllables and in words accented on the last syllable a vowel has the long sound when it is followed by one consonant and final e; as, i in fine and o in depose.

Exceptions.

Bade, give, live, there, where, elsewhere, ere, have, one, done, none, undone, come, some, love, above, dove, glove, shove, approve, disprove, disapprove, improve, groove, prove, reprove, move, and words ending in are and ore.

Rule XVII.

In Latin and Greek proper names and in many other words an accented penultimate vowel has the long sound when it is followed by one consonant or by a mute and a liquid; as i in Martinus and y in asylum, and accented a in Bibiana.

Rule XVIII.

Dissyllables ending in id and it derived from Latin words ending in idum and itum have both vowels short; as the vowels in debit, credit, valid, placid, rigid, licit. The rule does not apply to the vowel u which is long in such a position; as u in lucid.

Rule XIX.

Ex at the beginning of a word is pronounced ex, that is, eks and not egz.

Examples.

Exaltation, exultation, exercise, execute, exigent, exit, explain, extend, exhibition, exhortation, exhale, exhume, excitation, exheredate, and exile and exemplary if we accent exile and exemplary on the first syllable.

H after initial ex is silent except in exhale, exheredate, exhume and words formed from them; as, exhumation.

Exception I.

Ex at the beginning of a word is pronounced egz when it is followed by a vowel which has the primary or secondary accent.

Examples.

Exalt, exult, examine, example, exert, exertion, exempt.

Exception II.

Ex at the beginning of a word is pronounced egz when it is followed by silent h and a vowel which has the primary or the secondary accent.

Examples.

Exhibit, exhort, exhaust, exhilarate.

Note.—The Century Dictionary follows these rules for ex.

Rule XX.

U contains the sound of y when it is followed by a vowel and when it is followed by one consonant and when it is followed by a mute and liquid.

Hence tube	is	pronounced	tyube.
Institute	"	"	instityute.
Constitution	"	"	constityu-shun.
Fortitude	"	"	fortityude.
Popular	"	"	popyular.
Salutary	"	"	salyutary.
Unit	"	"	yunit.
Genuine	"	"	genyuine.
Particular	"	"	particyular.
Singular	"	"	singyular.
Population	"	"	popyulation.
During	"	"	dyuring.
Consume	"	"	consyume.
Resume	"	"	resyume.

Exception I.

Accented su when it is followed by r and a vowel is pronounced shu; as in insure, assure, insurance, assurance, surety. It has this sound also in the word sure.

Sure at the end of a word is pronounced zhur when it is preceded by an accented vowel; as in pleasure, measure, enclosure.

Unaccented sure at the end of a word is pronounced shur when it is preceded by a consonant; as in censure, pressure.

Exception II.

Tu is pronounced chu when it follows immediately a syllable which has the primary accent. Hence culture is culchur and fortune is forchun.

It is pronounced chu also in the ending culture; as in agriculture.

Tu is chu also in spiritual and words formed from it; as spirituality.

Exception III.

Du is pronounced ju when it follows immediately a

syllable having the primary accent; as, du in verdure which is pronounced verjure.

Exception IV.

Su is pronounced shu or zhu when it follows a vowel having the primary accent; as, su in casual and Jesuit.

Exception V.

Initial ru is pronounced roo when it is not followed by two consonants; as, rule is rool, ruin is roo-in.

Rule XXI.

U has the short sound only when it is followed by x or two consonants or by a final consonant; as in cherub. U has the short sound in the prefix un, as in un-adorned; also in the prefix sub.

Rule XXII.

The termination sion is pronounced zhun when it is preceded by a vowel; as in explosion, invasion, cohesion, decision.

The termination sion is pronounced shun when it is preceded by a consonant; as in extension, conversion, expulsion, version, expansion, immersion, dimension.

Rule XXIII.

The article **a** has the obscure sound of a in about. The vowel e in the article **the** has the obscure sound of a in about or the obscure sound of the first e in necessity when it is followed by a word beginning with a consonant sound. When it is followed by a word beginning with a vowel sound, the vowel e in the article **the** has the sound of e in be.

Rule XXIV.

Unaccented a at the end of a word has never the long sound of a in made, but it has the obscure sound of final a in America, alpha and Bibiana.

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