

# Letter patterns

For use with LCWC / SOS

**Look Cover Write Check / Simultaneous Oral Spelling**

**N.B. These lists are *NOT* to be learned as written, *en masse*,  
OR used as a test.**

***These ideas are absolutely horrible!***

These lists are **ONLY** supposed to be a help when you want to learn, or just consider, a letter pattern but can't, for the moment, think of many examples.

**That is ALL they are for!**

There is nothing special about the lists. They are just the words I managed to find over many years teaching literacy. They help me when I suddenly need words containing this or that pattern but can't think of any. There may be a list to help you on these pages. These lists are not 'complete' either. You will find there are patterns I haven't got lists for in here. The lists are *always* a work in progress. But I hope they help.

A- about, alone, along, away, asleep, above, among, across, again, awake, around, another, alarm, afraid, [& see al- lists]

Able able, table, stable, cable, miserable, considerable, probable, enjoyable, memorable, enable, portable, comfortable, unbelievable, viable, liable, reliable, unreliable, vegetable, available, valuable, inevitable, pleasurable, measurable, capable, incapable, endurable, unendurable, laughable,

Acc accept, acceptable, accepted, accent, accentuate, accentuated, accelerate, accelerator, accelerating, access, accessible, accessory, accessorize, accident, accidental, acclaim, acclaimed, accommodate, accommodating, accommodation, accommodated,

accomplish, accomplished, accomplishment, accord, according, account, accountant, accountable, accounted for, accumulate, accumulation, accurate, accuracy, accuse, accused, accusation, accustom, accustomed

Ace pace, face, lace, ace, place, space, brace, race, grace, surface, palace, replace, replacement, embrace, disgrace, disgraceful

Ack back, lack, smack, snack, pack, quack, stack, knack, packet, package, attack, track, jack, crack, jacket

Act act, fact, pact, impact, contact, compact, contract, tractor, practice, practise, actor, actress, action, active, activate, actual, actually, fracture

Acy accuracy, literacy, numeracy, delicacy, democracy, fallacy, supremacy, intimacy, piracy, conspiracy, diplomacy, legacy

Aft aft, after, afternoon, craft, aircraft, raft, rafter, shaft, graft, daft

Age age, stage, rage, wage, page, manage, village, cottage, garage, message, passage, cabbage, sausage, package, average, engage, enrage, envisage, voyage, mileage, language, carriage, marriage, cartilage

Ai wait, main, pain, Spain, gain, again, paid, said, brain, rain, faint, stain, hail, nail, sail, mail, bait,

Aid said, paid, raid, afraid, aid, laid, mislaid, maid, mermaid, bridesmaid, nursemaid

Ail trail, snail, pail, mail, tail, pigtail, daily, jail, sail, fail, hail, entail, detail, nail, rail

Aim aim, claim, reclaim, exclaim,

Ain Drain, maintain, again, pain, stain, bloodstained, complain, complaint, gain, main, faint, brain, rain, chain, remain, explain, sprain, obtain, bargain, plain, captain,

abstain, mountain, entertain, entertainment

Air Air, hair, fair, stairs, pair, fairly, fairy

Al alone, always, although, almost, also, already, alike, alive, alert, aloud, altogether, alarm

Usual, final, vital, normal, eventual, perpetual, real, total, punctual, lethal, signal, general, legal, mutual, individual, industrial, national, international, regal, coral, gradual, actual, trial, denial

Alk walk, talk, chalk, stalk, calk, balk

All ball, all, football, stall, small, tall, wall, call, hall, fall, allow, swallow, wallet, shall,

Ame came, same, tame, blame, game, shame, flame, lame, became,

Amb lamb, bramble, scramble, shamble, gamble, ambition, ambitious, ambush, ambulance,

Ance dance, chance, France, balance, distance, instance, annoyance, maintenance, finance, appearance, significance, prance, fragrance, elegance, entrance, nuisance, importance, ignorance, reliance, appliance, relevance, defiance, reluctance, stance, performance, extravagance, exuberance, glance, circumstance, endurance, alliance, assistance,

Ant want, important, instant, indignant, relevant, elephant, servant, giant, cormorant, adamant, defiant, reliant, compliant, tyrant, migrant, hesitant, reluctant, constant, arrogant, significant, exorbitant, exuberant, extravagant, brilliant, adamant, distant, elegant, resistant, triumphant, jubilant, militant, flippant, ignorant, abundant, redundant, ruminant, assistant, fragrant, flagrant, pleasant, tolerant, compliant.

Ange mange, range, change, exchange, strange, stranger, arrange, arrangement, danger, dangerous, orange, anger, angel

Any any, many, anyone, anybody, anyhow, anywhere, anyway, anything

App approach, approve, approval, appreciate, appreciation, appropriate, approximate (approx..), appear, appearance, apply, application, appliance, appetite, appalling, apparent, appoint, applaud, apparatus, apprehend, apprehension, apprehensive, apparition, appoint, appointment

Ar are, care, far, star, bar, jar, bare, mare, stare, war, warm, warn, start, smart, farm, alarm

Park, lark, dark, mark, market, bark, spark, particular, sarcastic, sarcasm

Triangular, rectangular, circular, peculiar, particular, solar, polar, lunar, nuclear, muscular, similar, familiar, regular, popular, spectacular, singular, grammar, guitar, dollar, collar, cellar, pillar

Are care, stare, glare, bare, are, fare, mare, rare, dare, square, beware, prepare, compare, parent, area, arena, scare, scared

Ary necessary, unnecessary, ordinary, extraordinary, imaginary, contrary, temporary, contemporary, scary, vary, wary, Mary, library, dictionary, primary, secondary, boundary, anniversary, adversary, military, commentary, complimentary, complementary, revolutionary, elementary, stationary (status, static), legendary, library, quandary, customary, vocabulary

Astic plastic, elastic, drastic, fantastic, enthusiastic, sarcastic, bombastic

Ate ate, date, mate, slate, late, plate, hate, grate, fate, gate, rate, decorate, celebrate, educate, operate, indicate, infiltrate, separate, relate, related, water, later, replicate, imitate, activate, irritate, investigate, situate, complicate, generate, animate, congratulate, concentrate, calculate, circulate, demonstrate, communicate, hesitate, exaggerate, illustrate, appreciate, deliberate, deliberately, fortunate, fortunately, unfortunately, approximate, approximately, commiserate, implicate, graduate, denigrate, inflate, deflate, integrate, accommodate,

Ath bath, path, maths, father, grandfather, rather, lather, gather, bathe,

Ation [see also ate, ion, sion, ssion, ition, ction] nation, national, station, relation, education, vacation, situation, information, destination, occupation, explanation, exploration, accommodation, examination, operation, acceleration, indication, separation, population, invitation, celebration, indication, creation, animation, generation, congratulations, demonstration, circulation, communication, concentration, hesitation, exaggeration, complication, illustration, irritation, imitation, decoration, appreciation,

Augh laugh, laughter, naughty, caught, taught, daughter, slaughter

Auto automatic, automobile, autopilot, autograph, autobiography

Aw claw, paw, saw, flaw, raw, jaw, draw, drawn, sawn, spawn, prawn, lawn, dawn

Ay say, day, pay, stay, may, pray, play, clay, away, bay, display, betray, dismay,

*Soft C* receive, reception, perceive, perception, deceive, deception, conceive, conception, conceivable, inconceivable, deceit, deceitful, conceit, conceited, receipt, necessary, necessity, unnecessary, December, recent, recently, proceed, procession, procedure, except, exception, exceptional, exceptionally, advice, reduce, device, justice, notice, police, malice, malicious, chance, dance, advance, circumstance, difference, sentence, convenience, circumference, circle, circular, city, electricity, simplicity, capacity, cent, century, centurion, centipede, cell, certain, certainly, certificate, ceiling, voice, choice, science, surface, menace, since, convince, convincing

Cc accent, access, accept, acceptable, success, succeed, accident, accelerate, accident, eccentric, eccentricity  
accurate, accuracy, accumulate, accommodate, account, occupy, occupation

Ce cell, cement, centre, certain, certainly, certify, certificate, ceiling, cent, century, centipede  
Device, advice, practice, notice, licence, force, advance, reduce, malice, menace, once, mince, piece, peace, entice, justice, convince, reinforce, surface, terrace, since,

choice, voice, scarce,  
(see also ance & ence)

Cei ceiling, deceit, deceive, conceit, conceited, receive, receipt, perceive, conceivable,

Ch much, such, which, rich, each, church, march, perch, search, lurch, beach, teach,  
reach, peach, porch, torch,  
Church, chuffed, chatter, child, chest, chin, chuck, chimney, Christmas, chore,  
chocolate, chair, chance, change, chicken, chick, chock, choose, choice, chose,  
chosen, cheerful, cherry, cheek, charge, check, chew, chop, chat, choke, chutney

City city (507/m), capacity (122/m), electricity, publicity, simplicity, velocity, ethnicity,  
toxicity, ferocity, atrocity, reciprocity, authenticity, scarcity, eccentricity, tenacity,  
audacity, veracity,

Ck pack, pick, duck, sick, brick, luck, nick, lick, click, tick, stick, tuck, stuck, lock, clock,  
block, neck, deck, muck, kick, hack, quick, knack, knock, chick, trick, flock, wreck,  
wicked, knickers, knackered, pickle, tackle, hackle(s), buckle, trickle,

Cket pocket, packet, socket, racket, rocket, wicket, jacket, locket, cricket, bucket

Ckle tackle, tickle, cackle, shackle, ramshackle, freckle, freckled, pickle, pickled, prickle,  
(prickly), buckle, (swashbuckling), knuckle, chuckle, fickle, hackle(s), buckle, trickle,

Con confuse, confusion, construct, construction, confirm, contribute, consume, conduct,  
contract, contrary, contort, conceit, consider, considerable, conspire, conspiracy,  
content, continue, context, contraption, confident, confidence, connect, connection,  
conservation, control, condense, condensation, contribute, contribution, confiscate,  
confess, confession, conversation, concave, convex, consistent, contain

Com comfort, comfortable, combine, combination, command, commander, commando,  
common, comment, commit, commitment, communicate, communication, company,  
companion, compare, comparison, compete, competition, competitive, comprehend,

comprehension, compile, complain, complaint, compose, composition, compound.

Cou count, cousin, council, couple, could, country, county, courage, course, court, cough,

Ction [see also ion, tion, sion, ssion, ation, ition] action, reaction, fraction, function, junction, section, inspection, infection, injection, concoction, introduction, perfection, deduction, subtraction, detection, rejection, protection, extinction, affliction, depiction, fiction, friction, conviction, prediction, addiction,

De depend, defend, deform, defuse, defence, define, definition, decay, delay, delight, delightful, delicious, demand, deliver, deny, deface, destroy, describe, description, defrost, democracy, depart, desist, decide, decision, decade, debt, deceive, deceit, deception, defy, defiant, decode, degree, delirious, delude, demonstrate, deposit, depress, derive, detail, detect

Dge edge, hedge, ledge, wedge, dredge, bodge, dodge, lodge, badge, cadge, judge, fudge, smudge, budge, budget, trudge, bridge, ridge, porridge, nudge, grudge, fridge, knowledge,

Dom boredom, freedom, kingdom, seldom, random, wisdom, stardom

Ea sea, cheap, flea, read, read, dead, death, mean, easy, heap, least, heal, healthy, wealthy, ease, please, pleasure, measure, treasure, weather, teach, teacher, tease, dream, cream, stream, steam, weak, lead, ready, already, steady, bread, head, great, beat, heat, mean, meat, neat, peach, preach, beach, reach, steak, east, creature

Each each, reach, teach, teacher, preach, preacher, beach, beached, bleach, bleached

Ead Head, ahead, read, read, lead, leader, steady, ready, already, bread, spread, dead, instead

Eak break, breakfast, steak, weak, leak, beak, creak, speak, peak, squeak,

Eal Real, steal, meal, really, deal, heal, health, healthy, wealth, wealthy, jealous

Ear ear, hear, heard, near, nearly, early, dear, year, fear, spear, heart, bear, bearing, hearing, wear, earn, learn, earned, earnings, beard, search

Eas easy, ease, tease, please, displease, disease, measles, pleasure, measure, treasure, easily, easier, east, beast, least, feast, breast, grease

Eath death, breath, breathe, leather, weather, feather, heather, beneath, wreath

Ect expect, inspect, reject, inject, subject, object, protect, respect, correct, connect, collect, select, perfect, detect, detective, electric, electricity, electrical,

Edge edge, hedge, ledge, pledge, sledge, wedge, dredge, hedgehog, sledgehammer, knowledge, knowledgeable,

ee see, seen, seed, feed, keep, sleep, asleep, week, meek, been, green, fee, tree, wee, pee, agree, agreed, wheel, meet, meeting, need, seem, feel, peel, creep, weed, weep, knee, kneel, breeze, breezy, freeze, freezing, teeth

eer deer, peer, cheer, steer, sheer, beer, pioneer, volunteer, engineer, career

eigh (and see eight) weigh, weight, height, neighbour, neighbourhood,

eight eight, height, weight, freight, eighteen, eighty, eighth

ely likely, unlikely, lovely, immediately, approximately, accurately, fortunately, unfortunately, privately, completely, extremely, supremely, safely, lately, merely, entirely, surely, purely, absolutely, resolutely, widely, closely, rarely, barely, definitely, actively, relatively, positively, furtively, alternatively, largely, remotely, genuinely, precisely, strangely, scarcely, rudely, namely, gamely, bravely, finely

en enjoy, entire, enable, entail, entire, enter, entry, engine, engage, energy, encase, enclose, endanger, encumber, enforce, enlarge, enrage, enquire

even, oven, taken, broken, given, driven, spoken, stolen, eaten, beaten, woven, written, hidden, shaken, haven, hasten, laden, listen, fasten, bitten, kitchen, kitten, pollen, swollen, forgotten, forbidden, bedridden, alien, open, often, soften, chosen, weaken, brazen, sadden, sharpen, smarten, flatten, happen, golden, flatten, token, shorten, weaken, tighten, lighten, loosen, bracken, fallen, sudden, fatten,

ence pence, experience, offence, defence, absence, presence, difference, confidence, influence, silence, ambivalence, conference, convenience, audience, independence, competence, existence, science, evidence, sentence, conscience, circumference, innocence, patience, obedience, interference, existence, experience, pretence

ense sense (468), nonsense (74), dense, condense, immense, tense, intense, incense, suspense, dispense, expense, commonsense

ent absent, present, confident, competent, diffident, different, ambivalent, sent, spent, went, lent, bent, cent, content, consent, agreement, argument, parent, fundament, compliment, entertainment, consignment, independent, experiment, convenient, impudent, prudent, apparent, evident, patient, obedient, innocent

er over, under, ever, never, after, however, whatever, nicer, faster, quicker, easier, player, manager, goalkeeper, singer, writer, butcher, baker, candlestick maker, speaker, teacher, manufacturer, runner, swimmer, winner, winter, summer, drummer, bitter, butter, better, batter, scatter, litter, mutter, border, former, plaster, plasterer, brick layer, pepper, kipper, water, clever, brother, mother, father, sister, daughter, slaughter, heater, neater, bother, waiter, farmer, spider, driver, rider, plumber, organiser, wiser

ere here, there, where, were, interfere, sphere, atmosphere

erv nerve, nervous, swerve, serve, observe, deserve, reserve, preserve, service,

Ess Jess, mess, messy, dress, dressed, less, bless, unless, press, impress, impression, impressive, express, expression, expressive, depress, depression, pressure, confess, confession, success, lesson, message

Est best, west, vest, nest, pest, guest, rest, test, zest  
Easiest, nastiest, fastest, slowest, hottest, fittest, oldest, nearest, warmest, coldest, biggest, smallest, lightest, heaviest, happiest, funniest

Et packet, pocket, jacket, socket, ticket, wicket, bucket, rocket, racket, market, tappet, wallet

Ete complete (322), incomplete, compete, concrete, delete, athlete, secrete, excrete, deplete, obsolete

Ew few, new, sew, flew, knew, stew, grew, mew, blew, crew, dew, view, preview, review, threw, drew, chew, jewel

Ex example, extra, extraordinary, explain, explanation, exclaim, exclamation, explore, exploration, explorer, expect, expectation, except, exception, exceptional, experiment, experimental, exist, existence, non-existent, examine, examination, exam, explode, explosion, explosive, exclude, exclusion, exclusive [+ include, conclude, preclude etc], extreme, extremely, extremism, extremist, express, expression, expressive, exhaust, exhausted, exhausting, extinct, extinction [+ instinct], exterminate, exaggerate, exaggeration, excite, excitement, exciting, excitable, excruciating, exact, exactly, excuse

Ey they, key, prey, Hey!, grey, obey, disobey, honey, money, monkey, journey, chimney

For for, forget, forgotten, forgive, formal, fortune, fortunate, unfortunate, forward

Ful awful, dreadful, careful, beautiful, handful, cheerful, joyful, successful, wonderful, thankful, plateful, cupful, bucketful, grateful, graceful, shameful, helpful, useful, truthful, harmful, peaceful, powerful, sorrowful, painful

Fuse see use

Ge gentle, generous, generosity, generate, generation, generator, general, generally, gesture, gesticulate, gesticulation, geography, geology, genuine, gene, genetic, genome, genius, germ, germinate, germination, gem,

Gg suggest, suggestion, suggestive, aggressive, aggression, aggravate, aggravation, exaggerate, exaggeration, exaggerated, struggle, snuggle, smuggle, wiggle, wriggle, juggle, waggle, boggle, niggle, goggle, giggle, hagggle, haggard, sluggish, swagger, stagger, trigger, beggar, snigger, dagger, rugged, ragged, bigger, biggest, shaggy, baggy, soggy, foggy, groggy, piggy,

Gh ghost, ghostly, ghastly, aghast, ghoul, ghoulish, dinghy

Gn (and see ign) gnaw, gnash, gnat, gnome, gnu

Gu guard, guardian, guarantee, guess, guessed, guest, guide, disguise, guy

Ible possible, impossible, sensible, terrible, horrible, visible, invisible, credible, incredible, responsible, edible, inedible

Ic magic, traffic, basic, basically, logic, logical, illogical, fantastic, plastic, domestic, terrific, horrific, automatic, dramatic, emphatic, electric, electricity, electrical, nautical, farcical, sceptical, political, typical, music, musical, diabolical, technological, ethical, chemical, physical, historic, astronomical, nonsensical, medical, technical, clinical, clerical, comical, critical, hysterical, radical, statistics, statistically, symbolic, tactic, theoretical, vertical, biblical, classical, identical

Ice ice, nice, rice, twice, price, dice, police, notice, office, officer, dice, lice, novice, practice, advice, service

Icle article (165), vehicle (115), particle (31), chronicle (12), cubicle (4), icicle (1), ventricle,

testicle, follicle, cuticle

Icy icy, policy, juicy, spicy

Ief belief, thief, chief, relief, grief, brief

Ied carried, married, worried, spied, tried, fried, curried, fancied, copied, studied, denied, replied, denied, implied,

Ier happier, sillier, easier, funnier, smellier, jollier, sorrier, sloppier, nastier, heavier, pierce, pierced, fierce, fiercest, frontier, barrier, carrier, pannier, premier, soldier, holier, supplier, drier, tier, pier

Ies carries, marries, worries, spies, flies, tries, fries, curries, fancies, copies, studies, babies, ladies, bodies, injuries, denies, varies, implies, replies,

Iest happiest, silliest, easiest, funniest, smelliest, jolliest, sorriest, sloppiest, nastiest, heaviest, naughtiest, noisiest,

Ieve believe, achieve, relieve, thieves, grieve, perceive, conceive, deceive

Igh light, night, fight, fright, sight, bright, might, right, high, sigh, delight, delightful, delighted, weight, height, eight, straight

Ign sign, signal, significant, significance, insignificant, resign, resignation, design, designer, designate, malign, malignant, benign, consign, consignment, insignia, dignity, dignified, indignant, indignation, ignore, ignorant, ignorance, ignoramus, ignite, ignition, foreign, reign,

Ility responsibility (215 /m), ability (196 / m), inability, disability, stability, agility, possibility, impossibility, probability, availability, credibility, futility, reliability, respectability, suitability, vulnerability, capability, destructibility, facility, flexibility, hostility, mobility, nobility, humility, legibility, illegibility, inevitability, visibility, invisibility, variability,

liability, reliability, irritability, sociability

In- include, inclusive, inspire, inspiration, inform, information, intact, infamous, indestructible, inevitable, intolerable, internal [+ external], inspect, inspection, inspector, interrogate, interrogation, interfere, interference, interminable, intend, intention, install, instant, instinct, instrument, inhabit, infant, individual, inconvenient, inconvenience, incorrect, incomplete, indeed, independent, indicate, index, indignant, indoors, inside, indulge, inefficient, incapable, incessant, income, incline, inclined, incompetent

Ince convince, mince, since, prince, wince

Ind find, wind, mind, kind, behind, blind, grind, window, wind,

Ine mine, wine, fine, line, recline, confine, define, spine, engine, machine, medicine, imagine, determine, intestine, genuine, discipline, feminine, masculine, magazine, marine, submarine, trampoline, tangerine, outline,

Inter interest (660/m), international (226/m), interview (138/m), interesting, interpretation, interpret, intervention, intervene, internal, interaction, interface, interval, interfere, interference, interrupt, interruption, interim, intermediate, intermediary, interactive, intercept, interrogate, interrogation, interchange, interlude, intermittent, intercom, interminable

Ion [see also tion, ption, sion, ssion, ation, ition, ction] lion, champion, million, region, regional, fashion, cushion, onion, union, mansion, version, tension, occasion, vision

ious delicious, anxious, various, curious, furious, glorious, serious, mysterious, previous, devious, victorious, luxurious, obvious, envious, precious, atrocious, oblivious, supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

Ir first, thirst, bird, third, thirty, thirteen, thirsty, dirt, dirty, girl, shirt, shirty, birthday, stir, whirl,

- Ire fire, wire, admire, conspire, inspire, expire, retire, entire, umpire,
- Ise (NB – some now –ize) wise, rise, arise, realise, apologise, recognise, improvise, despise, economise, compromise, comprise, authorise, surprise, revise, advise, summarise, specialise, devise, surmise, vandalise
- Ite write, quite, spite, white, bite, website, kite, invite, polite, ignite, excite, excited, recite, unite, parasite, respite, appetite, opposite, dynamite.
- Ition [see also ion, ation, sion, ssion, ction, ption, tion] ammunition, ambition, position, opposition, proposition, preposition, edition, ignition, tuition, intuition, condition, exhibition, inhibition, prohibition, expedition, recognition, apparition, demolition, premonition, nutrition, competition, repetition, abolition, superstition, composition, petition, cognition
- Ity city, pity, quality, quantity, activity, creativity, opportunity, responsibility, ability, possibility, reality, identity, minority, electricity, personality, necessity, hostility, publicity, similarity, curiosity, simplicity, nationality, gravity, generosity, speciality, vanity
- Ive give (1735), gives, given, forgive, forgiven, five, live, alive, lively, drive, driver, knives, wives, lives, drives, arrive, arrives, arrived, contrive, contrives, contrived, motive, river, shiver, liver, creative, massive, impressive, active, passive, positive, negative, native, sensitive, alternative, objective, subjective, relative, expensive, offensive, defensive, attractive, detective, competitive, primitive,
- Ize see ise. [The OED suggests -ize rather than -ise in approx. 2/3 of instances]
- k dark, mark, spark, lark, park, market, bark, work, speak, weak, leak, sneak, break, spooky, took, look, cook, book, cheeky, week, talk, walk, bank, tank, sink, wink, pink, punk, junk, bunk, blink, blank, dank, stink, drink, drunk, clink, clank, clunk, clunky, crank,

Ke like, make, cake, take, bloke, smoke, joke, spoke, poke, mike, bike, rake, snake, brake, fluke

Kn know, knew, knee, kneel, knelt, knife, knit, knock, knack, knot, knob, knickers,

Le (1) [xxle] apple, middle, little, muddle, bottle, battle, cattle, riddle, saddle, cuddle, snuggle, kettle, nettle, struggle, wriggle, juggle, paddle, piddle, meddle, doddle, rattle, puzzle, guzzle, nuzzle, nozzle, muzzle, fizzle, drizzle, frazzle, wiggle, giggle, goggle, gaggle, hagggle, boggle, nigggle, ripple, dazzle, tackle, pickle, hackles, tickle, heckle, speckled, buckle, chuckle, cackle

Le (2) [xyle] single, simple, people, couple, jungle, jumble, jingle, handle, jangle, bangle, dangle, mingle, mangle, tumble, thimble, candle, tingle, rumble, grumble, fumble, angle, temple, hurdle, bundle, wrinkle, trample, stumble, muscle, tremble, wrangle, bundle, humble, tinkle, sparkle, castle, whistle, thistle, bustle, wrestle, hustle, crumple, crumble, winkle, humble, ramble

Less helpless, hopeless, careless, endless, gormless, unless, nevertheless, nonetheless, reckless, restless, breathless, senseless, relentless, defenceless, meaningless, featureless

Recklessness, restlessness, helplessness, hopelessness, breathlessness, meaninglessness, carelessness

Ly slowly, quickly, softly, sadly, badly, partly, hardly, nearly, only, easily, mostly, happily, lovely, really, usually, normally, finally, simply, totally, obviously, clearly, likely, unlikely, reply, imply, comply, apply, supply

Lly really, finally, usually, gradually, eventually, individually, formally, normally, generally, silly, belly, telly, bully, smelly, totally, awfully, gratefully, gracefully, shamefully, helpfully, carefully, truthfully, cheerfully, beautifully, nationally, internationally, sorrowfully, wonderfully, powerfully, thankfully, actually

Mb thumb, numb, crumb, dumb, lamb, limb, climb, climber, bomb, bomber, plumb, plumber, plumbing, thimble, tumble, grumble, rumble, stumble, gamble, ramble

Ment moment, comment, agreement, disagreement, argument, fundamental, instrument, cement, torment, ferment, government, amusement, payment, equipment, development, improvement,

Nce once (+ see ance, ince & ence)

Ness happiness, loneliness, sadness, likeness, willingness, friendliness, liveliness, goodness, darkness, kindness

Recklessness, restlessness, helplessness, hopelessness, breathlessness, meaninglessness, carelessness

Ng sing, song, sung, sang, ring, swing, spring, sprung, string, strong, strung, bang, bung, clang, clung, cling, sling, slung, sting, stung, bring, fling, flung, bling, wrong, dung, Writing, sleeping, running, swimming, doing, being, falling, playing, reading, flying, dreaming, scribbling, dribbling, shooting, passing, saving, throwing, cooking, baking, eating, drinking,

Nk think, drink, drank, stink, stank, stunk, stonk, drunk, skunk, mink, bank, plank, stank, rank, wink, tank, junk, bunk, blink, ink, thank, monkey, donkey, pink, blank, slink, plonk

Oar oar, roar, soar, board, aboard, cupboard, hoard, hoarse, coarse

Oat oats, coat, boat, float, afloat, throat, goat,

Oi oil, boil, soil, toil, spoil, coin, join, noise, poise, tortoise, point, joint, coil, foil, voice, choice, boiler, noisy, recoil, disappoint, Oi!,

Oke spoke, bloke, poke, stoke, woke, woken, token, broke, broken, smoke,

Old old, told, sold, gold, fold, enfold, bold, embolden, cold, hold, soldier

Ology biology, technology, geology, anthropology, archaeology, apology, terminology, ecology, etymology, bacteriology, campanology, criminology

Om freedom, seldom, boredom, random, wisdom, kingdom, stardom

Ome some, come, overcome, become, something, somewhere, somehow, somebody, someone, income, home, dome, Rome, women,

One one, done, gone, none, money, lone, alone, lonely, phone, bone, zone

Oo food, foot, book, cook, look, loop, pool, spook, tool, mood, room, spoon, door, poor, moor, brood, blood, flood, boo, moo, moon, shoot, boot, coot,

Ook look, book, cook, cooker, hook, took, shook, spooky

Oor door, floor, poor, moor

Or editor (edit), visitor (visit), professor (profess), processor (process), successor (succeed – success), actor (act), inspector (inspect), collector (collect), director (direct), conductor (conduct), calculator (calculate), operator (operate), navigator (navigate), dictator (dictate),

NB doctor, author, sailor, governor, major, minor, mayor, tractor, bachelor, ambassador

Ore ore, more, before, adore, store, ignore, sore, explore, implore, deplore, therefore

Ose nose, lose, chose, chosen, pose, suppose, close, close, dose,

Other other, another, mother, brother, bother

Ough cough, tough, trough, enough, ought, though, although, thought, bought, brought,

fought, through, thorough,

Ought ought, thought, bought, brought, fought, drought

Ould should, could, would, shoulder

Ound sound, found, confound, bound, abound, rebound, ground, aground, round, around,  
hound, pound, compound, impound, wound, mound

Oup soup, group, couple, coupon, coup, recoup,

Our our, your, hour, four, flour, pour, sour, scour, court, courtyard, courteous, courting,  
labour, colour, behaviour, saviour, honour, favour, favourite, flavour, journey, journal,  
harbour, devour, humour, rumour, tumour, neighbour, harbour, armour, odour, parlour,  
vapour, clamour, glamour, splendour, contour, vigour, rigour, devour, detour, valour

Ous [& see ious] enormous, ridiculous, dangerous, fabulous, marvellous, serious, previous,  
precious, devious, hideous, courageous, obvious, outrageous, gorgeous, delicious,  
stupendous, tremendous, famous, nervous, curious

Ove love, glove, lovely, above, shove, dove, stove, cove, move, prove, disprove, approve,  
disapprove, rove, wove

Ow how, now, brown, cow, know, sow, grow, mow, show, flow, flower, power, town,  
mower, blow, grown, snow

Oy boy, toy, annoy, employ, royal, joy, enjoy, destroy

Par parcel, paragraph, party, partisan, separate, part, partial, partition, particular, particle,  
pardon, parents, parade, partner, participate, participation,

Pea pea, peach, pear, speak, repeat, peak, peace,

Per person, personal, personally, personality, perhaps, perfume, persuade, persuasion, whisper, permit, permission, perceive, perception

Ph phone, megaphone, microphone, cacophony, elephant, photo, photograph, photographic, catastrophe, catastrophic, graph, graphic, paragraph, geography, biography, calligraphy, dolphin, nephew, alphabet, orphan, sphere, atmosphere, emphasise, emphasis, emphatic, physical, phrase, apostrophe, prophecy, prophesy, phenomenon, phenomenal, phenomenally, phew! Phonics, decipher,

Posit posit, deposit, positive, position, imposition, composition,

Ption reception, perception, deception, description, prescription, contraption

Qu- queen, quite, quick, quiet, query, question, quality, quantity, qualify, qualification, quit, quiz, quote, enquire, enquiry, require, requirement, acquire

Re recover, respect, review, renew, relation, related, recall, redo, remake, rewrite, reverse, refuse, refusal, reinforce, recite, remind, reminder, resent, resentment, reply, rely, reliable, resist, resistance, remember

Ree tree, free, three, referee, agree, degree, green, greed, greedy, greet, greeting

Rew grew, drew, threw, crew, screw, brew,

Rry carry, curry, hurry, marry, lorry, sorry, merry, berry, ferry, furry, worry,

Scen scent, scene, scenery, scenic, scenario

Se rise, wise, surprise, these, those, suppose, nose, compose, impose, noise, recognise, lose, close, use, refuse, hose, abuse, horse

Sense sense, nonsense (sensible)

Sent sent, present, presentation, presentable, resent, resentment, absent, consent

Sign sign, signal, signify, significant, insignificant, significance, signature, design, resign, resignation, designation, designer

Sion [see also ion, ssion, ation, ition, ction, tion] illusion, confusion, conclusion, intrusion, inclusion, exclusion, seclusion, delusion, version, diversion, conversion, occasion, tension, dimension, vision, division, revision, television, supervision, invasion, decision, precision, compulsion, corrosion, collision, provision, decision, invasion, collision, occasion, mansion, expansion,

Some some, someone, somebody, somehow, somewhere, something, somewhat

Spec special, specially, especially, specialize, specialist, specify, specification (spec.), specific, spectator, speculate, speculation, speculator, spectacle, spectacles, spectacular, inspect, inspection, inspector, respect, respectable, disrespect, disrespectful, prospect, prospector, introspection

Ssion [see also sion, tion, ation, ition, ction, ion] passion, mission, emission, permission, admission, submission, session, depression, expression, impression, procession, confession, compassion, discussion, percussion,

Stle castle, bustle, wrestle, whistle, bristle, rustle, mistletoe, thistle, jostle, nestle, apostle, epistle,

Succ succeed, succeeded, success, successful, successfully

Suit suit, suitable, suitability, suitcase

Sure sure, unsure, ensure, insure, assure, reassure, pleasure, measure, treasure, pressure  
[and see ure, ture]

-tain obtain, maintain, abstain, contain, stain, bloodstained, retain, captain,

Tch match, snatch, patch, watch, ditch, witch, fetch, catch, stitch, snitch, switch, pitch, hitch, hatch, hutch, clutch, bitch, itch, butcher, crutch, kitchen

Te quite, write, writer, wrote, note, ate, late, mate, complete, vote, hate, state, cute, computer, delete, invite, vote, quote, compete, date, inflate, bite, spite,

Tion [see also ion, ation, ition, ction, sion, ssion] question, relation, station, nation, national, infection, injection, fraction, action, fraction, motion, potion, lotion, section, inspection, solution, ambition, operation, competition, function, junction, notion, intention, mention, invention, concoction, reception, deception, conception, perception, description, inscription, prescription, definition, portion, ammunition, ambition, ignition, position, edition, exception

To today, tomorrow, tonight, toward, together, altogether

Tor doctor, traitor, motor, ancestor, inspector, visitor, spectator, editor, collector, projector, director, tormentor,

Tt butter, bitter, better, hotter, batter, matter, mutter, written, potter, little, bottle, cattle, nettle, settle, kettle, rattle, matted, batted, potted, knitted, knitting, batting, matting, grotty, potty, setting, betting, catty, batty, fatter, fitter, sitting, wetter, utter,

Tten bitten, rotten, forgotten, written, kitten, flatten, fatten, illgotten

Tting sitting, babysitting, putting, netting, batting, cutting, formatting, permitting, admitting, submitting, transmitting, upsetting, resetting, earsplitting, sidesplitting, riveting, combatting, benefitting, forgetting, regretting,

Ture picture, capture, puncture, manufacture, adventure, furniture, temperature, mixture, fracture, creature, departure, future, pasture, mature, nature, moisture [and see ure, sure]

- Ual annual, actual, usual, casual, gradual, equal, continual, eventual, individual, punctual, factual, manual, visual, virtual, ritual
- Ue queue, blue, true, untrue, clue, glue, due, continue, Sue, cruel, Tuesday, fuel, statue, rescue, value, league, intrigue, fatigue,
- Ui suit, suitable, suitcase, fruit, juice, recruit, tuition, intuition, continuity, biscuit, circuit, guitar
- Umb thumb, numb, number, crumb, crumble, dumb, tumble, fumble, grumble, mumble, rumble, stumble, humble, jumble, plumb, plumber, plumbing
- Ur [and see ir] hurt, hurtle, turtle, hurdle, turn, burn, churn, nurse, curse, murder, church, lurch, murmur, purse, surname, surface, surprise, surplus, curl, curb, purple, burden, turbulent, turbulence, disturb, disturbance, furbish, refurbish, furnish, furniture
- Ure sure, insure, ensure, assure, pressure, pure, pleasure, measure, treasure, pasture, future, furniture, departure, picture, figure, endure, manure, manicure, mature, capture, creature, endure, nature, moisture, feature, manufacture [and see ture, sure]
- Use use, used, unused, abuse, disuse, accuse, bemuse, amuse, amusement, ruse, excuse, recluse, fuse, refuse, defuse, confuse, infuse,
- Ute cute, acute, compute, computer, absolute, absolutely, dispute, mute, brute, flute
- Ve save, live, live, liver, river, cover, over, cover, ever, however, whatever, never, love, have, haven't, give, given, alive, above, shove, move, cove, glove, brave, slave, rave, cave, behave, conservative, adjective, relative, contrive, revive, detective, perspective, alternative, furtive, positive, negative, active, archive, nerve, deserve, observe, conserve, preserve
- Ver over (1331), however (605), never (559), cover (358), ever (259), river (208), discover

(140), driver (134), whatever (132), recover, whenever, whoever, clever, liver, deliver, shiver, fever, diver,

Ves (plurals) themselves (474), lives (105), leaves (65), ourselves (45), yourselves, wolves, wives, knives, shelves, calves, halves

Ward ward, awkward, reward, rewarding, forward, backward, inward, outward, upward, downward, toward, homeward

We went, wet, west, well, were, we,

Wh when, what, where, why, which, who, whether, whole, while, white, whisky, whistle, whisper, whelk

Wor word, work, world, worm, worse, worsen, worst, worth, worry, worn, sword

Wr write, wrote, written, wrap, wrist, wrong, wriggle, wreck, wrinkle, wreath, wrestle, wrangle, wren

XX swimming, happy, running, swimmer, shopping, telling, spelling, digging, dogged, kidding, padding, jammy, funny, silly, telly, smelly, belly, lolly, lorry, marry, hurry, holly, curry, jelly, sorry, merry, winner, winning, slimming, slamming, drummer, butter, bitter, better, hotter, batter, matter, mutter, common, summon, button, flutter, blubber, mess, messy, message, necessary, dress, less, lesson, happen, hidden, ridden, written, sudden, forgotten

Xxen (see en)

Xxer bigger, better, fitter, fatter, matter, hotter, platter, wetter, swimmer, runner, winner, dinner, supper, manner, spanner, banner, sitter, mutter, sadder, ladder, butter, bitter, litter, shopper, filler, drummer, slipper, whopper, rapper, stopper, hammer, stammer, buzzer, digger, exaggerate, exaggeration

Xxest biggest, fittest, hottest, saddest, wettest,

Xxing swimming, shopping, running, telling, smelling, digging, kidding, padding, slimming, slamming, fanning, tanning, spinning, spilling, willing, pulling, grilling, filling, humming, drumming, tripping, slipping, knitting, spelling, winning

Xxow follow, hollow, pillow, billow, willow, fellow, yellow, mellow, bellow, borrow, sorrow, tomorrow, burrow, furrow

Xxy jammy, funny, silly, telly, smelly, belly, lolly, lorry, marry, hurry, holly, curry, jelly, sorry, merry, happy, nitty-gritty, hobby, sippy, sloppy, grotty, snappy, slippery, potty, putty, knotty, buddy

Y my, by, sky, why, try, cry, dry, fly, spy, fry, shy, apply, supply, deny, reply, comply, imply,

Y – i trial, marriage, various, variable, envious, glorious, furious, luxurious, mysterious, victorious, studious, industrious, happiness, loneliness, happily, easily, ordinarily, necessarily, appliance, application, implication, complication, replica, replicate, denial, simplicity, lollipop, funniest, holiday, business, significant, insignificant, significance, simplification, beautiful

Y – ie tries, tried, dried, fried, fries, dries, spies, spied, applied, replied, denied, denies, applies, supplies, supplied, cries, cried, implied, properties, studies, funnier, victories, varies, varied, married, carries, easier, easiest, simplified,

Y-ier easier, happier, heavier, nastier, carrier, tastier, naughtier, dirtier, holier, busier,

-zard wizard, lizard, hazard, haphazard, hazardous, blizzard, buzzard

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