


NuSpel Solutions to Homographs

bass: <i>a type of fresh and salt water fish</i>	bas
bass: <i>low, deep sound, voice or tone</i>	bæs
lead: <i>guide, direct, show the way, be first</i>	lid
lead: <i>a soft, heavy metal; the element Pb</i>	led
live: <i>to be alive, have life, spend one's life</i>	liv
live: <i>having life, not dead or extinct</i>	līv

and Homophones

aisle: <i>a passageway between rows of seats</i>	aɪl
isle: <i>an island, especially a small one</i>	īl
ate: <i>the past tense of to eat</i>	ɛt
eight: <i>cardinal number between 7 and 9</i>	eɪt
hour: <i>a length of time equal to 60 minutes</i>	auər
our: <i>belonging to or done by us</i>	aur

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2. Homophones

Customarily, in listing homophones, each entry is presented alphabetically together with all other words that share the same pronunciation. Although this occasions considerable duplication it seems to be the best procedure, certainly in long listings that include every recorded homophone, no matter how obsolete or little-known and used. Please see the Introduction to *Ö̊ Først NuSpel Dikfæneri* for explanations regarding the use of bold type for accentuation, the choice of Λ and ə , etc. With NuSpel, some homophones can vanish.

Aar <i>Ar/Ar</i> (Swiss river)	aisle <i>aɪl</i>
are <i>ar</i>	isle <i>ɪl</i>
	l'll <i>l'ɪl</i>
Abel <i>ɛbəl</i> (masculine name)	all <i>al</i>
able <i>ɛbl/ɛbəl</i>	awl <i>æwl</i>
accidence <i>aksədəns</i> (word inflections, etc.)	aloud Λ <i>laʊd</i>
accidents <i>aksədənts</i>	allowed Λ <i>laʊd</i>
acclamation <i>aklæmɛfən</i> (praise)	all ready <i>al redi</i>
acclimation <i>akhlɛmɛfən</i> (adapt to climate)	alredi <i>alredi</i>
aid <i>ɛd</i> (assistance)	altar <i>altər</i>
aide <i>eid</i> (assistant, attaché)	alter <i>altər</i>
-ade <i>-ɛd</i> (lemənɛd, etc.)	
adds <i>adz</i> (increases, etc.)	ant <i>ant</i>
ads <i>adz</i> (advertizements)	aunt <i>ant</i> (<i>aənt</i>)
adze <i>adz</i> (tool like an ax)	
adherence <i>adhirəns</i> (support, sticking)	antecedence <i>antəsidəns</i>
adherents <i>adhirənts</i> (supporters)	antededents <i>antəsidənts</i>
adieu <i>adø</i> (goodbye)	arc <i>arc</i>
ado <i>ədø</i> (bustle, fuss)	ark <i>ark</i>
adolescence <i>adələsens</i> (youth)	arrant <i>arənt</i> (bad, infamous)
adolescents <i>adələsənts</i> (teenagers)	errent <i>erənt</i> (roving)
aerie <i>ɛri</i> (eagle's nest, etc.)	ascent <i>asent</i> (going up)
airy <i>ɛri</i> (light as air, etc.)	assent Λ <i>sent</i> (agreement)
ail <i>eɪl</i> (be sick)	assistance <i>əsistəns</i>
ale <i>ɛl</i> (a kind of beer)	assistants Λ <i>sistənts</i>
air <i>er</i>	ate <i>ɛt</i>
e'er <i>e'ər</i> (contraction of ever)	eight <i>eɪt</i>
ere <i>er</i> (before)	attendance Λ <i>tendəns</i>
heir <i>eər</i> (inheritor)	attendants Λ <i>tendənts</i>

a at *a* all Λ up *ɛ* eight *e* let *ə* open *ɪ* it *i* ice *o* cot *o* oh *u* ooh *ʊ* book *u* use *c* cello *ð* the *n* sing *ʃ* show *θ* think *z* azure

auger agər (tool to bore holes)
augur agʊr (foretell)

aught at (anything, zero)
ought ɔt

aural arəl
oral orəl

aureole ariəl (halo)
oriole oriəl (a bird)

auricle arəkəl
oracle orəkəl

away Δwε
aweigh Δwei

awful afəl
offal ofəl

ay aɪ (exclamation)
aye aɪ (yes)
eye ii/aɪ
I ī

babble babəl
Babel Bɛbəl

bale bəl
bail beɪl

bate bɛt
bait beɪt

ball bəl
bawl bəəl

balm bəlm
bomb bəm

bard bərd
barred bərd

baring bəriŋ
bearing beəriŋ
Bering Beəriŋ

bare bar/ber
bear ber

bark bərk
barque bərk

baron bərən
barren beərən

Barry Bari
berry beri
bury bəri

base bɛs
bass beɪs
Basel Bəzəl
basil bəzəl

bat bat
batt bæt (cotton batting)

bate bɛt
bait beɪt

bay be
bey beɪ (Turkish official)

berth bɛərθ (anchorage, etc.)
birth bɜrθ

be bi
bee bi

beach biç
beech biic

beat bit
beet biit

beau bou
bow bo (and arrow)

been bin
bin biən

beer bir
bier biər

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bell bel
belle beəl

berg berg (as in iceberg)
burg bɜrg

bight bait (part of a rope)
bite bit

blew blu
blue blu

bloc blɔc
block blɔk

boar bour
bore bor

bolder boldər
boulder bouldər

bole boul (trunk of tree)
boll bol (seed pod of cotton, etc.)
bowl bowl

borough boro
burro bɜro
burrow bɜro

bough bau
bow bau (incline head, etc.)

boy bɔɪ
buoy buɪ

brake bræk
break brɛɪk

breach brɪç (break)
breech brɪtʃ (part of gun, etc.)

bread brɛəd
bred brɛd

bridal brɪdəl
bridle brɪdl

buy baɪ
by bɪ

cache kæʃ
cash kæʃ

cain keɪn (violent disturbance)
cane keɪn

cannon kənən
canon canon (church law, etc.)

canter kəntər (slow gallop)
cantor kəntər (soloist in synagogue)

canvas kənvəs
canvass kənvəs (survey)

capital kəpətəl
capitol kəpətəl

carot karət
carrott kerət

carol karəl
carrell kərəl (study space)

cask kask (barrel)
casque kæsk (helmet)/ kasq

cast kast
caste kæst

caster kastr (roller)
castor kastər (beaver)

caudal kədəl (ref. to tail)
coddle kɔdəl

cedar sidər
seeder siidər

cede cid
seed sid

sea si
see sii

sealing silɪŋ
ceiling cilɪŋ

cell cel
sell sel

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cellar celər
seller selər

cent cent
sent sent

sear sir (burn)
seer siər (prophet, one who sees)

cereal siryəl
serial siriəl

cession sefən
session sefn

chance cans
chants cants

chanty fanti
shanty fanti

cheap cip
cheep ciip

chord kourd
cord kord

chute fut
shoot fuut

cite cit
sight sit
site sait

climb klaim
clime klīm

colonel kōrənəl
kernel kurnəl

core kor
corps kour

creak krik
creek kriik (krik)

cymbal simbəl
symbol simbəl

dam dam
damn daəm

dear dir
deer diir

dense dens
dents dents

descent disənt
dissent disənt

dew dou
do du
due duu

die di
dye dii

discreet diskriit
discrete diskrit

do do (musical scale)
doe doo (female deer)
dough dou

draft draft (drawing)
draught draəft (drink, air current)

dual duəl
duel dul

earn ərn
urn ɔrn

eight eit
ate ɛt

ewe iu (female sheep)
yew yu/you (fir tree)
you yu/ʊ (pronoun)

fain fən (willing, ready, glad)
feign feɪn (pretend)

faint fənt (lose consciousness)
feint feɪnt (pretended attack)

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fair feər
fare fer

fairy fəri
ferry ferɪ

faker fəkər (one who fakes)
fakir fəkɪr (Moslem ascetic, beggar...)

faro fero (card game)
farrow faro (litter of pigs)
pharoah fero

faun fəʊn (woodland diety)
fawn fɑːn (to court favor, young deer)

faze feɪz (worry, bother)
phase feɪz (stage, state)

feat fi:t
feet fi:t

fir fuər
fur for

finish fɪnɪʃ
Finnish fɪnɪʃ

fisher fɪʃr
fissure fɪʃər

flair fleər (aptitude, knack)
flare flər (burst out)

floe flo (floating ice)
flow floʊ

flour flaʊr
flower flaʊər

for for
fore foʊr
four foʊr

forth forθ
fourth foʊrθ

foul faʊl
fowl faʊl

freeze fri:z
frieze fri:z

friar fraɪər
fryer frɪər

fuhrer fuərər
furor fuərər

Gael Gæəl (Scot)
gale gæl

gait geɪt
gate geɪt

gage geɪ (plum)
gauge geɪ

gall gal (irritate)
Gaul Gal (Gæəl)

gamble gambəl
gambol gambəl

gene jɪn
jean jɪn

gild gɪld
guild gɪld

gilt gɪlt
guilt gɪlt

gym jɪm
Jim dʒɪm

gnash naʃ
Nash naʃ

gnu nu
knew nu
new nu (nu)

gorilla gorɪlə
guerilla gərɪlə

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grate græt
great greit

grease gris
Greece Gris

grip grɪp
grippe grɪp (the flu)

grisly grɪzli (dreadful)
grizzly grɪzəli (bear, gray-haired)

grocer grɒsər
grosser grɒsər (heavier, coarser)

hail heɪl
hale hæl

hair heər
hare heər

hairy heəri
Harry Hari

hall hɔl
haul hæl

handsome hændsəm
hansom hændsəm (horse-drawn
carriage)

Harold Harəld
herald herəld

hart hɑrt (male deer)
heart hɑrt/hært

hay heɪ
hey heɪ

heal hi:l
heel hi:l
he'll hi'l

heard hɜrd/hʊərd
herd hɜrd

hi hi (greeting)
high hi (hai)

him hɪm
hymn hɪm

hoe ho
whoa hwo

hoar hor (gray, old)
whore hour (prostitute)

hoarse hours
horse hors

hole hol
whole hool

holey holi
holy houli
wholly hooli

hoop hɒp (hup)
whoop hup

hostel həstəl (lodging)
hostile həstɪl

hour aʊər
our aʊər

hurts hɜrts
Herz Hɜrts

idle ɪdl
idol ɪdɒl
idyll ɪdəl

illicit ɪlɪsət
elicit əlɪsət

immerge ɪmɔrj (plunge into a liquid)
emerge ɪmɔrj (rise from a liquid, etc.)

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in ɪn
inn ɪən/ɪnn

incense ɪnsəns (fragrant smoke...)
insense ɪnsens (to make very angry)

incite ɪnsɪt
insight ɪnsɪt

joule ʒul (unit of work or energy)
jewel ʒuəl

Kant Kant (German philosopher)
can't kən't

kernel kɜrnəl
colonel kərənel

cue ku
queue kyū

key ki
quay kwɛ (ki)

Khan Kæn
can kæn

cote kɒt (small shelter for doves, etc.)
coat kəʊt

knave neɪv (rascal, scoundrel)
nave neɪv (main part of church)

knead ni:d
need ni:d

knew nu:
new nu (nʊ)
gnu nʊ

knight naɪt
night naɪt

knit nɪt (loop yarn, thread together)
nit nɪt (a young louse, etc.)

knot nɒt
not nɒt

know nəʊ
no nəʊ

lain leɪn (past participle of *to lie*)
lane leɪn (path)

lam lam (hurried flight)
lamb lam/læm (young sheep)

lama lama (Tibetan monk)
llama læmə/yamə (mammal)

lea li (meadow)
lee li (away from wind)

leach lic (dissolve)
leech li:ç (blood sucker)

lead leəd (metal)
led led (past participle of *lead*)

leaf lif
lief li:f (willing)

leak li:k (escape of liquid, etc.)
leek li:k (vegetable)

lean li:n (not fat)
lien li:n (legal claim)

Lear liə (name)
leer liə/liə (ogle, smirk)

leave li:v (depart)
lieve li:v (willing)

lessen lesən (decrease)
lesson le:sən (instruction)

liar liə
lyre liə

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lichen laɪkən
liken lɪkən

lieu luu (place, stead)
Lou Lu (name)

limb lɪm
limn lɪəm (draw, describe)

load lod (burden)
lode loud (mineral deposit)

lo loo (*and behold* - exclamation)
low lo

loan loun
lone lon

lumbar lʌmbər
lumber lʌmbər

lute lut
loot luut

lie li (falsehood, recline)
lye lii

madam madəm
madame mədəm

made mɛd
maid meɪd

mail meɪl
male mɛl

main meɪn
mane mɛn

maize meɪz
maze mɛz

Malay Meɪlɛ
melee mɛlɛ (fight)

mall mæl
maul mɔəl
moll mɔl (gangster's woman)

manner manər
manor manər

mantel mantəl (shelf)
mantle mantl (cloak)

mark mɑrk (imprint)
marque mɑrɔ (seizure)

marry mari
Mary Mɛri
merry meri

marshal mɑrʃəl
martial mɑrʃl (pertaining to war)

mat mat
matte mət (dull finish)

mead mid (beverage)
Mede Mid (native of Media)

mean min
mien miin (appearance)

meat mit
meet miit
mete mit (allot)

mewl mʊəl (cry)
mule mʊl

might miit
mite miit

mil mɪl (unit of length)
mill mɪl

miner miinər
minor miinər

missal miisəl (prayer book)
missile miisl/miisil

moat mout (ditch)
mote mot (speck)

mold mold (form, shape)
mould mould (earth)

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moose mus (animal)
mousse muus (dessert, etc.)

muscle mʌsl
mussel mʌsəl (clam)

nay nɛ (no)
neigh nei (horse sound)

Nash Naf (name)
gnash naf (grind teeth together)

naval nəvəl (pertaining to navy)
navel neivəl/nɛvl (belly button)

nave nəv (middle part of church)
knave neiv (scoundrel)

Neal/Neil Nil
kneel nil

need nid
knead niid (press and mix dough together)

Nell Nel
knell nel (sound of bell for a death)

new nu
gnu nv
knew nuu

nice nis
gneiss nais (rock somewhat like granite)

nicks mks
nix mx

nit mt (egg of louse)
knit mət (loop yarn or thread together)

nob nɒb/nʌb (celebrity)
knob nɒb (door knob)

nock nɔk (set an arrow)
knock nɔk (on a door)

nose noz
knows nouz

Nome Nom (city in Alaska)
gnome noum

none nʌn
nun nʌən

oar our
or or
ore our
o'er o'er

oh oh (exclamation)
owe ou

ode od
owed oʊd

one wʌn
won wʌn/wʌən

oracle ɔrəkəl
auricle ɔrəkəl

oral ɔrəl
aural ɔrəl

ordinance ɔrdɪnəns (law, rule)
ordnance ɔrdnəns (military
supplies)

order ɔrdər
ordure ɔrdʊr (manure, filth)

oriole ɔriəl (a bird)
aureole ariəl (halo)

ought ɔt
aught at (anything, zero)

our ɔər
hour ɔvər

owe ou
oh oh

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owed oʊd
ode ɒd

pail peɪl
pale peɪl

pain peɪn
pane peɪn

pair peə (two)
pare peə (peel, skin)
pear peə (fruit)

palate palət (roof of mouth)
palette palətt (artists' paints)
pallet pallət (platform for stacking)

pall pəl (shroud, satiate)
pawl pəʊl (ratchet)

pale peɪl
pail peɪl

pain peɪn
pane peɪn

pastoral pastərəl
pastorale pastərəl

patience peɪʃəns
patients peɪʃənts

pawl pəʊl (ratchet)
pall pəl (shroud, satiate)

peace pi:s
piece pi:s

peak pik
peek piik
pique piq (irritate, arouse)

peal pil (ring)
peel piil (skin, pare)

pear peə (fruit)
pair peə (two)
pare peə (peel)

pearl pɔːrəl
purl pɔːrəl (ripple)

pedal pedəl (bicycle part)
peddle pedl (sell)

pea pi (vegetable)
pee pi (urinate)

peek piik
peak pik
pique piq

peel piil (ring)
peal pil (skin)

peer piə (equal, look)
pier piə (dock)

per pɜː
purr pɜː

pharaoh fəˈrɔː (Egyptian king)
faro fəˈrɔː (card game)
farrow fəˈrɔː (litter of pigs)

phase feɪz (state, state)
faze feɪz (bother)

phew pfiw (interjection expressing
exertion, relief, etc.)
phew piyu (reaction to an
offensive odor)
few fi (not many)

philter fiɔltə (love potion,
charm)
filter (sieve)

piece pi:s
peace pi:s

pier piə (dock)
peer piə (look)

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pique piq
peak pik
peek piik

place pləs
plaice pleis (a fish)

plain plein (simple)
plane plən (airplane, etc.)

plait pleit (braid)
plate plet

plum plʌm (fruit)
plumb plʌm/plʌəm (level, even)

pole pol (rod, stick)
poll poul (vote)

Polk Polk (Pok)
poke pok

populace pɒpʊləs
populous pɒpʊləs

pore por (small opening)
pour pour (release a liquid)
poor pur (not wealthy)

pray prɛ (appeal to)
prey prei (quarry, kill)

presence presəns
presents presənts

purl pɜrl (ripple, flow)
pearl pɜrəl (gem)

purr pur (sound cats make)
per pɜr (by, for)

puttee pʌti (leg wrapping)
putty pʌti (mixture for sealing cracks)

quay kwɛ (dock - traditionally
pronounced the same as key)
key ki

queue kyu (waiting line, pigtail)
cue ku (signal, clue, hint)

quire kwɪr (measure of paper)
choir kwair (group of singers)

quoin koin (wedge of stone, etc.)
coin kɔɪn (money)

ray rɛ (ray of light, etc.)
re rɛ (musical note)
wray rei (betray)

racket rakət (noise)
racquet rakət (used for tennis, etc.)

rain rɛn (precipitation)
reign rein (rule over)
rein rein (restrain, control)

raise reiz (lift)
raze rɛz (tear down)

rap rap (strike quickly)
wrap ræp (cover with paper, etc.)

ray rei (beam of light, etc.)
re rɛ (musical note)

read rid (interpret symbols)
reed riid (long-stalked plant)

reek riik (stink)
wreak rik (inflict)

real ril (actual)
reel riil (spool)

recede risid (abate, ebb)
reseed risiid (plant again)

receipt risit (proof of payment)
reseat risit (seat again)

reel riil (spool, stagger)
real ril (actual)

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reign rein (rule over)
rain ren (precipitation)
rein rein (control, guide)

residence rezidəns
residents rezidənts

rest rest (relax)
wrest reəst (pull, jerk)

review rivu (analyze)
revue rivu (musical show)

rheum ruəm (a cold)
room rum (lodging)

rhyme rim (verse)
rime ram (frost)

rigger rigər (outfitter)
rigor rigor (stiffness, precision)

right rit (correct, etc.)
rite rit (ritual)
write rit/rait (inscribe symbols)
-wright -rait (playwrite, etc.)

ring rin (circle)
wring rin (squeeze)

ringer rinər (has a strong resemblance,
etc.)
wringer rinər (removes water through
pressure)

roe ro (female red deer)
row rou (file, line)

role rol (representation, function)
roll roul (list, record)

roam rom
Rome Rom

root rot (part of plant)
route rut (road, way)

rote rot (set procedure)
wrote rot (past tense of *to write*)

rough raf (bumpy)
ruff raff (frilled collar)

rumor rumər (a boarder in a room)
rumor rumor (gossip, hearsay)

rung ran (step of ladder)
wrung ran (twisted, squeezed)

rye ri (grain)
wry rai (twisted, ironic)

sail seil (travel in a boat)
sale sel (special offer)

sane sen (mentally healthy)
seine sein (fishing net)

saver səvər (one who saves)
savor səvər (relish)

scene cin (spectacle, setting)
seen sin (past participle of *to see*)

scent seənt (smell)
cent cent (money)
sent sent (past participle of *to
send*)

scull skal (light racing boat)
skull skull (bony framework of the
head)

sea sii (large body of water)
see si (look)

sealing siln (closing up tight)
ceiling ciln (top side of room)

sear sir (parch, burn)
seer siər (prophet, one who sees)

seed sid (germ)
cede cid (yield)

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seller selər (one who sells)	sic sɪc (thus, sic a dog)
celler celər (basement)	sick sɪk (ill)
semen simən (male sperm)	sight sīt (view)
seaman siimən (sailor)	cite cīt (quote)
serf sərɸ (slave)	site saɪt (location)
surf sʊɸ (breaking waves)	sign saɪn (mark)
serge sərj (type of cloth)	sine sɪn (mathematical ratio)
surge sʊɸj (swirl, swell)	signet sɪgnət (official seal)
serial sɪrɪəl	cygnet ɔɪgnət (young swan)
cereal sɪrɪəl	silicious sɪlɪʃəs (containing silicon)
session sefən (meeting)	cilicious ɔɪlɪʃəs (hairlike)
cession cefən (surrender)	site saɪt (location)
setaceous sɪtɛʃəs (bristly, coarse hair)	cite cīt (quote)
cetaceous ɔɪtɛʃəs (whale species)	sight sīt (view)
sew sou (join with thread)	sough sʌf/su (blowing sound)
so so (then, consequently)	sue su (a legal action)
sow soo (scatter seeds)	skull skʌl (part of head)
shake ʃɛk (quiver)	scull skʌl (light racing boat)
sheik ʃeɪk (Arab chief)	slay sleɪ (kill)
shanty ʃanti (shack)	sleigh sleɪ (sled)
chanty ʃanti (sailor's song)	sleight sleɪt (tricky)
shear ʃɪr (cut, trim)	slight slɪt (petty, small)
sheer siɪr (thin cloth)	slew slu (past tense of <i>to slay</i>)
shirr ʃɪr (bake eggs in certain way)	slough slu (swamp)
sure ʃʊr/ʃʊr (certain)	slue slu (swing around on an axis)
shoe fu (footwear)	so so (then, consequently)
shoo fuu (exclamation to drive away)	sew sou (stich)
shone ʃɒn (past tense of <i>to shine</i>)	sow soo (scatter seeds)
shown ʃaʊn (past of <i>to show</i>)	sole sol (only, etc.)
shoot ʃuut (fire a weapon)	soul soul (spirit)
chute ʃut (steep slide, etc.)	soar saʊr (fly high)
see si (look)	sore sɔr (painful)
sea sii (large body of water)	soared saʊrd
	sword sɔrd

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some sʌm/sʌəm (few, any)
sum sʌm (total)

son sʌən (male child)
sʌn sʌn (central star)

soot sʊt (residue of burning)
suit sʊt (clothes)

sore sor (painful)
soar sour (fly high)

sow soo (scatter seeds)
sew sou (stitch)
so so (then, consequently)

stake stæk (pointed stick)
steak steɪk (meat)

stair ster (one step of a flight of stairs)
stare ster (look fixedly)

stalk stak (stem, pursue)
stock stɔk (cattle, etc.)

stationary steɪʃənəri
stationery steɪʃənəri

steak steɪk (meat)
stake stæk (pointed stick)

steal stil (rob)
steel stiil (metal)

step step (move feet)
steppe steəp (extensive prairie)

straight stræt (not crooked)
strait streit (narrow passage of water)

sty stī (pen for pigs)
stye stai (swelling by an eye)

style stil (fashion)
stile stail (steps over a fence)

succor sʌkər (help)
sucker sʌkər (easy victim)

sue su (legal action)
sough sʌf/su (sound of wind)

sword sɔrd
soared sourd

symbol simbɔl (sign)
cymbal simbəl (musical instrument)

tacks taks (small nails)
tax tax (money collected by governments)

tail teɪl (rear appendage)
tale tɛl (story)

taper tɛpər (grow smaller)
tapir teɪpər (tropical animal)

tare ter (injurious weed)
tear teər (rip)

taught tɔt (past of *teach*)
taut tɔt (tense)
tot tɔt (small child)

taupe toup (a color)
tope top (drink alcohol to excess)

tax tax (money assessed by governments)
tacks taks (small nails)

tea ti (a beverage)
tee ti (support for golf ball)

team tim (group acting together)
teem tiim (swarm or abound)

tear ter (rip)
tare teər (injurious weed)

tear tir (drop of fluid from eye)
tier tiir (a row or layer)

tenner tənər (\$10 bill)
tenor tənər (male vocalist)

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tense tens (nervous)
 tents tents (shelters)

tern tɜrn (bird)
 turn tɜrn (rotate)

their ðeər (possessive)
 there ðer (location)
 they're ðe'r

threw θru/θruu (past tense of *throw*)
 through θru (by way of)

throne θron (king's/queen's chair)
 thrown θroun (past participle of *throw*)

thyme θim/tim (a plant)
 time tim (passing moments)

timber tɪmbɜr (wood)
 timbre tɪmbɜr (musical quality)

tire tɪr (grow weary)
 tire tɪər (tube on wheels)

to tu (toward, etc.)
 too tuu (excessive)
 two tuu (2)

tocsin tɔksən (signal of
 distress)
 toxin tɔxən (poison)

toe to (digits on foot)
 tow tou (haul)

ton tʌn (2000 lbs.)
 tun tʌn (large cask)

tool tul (implement)
 tulle tʊl (fine silk)

tope top (drink to excess)
 taupe toup (brownish gray)

tray trɛ (for serving food)
 trey trɛɪ (having three dots, etc.)

trustee trʌsti
 trusty trʌsti

tulle tʊl (fine silk)
 tool tul (implement)

turn tɜrn (rotate)
 tern tɜrn (bird)

two tuu (2)
 to tu (toward)
 too tuu (excessive)

unceded ʌnsɪdəd (not yielded)
 unseeded ʌnsɪdəd (not sown with
 seeds)

undo ʌndu (annul, cancel)
 undue ʌnduu (not yet payable, etc.)

urn ɜrn (vase)
 earn ɜrn (gain by work, etc.)

use ʊz (employ)
 ewes iuz (female sheep)
 yews yuz (fir trees)

vale vɛl (valley)
 veil veɪl (conceal)

vain ven (conceited)
 vane ven (wind indicator, etc.)
 vein veɪn (blood vessel)

vary vari (change)
 very veri (extremely)

venous venəs (having to do with veins)
 Venus Venəs (Greek god, planet)

Vi Vi (feminine name)
 vie vi (strive in competition)

vial vaɪl (small bottle)
 vile vil (foul, disgraceful)
 viol viəl (musical instrument)

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vice	vīs (evil habit)	watt	wat (unit of electricity)
wise	vais (tool for gripping)	what	hwæt (interrogative)
villain	vīlən (rascal, scoundrel)	wave	wæv (hand signal, etc.)
villein	vīələn (peasant)	waive	weiv (relinquish rights)
wacs	waks (members of Women's Army Corps)	waver	wævər (be undecided)
wax	wax (substance secreted by bees)	waiver	weivər (statement relinquishing rights)
wade	wæd (walk through water)	wax	wax (substance secreted by bees)
weighed	weid (measured for weight, etc.)	wacs	waks (members of Women's Army Corps)
wails	weīlz (laments)	way	wē (path, manner)
Wales	Wēlz (part of Great Britain)	weigh	wēī (measure by weight)
wain	wēin (cart, wagon)	whew	hwē (watery part of milk)
wane	wēn (decrease)	weighed	weid (measured for weight, fitness, etc.)
waist	wēist (middle of body)	wade	wæd (walk in water)
waste	wæst (spoil)	we	wī (us)
wait	wæt (linger)	wee	wīī (tiny)
weight	wēit (heaviness)	weak	wīk (not strong)
waive	weiv (give up)	week	wīik (seven days)
wave	wæv (flutter, surf)	we'll	wī'l (we will or shall)
waiver	weivər (relinquishment of rights)	wheel	hwīl (circular device)
waver	wævər (be undecided)	wean	wīn (accustom to solid food)
walk	wak (step, stroll)	ween	wīin (think or suppose)
wok	wɔk (pan for Chinese cooking)	wear	wēār (have on as clothes)
wane	wēn (decrease)	ware	wēr (merchandise)
wain	wēin (cart, wagon)	where	hwēr (at what place)
want	want (lack, need, desire)	weather	wēədər (atmospheric conditions)
wont	wɔnt (custom, practice)	wether	wēðər (castrated ram)
war	war (state of hostility)	whether	hwēðər (in case, if)
wore	wor (past tense of <i>to wear</i>)	weave	wīv (knit, entwine)
ware	wēr (merchandise)	we've	wī'v (we have)
wear	wēār (have on as clothes)	we'd	wī'd (we had, we would)
where	hwēr (at what place)	weed	wīd (useless plant)
waste	wæst (misuse, spoil)		
waist	wēist (middle of body)		

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week wiik (seven days)	whish hwɪʃ (swishing sound)
weak wik (not strong)	wish wɪʃ (desire)
ween wiin (think or suppose)	white hwīt (colorless)
wean win (accustom to solid food)	wight wīt (person, animal)
weigh wei (measure by weight)	whither hwɪðər (to what place)
way wɛ (path, manner)	wither wɪðər (shrivel)
wey hwɛ (watery part of milk)	whoa hwo (stop!)
weighed weɪd (measured by weight)	woe wo (sorrow, suffering)
wade wɛd (walk in water)	whole houl (entire)
weir wir (dam, floodgate)	hole hol (opening)
we're wɪ'r (we are)	wholly hooli (entirely)
welch welc (evade payment)	holy houli (sacred)
Welsh Wɛlʃ (inhabitant, language of Wales)	holey holi (full of holes)
wen wen (benign tumor)	whoop hwup (shout)
when hwen (at what time)	hoop hup/hup (ring, wheel)
were wor (past form of <i>to be</i>)	whore hoor (prostitute)
whir hwɔr (sound of bird' wings)	hoar hor (gray, old)
wet wet (soaked with water, etc.)	whored hoord (corrupted, seduced)
whet hwet (arouse, sharpen by friction)	hoard hourd (amass)
whale hwɛl (large sea mammal)	horde hord (multitude, tribe)
wail weil (lament)	who's hu'z (who is)
wale wɛl (welt, mark on skin)	whose huz (possessive)
when hwen (at what time)	why hwī (for what reason)
wen wen (benign tumor)	wye wī (Y-shaped circuit)
whitch hwɪc (what person, thing)	wig wɪg (artificial hair)
witch wɪc (sorceress)	Whig Hwɪg (of a political party)
whicker hwɪkər (sound made by Horses)	wind wɪnd (coil, crank)
wicker wɪkər (slender stems used to make baskets, etc.)	wined wɪnd (treated to wine, entertained)
while hwɪl (time span)	wine wɪn (alcoholic beverage)
wile wɪl (guile, allure)	whine hwɪn (complain, whimper)
whine hwɪn (whimper)	with wɪθ/wɪð (among, beside)
wine wɪn (alcoholic beverage)	withe wɪð (branch, willow)

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wood wʊd (forest, lumber)
would wʊd (expresses a condition, etc.)

wrap ræp (enclose with paper, etc.)
rap rap (strike quickly)

wrapped ræpt (enclosed with paper)
rapped rapt (past tense of rap)
rapt rapt (spellbound)

wrapper ræpər (dressing gown, envelope)
rapper rapər (performer of rap music, etc.)

wreak rik (inflict)
reek riik (stink)

wrest reəst (pull, jerk)
rest rest (relax)

wretch reəc (poor creature)
retch rec (vomit)

wring rɪŋ (squeeze)
ring rɪŋ (circle)

-wright -raɪt (playwright, etc.)
write raɪt (inscribe symbols)
right rɪt (correct, etc.)
rite rɪt (ritual)

wrote rot (past tense of write)
rote rot (set procedure)

wrung rʌŋ (past tense of *to wring*)
rung rʌŋ (step in a ladder, past
tense of *to ring*)

wry raɪ (twisted, ironic)
rye ri (grain)

-wurst -wɜrst (liverwurst, etc.)
worst wɜrst (most harmful, etc.)

yew yu (fir tree)
ewe iu (female sheep)
you yu/ʊ (pronoun)

yews yuz (fir trees)
yoke yok (couple together, connect)
yolk youk (yellow part of egg)

you'll yu'l (you will)
Yule Yul (Christmas)

your yor/ɔr (possessive)
you're yu'r (you are)
yore yor (long ago)

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- ◇ **Our first step.**
- ◇ **Our first word.**
- ◇ **Reading and writing our first words.**
- ◇ **Four of life's most shining moments.**

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