Variant Spellings in Modern American Dictionaries, revised edition

A record of how present-day desk dictionaries are recognizing the existence of variant or secondary spellings for many common English words, this reference list can be used by teachers of English and authors of spelling lists. Originally published in 1958, this revised edition uses two dictionaries not in existence then and the revised editions of three of the dictionaries originally used. The desk dictionaries examined include "The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language," "Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary," "Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language," "The Random House College Dictionary," and "Standard College Dictionary." The list includes fairly common words—assumed to be in the active vocabulary of most adults—which are offered as variants by the dictionaries and which could lead to questions in the mind of the student or teacher concerning the propriety of and authority for certain spellings. Excluded are variants for highly technical terms, geographical proper nouns, unusual foreign terms, and rarely used words. Similarly, space is not given to most paired words which are names for essentially the same things or concepts, but which have taken on distinct identities. (HOD)
VARIANT SPELLINGS
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PREFACE

The variant spelling problem is only one part of a greater problem facing every teacher of English and related fields, that of deciding what criteria to use in determining the appropriateness or "correctness" of a language form. In many instances logic, analogy, or tradition favors one while widespread usage favors another.

The material assembled here should be looked upon, first of all, as a record—a record of how present-day desk dictionaries are recognizing the existence of variant or secondary spellings for many common English words. The uses to which this record may be put will vary with the reader; it would be presumptuous, and also probably futile, for the compiler to suggest just how it should be used.

This material should have, however, implications for two groups: teachers of English, particularly at the high school and college levels, and authors of spelling lists and other materials to be used in the teaching of spelling. The teacher of English certainly wishes to keep himself as informed as possible about spellings sanctioned by current and reputable dictionaries; in addition, he must determine his own attitude toward the propriety of the use of variants so that his teaching of spelling will reflect modern usage and his editing of student writing will be fair. Some teachers are not aware of many variant spellings, perhaps because they do not have regular access to up-to-date dictionaries or are not very observant in studying the entries. Others might refuse to let their students use some commonly encountered variants because of personal preference, because of an excessive reliance upon the application of spelling "rules," or because of a well-intentioned effort to preserve what they as teachers feel to be the purity of the language.

The teacher who wishes to warn against the use of a variant is not always on safe ground when he relies upon that old standby "preferred spelling," for reasons other than the obvious one that a disputatious student might protest that the secondary spelling is the one he happens to prefer. For one thing, the fact that a spelling is placed first is no guarantee that it is preferred; if two spellings are equally acceptable, the dictionary
makers have to place one before the other. Also, as indicated in numerous points in this book, dictionaries are not always in agreement upon which variants should be included and which of two or more forms should be placed in first position.

Similarly, the problem of variant spellings cannot be disregarded by those who prepare materials to be used in the teaching of spelling. Should the spelling rule governing the doubling of a final consonant be exemplified by such a word as traveled when all of our students have seen travelled time after time in the most reputable print? Should a student fill out a practice sheet in which he is asked to add -able to use and be left with the impression that usable is the only acceptable spelling? Should a student be forced to study adviser from a list of "demons" when advisor is entered as an unqualified variant in all modern dictionaries?

The material assembled for this book will not, of course, provide satisfactory answers to all of these questions. In the teaching of spelling, some teachers, especially at the junior high school level, may not want to give too much information about variant spellings to their students, recognizing the possibility that for some of them this knowledge might serve only to make spelling seem even more troublesome and chaotic. It is not the intent of the compiler that these listings be used as material for direct teaching. Rather, he hopes that they will serve as readily available reference information and source material for the teacher, material which will reveal the existence of common variant spellings and record the unanimity, or lack of unanimity, found in the dictionaries. He hopes, too, that these listings will sharpen the reader's awareness of ongoing linguistic changes that affect usage, and thus help him clarify his thinking on the problem and aid him in being discriminating in his use and acceptance of variant spellings.

The original edition of *Variant Spellings in Modern American Dictionaries* was published by the National Council of Teachers of English in 1958. The justification for a completely revised edition lies in the fact that the dictionaries which supplied the data for the earlier edition must now be considered out of date and unusable for a serious examination of current practice. Two of the dictionaries used for the new edition, in fact, were not in existence in 1958, and the other three have been revised since that time. Desk dictionaries rather than unabridged dictionaries have been used for this edition, the assumption being that the average teacher will not refer to an unabridged, even when one is available, for routine checking of spelling.

The dictionaries used in this study, dictionaries that are accepted, I believe, as the most reputable and that are used most commonly, are the following:

For valuable assistance in the compiling of this material I am indebted to two of my colleagues at the University of Washington, William F. Irmscher and Eugene H. Smith.

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INTRODUCTION

To begin our examination of variant spellings, let us assume two situations, the first to show that the use of a variant can create a classroom problem, and the second to demonstrate the bizarre extent to which variant spellings can lead, especially when some esoteric words are used.

The possibility of teacher-student conflict over what words are to be called misspelled is ever present unless the teacher arbitrarily establishes one dictionary as the sole authority, an unhappy and impractical solution which might suggest to some students that other dictionaries simply duplicate entries or are unreliable. For example, one student writes that he always polishes his car with a shamois, and a second student, developing the same topic, writes that he prefers a soft cloth to a shamoy. Let us assume that the teacher, a compulsively conscientious type, takes the time and trouble to check the spellings in three modern desk dictionaries, AH, NC, and NW. He would find these three dictionaries in agreement: shamois is the main entry, with two variants (for the hide or cloth, not for the animal), chamois and chamois. The teacher would, of course, believe himself on safe ground in marking the two student versions as misspellings. What should the teacher do when the first student produces his SC, which gives shamowy as a third variant, and when the second student points out shamoy as an unqualified variant in RH? Some kind of graceful retraction would seem to be in order—at the very least, the "misspelled" labels should be removed.

For the second situation let us assume a student’s wanting to write this sentence (admittedly, the unlikelihood of its occurrence is transcendent): “In a cozy house caw: -cornered from the palace a finicky caliph, who maintained that a jinni had revealed to him the secrets of the cabala, spent much of his time smoking pataletas—sometimes kef—and training his...”

1 AH: The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language
NC: Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary
NW: Webster’s New World Dictionary
RH: The Random House College Dictionary
SC: Standard College Dictionary
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Let us assume also the even more unlikely situation that this student would refer to the five dictionaries under examination to check the spelling of the nine italicized words. He would find so many variants that he would arrive at the final version of the sentence only after deciding among the following spellings:


With these rich orthographic sources available to him, the student could write his sentence in 1,197,440 ways, with no two versions exactly alike.

The fifty-six spellings possible for the italicized words in this sentence are found in the five dictionaries as follows:

- **cozy**: first entry in all
- **cosy**: variant in all
- **cosey**: variant in NW, SC
- **coze**: variant in NW, SC
- **cozy**: variant in all
- **cosy**: variant in all
- **cosey**: variant in NW, SC
- **coze**: variant in NW, SC
- **cater-cornered**: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
- **cater-corner**: first entry (written solid) in NC; variant (written solid or hyphenated) in RH, variant (hyphenated) in AH, NW, SC
- **catty-cornered**: variant in all
- **kitty-cornered**: variant in all
- **kitty-corner**: variant in NC, NW, RH
- **catty-corner**: variant in NC, NW, RH
- **finicky**: first entry in all
- **finicky**: variant in all
- **finnicky**: variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- **finnicking**: variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
- **finnick**: variant in AH, NW, SC
- **finnicking**: variant in RH
- **finnick**: variant in RH
- **finnicking**: variant in SC
- **caliph**: first entry in all
- **calif**: variant in all
- **khalif**: variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- **khalif**: variant in NW, RH, SC
- **kalif**: variant in NW, SC
- **kaliph**: variant in NW, SC
- **khalifa**: variant in RH
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As one progresses in his examination of current dictionaries and accumulates samples of variant spellings, he finds many words he comes to think of as isolated examples, one-of-a-kind spelling peculiarities that seem unrelated to any other word or word group. But he also finds that for numerous other words he formulates categories into which these words fall, some categories reflecting certain matters of dictionary practice and others grouping together words related by form. Because large numbers of variant spellings can be most conveniently examined in terms of these categories, examples from the reference list have been selected and arranged on the following pages to illustrate such facets of the problem as conflicting first entry/variant status, variants found in only one dictionary, variant forms for plurals and several other kinds of derived words, and qualifying labels used in dictionaries with variants.

1. Lack of Agreement, First Entry/Variant

It is not surprising that the dictionaries often fail to agree on which form should be the first entry and which should be the secondary or
4 Variant Spellings

With words having several spelling versions, extracting the information from the dictionaries can sometimes be laborious. Here are two rather extreme examples, the second involving only four of the dictionaries:

- St. Vitus's dance: first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH
- St. Vitus' dance: first entry in AH; variant in SC
- Saint Vitus's dance: first entry in NC
- Saint Vitus' dance: first entry in NW
- St. Vitus dance: variant in RH, SC
- bogeyman: first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH
- boogeyman: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC
- boogyman: first entry in NW; variant in AH
- boogerman: variant in NC, RH
- boogyman: variant in AH

(SC has bogy and bogie as variants for bogey but no entry for bogeyman.)

Of particular interest are words for which all five dictionaries have two spellings with what might be called a 3/2 split. For every one of the following examples, the spelling in first position is the first entry in three dictionaries and the variant in two; the spelling in second position is the first entry in two dictionaries and the variant in three.

- all-around (adj) / all-round
- caldron/cauldron
- carousel/carrousel
- collectible/collectable
- damndest/damnedest
- descendent (adj)/descendant
- dumfound/dumbfound
- estivate/aestivate
- fingering/fingering
- folderol/folderol
- fjord/fiord
- gismo/gizmo
- grotesquery/grotesquerie
- hearken/harken
- hobo/hobos
- incrust/encrust
- kidnapped/pinging/kidnapped/pinging
- lady's man/ladies' man
- lubereous/lubercious
- maharajah/mahanjan
- maulstick/mahlstick
- mephistophelean/mephistophelian
- namable/nameable
- pixy/pixie
- pixy/pixie
- pious/pious
- pious/pious
- spumone/spumoni
- spray/supply
- thither/stither/stither
- upward of/upwards of
- vendor/wender

2 Variants Found in Only One Dictionary

The hypothetical case mentioned earlier of the student who polishes his car with a shamoy, a spelling found in only one of the five dictionaries, is by no means an isolated possibility. However plaintively some among us might protest that such a situation would not be permitted in a

2 The term "first entry" is used advisedly: it is a completely objective description of the arrangement of the words in an entry. Because there are unquestionably many words for which two spellings occur with almost equal frequency, "first entry" should not be equated with "main entry" and certainly not with "preferred spelling."
well-ordered and rational world, the fact remains that numerous "singles" can be found. In such a case, the likelihood of teacher-student argument over a "misspelling" is obvious. The samples listed below, indicating the single dictionary that contains the variant, are words of common enough occurrence to warrant inclusion of the main entry in all five dictionaries. The reference list includes many other examples—umphreth (4)/umteenth (1); cacciatore (3)/ caicciatore (1)—of less commonly used words for which at least one dictionary has no main entry.

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<td>alboreo/albcore</td>
<td>marshal/noun/marshal</td>
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<td>alergen/lallergin</td>
<td>momento/memento</td>
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<td>bail (to dip water)/bail</td>
<td>miniasule/miniscule</td>
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<td>bobby pin/boblic pin</td>
<td>mongoose/mungoose</td>
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<td>bony/honey</td>
<td>nicotine/nicotin</td>
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<td>broccoli/brocchi</td>
<td>ornery/ornery</td>
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<td>bulrush/bullrush</td>
<td>papier-mache/paper-mache</td>
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<td>canvas (noun)/canvas</td>
<td>paprika/paprica</td>
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<td>canvas (verb)/canvas</td>
<td>pastromi/pastroni</td>
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<td>cesspool/cespool</td>
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<td>comprize/comprize</td>
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<td>coolly/cooly</td>
<td>rarely/rarify</td>
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<td>cuckoo (silly, crazy)/coo</td>
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<td>dote/doot</td>
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<td>emblaze/imblaze</td>
<td>Santa Claus/Santa Claus</td>
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<td>spooky/spokey</td>
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<td>grass/growth</td>
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<td>granddad/grandad</td>
<td>supersede/supprede</td>
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<td>harebrained/hairbrained (RH)</td>
<td>swy-backed (adj)/sway-back</td>
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<td>haste/hustle</td>
<td>trampoline/trampolin</td>
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<td>heyday/heyday</td>
<td>translator/translator</td>
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<td>ideology/ideology</td>
<td>trestle/trelle</td>
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<td>jetsam/jetson</td>
<td>ukulele/ukelete</td>
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<td>lacy/lacey</td>
<td>unwieldy/unwieldy</td>
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<td>lagoon/laguna (AH)</td>
<td>upstairs/uptair</td>
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<td>lens/tense</td>
<td>yachtsman/yachtman</td>
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<td>leukemia/leucemia (RH)</td>
<td>yonqui/yogoo</td>
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3. Variants with plural nouns

Irregularities with some plurals have been such a persistent spelling problem that, not surprisingly, modern dictionaries are offering greater
numbers of variants for these noun forms. The reference list contains a few entries for certain types of plurals: nouns ending in f (dwarfs/dwarves; hoofs/hooves; wharves/wharfs); nouns ending in t (alkalis/alkalies; rabbits/rabbits; nails/naxies); and final consonant doubling (buses/busses; gases/gasses). Worthy of more detailed examination are three other plurals: for nouns ending in o, for compounds, and for “measurement” nouns ending in f.

Plurals of nouns ending in o

Although authors of handbooks and spelling manuals of a generation ago sometimes attempted statements resembling “rules” about plurals of nouns ending in o, modern authorities, if they mention the situation at all, usually restrict their information to the fact that the plural is formed with s when the o is preceded by a vowel. In older handbooks alternate spellings were sometimes acknowledged but with statements that, at least at the present moment, must be called unrealistic. For example, in the third edition of The Century Collegiate Handbook (1950), the statement “Add either s or es to these nouns” is followed by seven nouns: zero, cargo, motto, banjo, buffalo, memento, volcano. The statement carries the unfortunate implication that these seven nouns are not merely examples but are the only ones that have two acceptable plural forms.

Actually, the reference list yields a total of seventy-seven nouns ending in o with variant plurals. For twenty-nine of these, the five dictionaries are in complete agreement. The word in first position in the following list is the first entry in all dictionaries; the word in second position is the variant in all.

banjos/banjoes
buffaloes/buffalos
calicoes/calicoes
carries/cargoes
commando/commandoes
desperadoes/desperados
flamingoes/flamingoes
frescoes/frescos
gESSoes/GeEsoes
Grottoes/Grottoes
haku/haloes
indigos/indigoes
Lasos/lassees
Mangoes/mangoes
Mementos/mementoes
MESTizos/mESTizoes
Moriscos/Moriscoes
Mottes/mottos
Negrillos/Negrilloes
Palmettoes/palmettoes
Placebos/placeboes
Porticoes/porticoes
Provisos/provisoes
Salvoes/salvoes
Stilettoes/stilettoes
Tornadoes/tornadoes
Viragoes/viragoes
Volcanoes/volcanoes
Zeros/zeroes

The reference list also contains other words for which one or two of the dictionaries do not include a plural spelling; however, the dictionaries that do note the plural spelling agree on the first entry and the variant: bravadoes/bravados; dagos/dagoes; passados/passadoes.
There are, of course, instances of lack of unanimity in designating which spelling is the first entry:

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<td>dados</td>
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<td>didos</td>
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<td>variant in AH, R H, SC</td>
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<td>first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC</td>
<td>variant in RH</td>
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<td>AH, NW, SC</td>
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There are also a few cases of variants found in only one dictionary. The spelling on the left is the first entry in the dictionaries indicated; the spelling on the right is the variant in the single dictionary noted:

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<td>dados (all)</td>
<td>dados (RH)</td>
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<td>heroes (a large sandwich) (all)</td>
<td>heroes (RH)</td>
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<td>locos (AH, NC, RH, SC)</td>
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<td>tuxedos (all)</td>
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Plurals of compounds

The possibility of confusion in forming the plural of compounds is obvious. The Government Printing Office Style Manual, to exemplify its rule that “the significant word takes the plural form” (p. 66), recognizes five types of compounds: significant word first (brothers-in-law), significant word in middle (assistant attorneys general), significant word last (judge advocates), both words of equal significance (masters at arms), and no word significant in itself (forget-me-nots). The difficulty of determining degrees of “significance” has brought about the appearance in print of some alternate plurals, apparently often enough in reputable sources to warrant inclusion in modern dictionaries. The spelling on the left is the
first entry in the dictionaries indicated; the spelling on the right is the variant:

attorneys general (all)  attorney generals (NC, NW, R H, SC)
court-martial (all) court-martials (NC, NW, RH)
failings-out (AH, NC, RH) falling-outs (AH, NC, RH)
jack-in-the-boxes (AH, NC, NW, RH) jacks-in-the-box (AH, NC)
Johnny-come-lately (AH, NC, RH) Johnny-comes-lately (NC, RH)
lying-in (NC, RH) lying-ins (NC, RH)
notaries public (all)  notary publics (NC, NW)
poets laureate (all) poet laureates (AH, NC, NW)

A related problem occurs with a few solid compounds and also with some foreign compounds which show a conflict between the native plural and an Anglicized form.

bons mots: first entry in all  
bon mots: variant in NC

cul-de-sacs: first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC

culs-de-sacs: first entry in NC, RH; French in NW, SC

menfolk: first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
mefolks: variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

petits fours: first entry in all  
petit fours: variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

womenfolk: first entry in all
womenfolks: variant in all

Plurals of nouns ending in ful

The combining of a noun and full/ful to make a solid compound is by no means a recent development. Some dates from the OED are interesting: baggeful (1305), coppefulle (1400), spone-ful (1290), sponfull (1380), spongful (1425). The plural form armefuls appeared in 1579.

Writers are often warned against the obvious temptation to place the plural marker with the noun part of these ful words. “Nouns ending with full form the plural by adding s at the end; if it is necessary to express the idea that more than one container was filled, the two elements of the solid compound are printed as separate words and the plural is formed by adding the s to the noun” (GPO Style Manual, p. 66). NW explains one of the uses of the suffix -ful this way: “4. pl. -fuls the quantity that fills or would fill [teaspoonful, handful]: the plural is sometimes formed in colloquial usage by adding -s to the noun stem [cupsful].” The problem is also the subject of a Usage Note in AH after the -ful entry.

The late Philip B. Gove, the editor in chief of Webster’s Third New International Dictionary and Webster’s Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary, mentions these words in discussing the preparation of W3: “In any case,
from the late 1940s until the late 1950s the W3 editors were constantly paying attention analytically to problems of language behavior about which they felt they did not know enough. ... The editors studied functional change, objects of transitive verbs, logico-historical order, cardinal and ordinal numbers, interjections, attributive nouns, two-word verbs, reflexive verbs, and affixes of all types, which, incidentally, led W3 to recognize that words like basketful and cupful have variant plurals: cupfuls also cupsful and basketful* also basketsful, facts not recognized in either W2 or OED at cupful and basketful.*5 This development is noted also in the W3 definition of the suffix -ful: “number or quantity that fills or would fill ... sometimes after pl. nouns (bagsful).”

The number of -ful nouns with variant plurals is very small. NC offers nine, and AH with three is the only other of the five desk dictionaries that gives any medials variants. The spelling in first position is the first entry; the spelling in second position is the variant in the single dictionary indicated.

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<td>teaspoonfuls/teaspoonful (NC)</td>
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These words can serve, however, to point up a larger problem that can complicate the lives of writers and of teachers of English. When a new edition of a dictionary appears, there will be, inevitably and understandably, new variant spellings added and others deleted.4

The treatment of medials variant plurals for -ful nouns in the three available Merriam-Webster dictionaries (W3, NC7, NC8), while in itself of no great significance, hints at the decisions that lexicographers must make and illustrates again the possibility of teacher-student disagreement over authority for a spelling. NC7 gives two possible plurals for eighteen of

*An obvious typo for basketfuls. Incidentally, the reference list in this book does not contain this word. Although W3 gives the two plurals, NC has no plural for basketful.


*From the numerous examples that could be used, the following can serve as illustrations. Spinage, an unqualified variant in NC7 (1963), is not found in NC8 (1973). Supercede is a variant in NC8 but not in NC7. In the 1966 printing of SC whisky is in first position and whiskey is the variant; the order is reversed in the 1968 edition. In 1963 SC presents zapate as a variant for the main entry serape. In 1966 serape has become the first entry. A separate entry for serape reads “See serape,” which in turn refers the reader to serape, which definition ends with “also spelled serape,” with no mention of serape. The current edition does not contain serape.
these nouns; in each case the terminal-s spelling (armfuls) is in first position and the medial-s spelling (armsful) in variant position. But we find in NC8 that ten of these entries show no plural form, suggesting, of course, that the regular terminal-s spelling is the only possible plural. Thus NC8 gives no authority for the following spellings, all of which are unqualified variants in NC7: bagsful, bottlesful, forksful, jugsful, lapsful, platesful, pocketsful, roomsful, socksful, teacupsful.

Actually, for only eight of these words are the three Merriam-Webster dictionaries in complete agreement: armfuls/armsful, barrelfuls/barrelsful, cupfuls/cupsful, handsful/handsful, shovelfuls/shovelful, spoonfuls/spoonful, tablespoonful/spoonful, teaspoonful/teaspoonful.

For those laymen with even a mild curiosity about dictionary making, the following items may be worth speculating about:

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|                     | NC7: no entry  
|                     | NC8: no plural given  
| bottleful           | W3: bottleful  
|                     | NC7: bottleful or bottlesful  
|                     | NC8: no plural given  
| bucketful           | W3: bucketful or bucketsful  
|                     | NC7: no entry  
|                     | NC8: bucketfuls or bucketsful  
| lapful              | W3: lapsful  
|                     | NC7: lapsful or lapsful  
|                     | NC8: no plural given  
| pailful             | W3: pailful also pailsful  
|                     | NC7: no plural given  
|                     | NC8: no plural given  
| roomful             | W3: roomful  
|                     | NC7: roomful or roomsful  
|                     | NC8: no plural given  
| scoopful            | W3: scoopful or scoopsful  
|                     | NC7: no plural given  
|                     | NC8: no plural given  
| tableful            | W3: tablefuls or tablesful  
|                     | NC7: no entry  
|                     | NC8: no plural given  
| windowful           | W3: windowful also windowful  
|                     | NC7: no entry  
|                     | NC8: no entry  

4. Variants with Derived Forms

The formation of certain derived forms by the addition of a suffix to a base word brings up several spelling problems. A writer is continually
confronted by choices. He encounters an obscure vowel in an unstressed syllable and must decide between *-able* and *-ible*, between *-or* and *-er*. With words ending in *y*, should he change the *y* to *i* before adding a suffix? Should he drop or retain the terminal mute *e* of the base word? To form principal parts of verbs and some adjectives, should he or should he not double the final consonant of the base word? The uneasiness on the part of many writers over the apparent willfulness of many of these spellings has had a visible result, the presence in modern dictionaries of hundreds of variant spellings for words in these categories, further evidence that usage ultimately determines standards.

### Adjectives in *-able, -ible*

The suffix *-able* is a useful form that, because it can be added to any transitive verb, gives us an open-ended source of new words. In addition, its use in words like *impressionable, sizable, fashionable, clubbable, and jeepable* shows that it has a wide range of origins and meanings. The consequence, that present-day English uses *-able* more than *-ible*, provides the only help, certainly minimal and unreliable, when a hit-or-miss choice must be made.

Forty-four of these adjectives are included in the reference list of variants. Seven of these should be noted; they are words apparently used often enough to be included in all five dictionaries, with all five giving first position to the *-able* spelling and offering *-ible* as a variant: *addable, ascendable, condensable, extractable, ignitable, includable, preventable.*

As would be expected, other examples show that not all of the dictionaries have included the first entry and/or the variant. The spelling on the left is the first entry in the dictionaries indicated; the spelling on the right is the variant.

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With the *-able/-ible* adjectives, only three frequently encountered words show lack of agreement among the dictionaries on first entry/variant status:

- **collectible**: first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW, SC
- **collectable**: first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, NC, RH
- **discussible**: first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
- **discussable**: first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH
- **transmittable**: first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW
- **transmittible**: first entry in NW; variant in AH, RH
There are two examples of words in which the -able/ible problem and the doubled consonant problem come together:

inferable: first entry in all
inferible: variant in NC, RH
inferible: variant in RH

referable: first entry in all
referible: variant in NW, RH, SC
referible: variant in NW, SC

Agent nouns, -or/-er

Slightly more than one hundred agent nouns (verb derivative indicating one who does something) have been selected from the five desk dictionaries to show the prevalence of variant -or/-er spellings. Of this total, only fifteen are "singles," variants found in only one dictionary (see entries in the reference list for consecrator, payer, translator).

Twenty-nine of these words are extracted from the list and grouped here for examination, since they are words used often enough to warrant entries in all five dictionaries. For seventeen of these, all five dictionaries give the variant. The spelling in first position is the first entry in all dictionaries; the spelling in second position is the variant in all dictionaries.

abettor/abetter
desecrater/desecrator
adapter/adaptor
inflicter/inflictor
adviser/advisor
interceptor/interceptor
barrator/barrater
mortgager/mortgager
conjuror/conjuror
resor/visor
mortgagor/mortgager
connector/connecter
revisor/revisor
barrater/barrater
mortgager/mortgager

For the remaining twelve, all but one of the dictionaries give the variant; that particular dictionary is indicated in parentheses following the variant.

addresser/addressor (not NC)
dissipater/dissipator (not NC)
animator/animate (not NC)
exhibitor/exhibitor (not NC)
consignor/consignor (not NC)
expediter/expeditor (not NW)
converter/convertor
neglector/neglector (not NC)
disruptor/disruptor (not NC)
revisor/revisor (not RH)

Of the relatively few instances of lack of agreement among the dictionaries on the first entry/variant status of agent nouns, the following fairly common words should be noted:

bettor (one who bets): first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
better: first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
contradictor: first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
contradictor: first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

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distrainor: first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW

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distrainor: first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
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exactor: first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
exacter: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
institutor: first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
instituter: first entry in NC, NW, variant in RH, SC
interpolater: first entry in RH, SC; variant in NW, RH, SC
interpolator: first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
stimulates: first entry in AN, NW, SC; variant in RH
stimulator: first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
suppressor: first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
supressor: first entry in AH, SC; variant in RH
vendor: first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
vender: first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

Variants with y words

The existence of many variants involving y attests to the uneasiness spellers have felt about y or i before certain suffixes, about y or ie as the final syllable in nouns like deary/dearie, and about y or cy as a suffix in adjectives like choosy/choosey.

When the base word ends in y (and in a few instances in i or ie), the addition of a suffix has given us several words for which the dictionaries report variants. For nine commonly used words, the first entries and variants are found in all five of the dictionaries:

countrified/countryfied
daily/daily
drier/drier
flier/flier
fryer/frier
gaiety/gayety
honeyed/honied
pally/gally
shady/shady
Dryly/drily
Honeyed/honied
Pally/gally
Shady/shady

For a few words of this type, interesting cases of apparent inconsistency can be found. Although all five dictionaries list the variant drily, four give shily and only two give shidy. The dictionaries agree in making flier and prier the first entries and flyer and pryer the secondary spellings, but the arrangement is reversed with fryer, the first entry, and frier, the variant.

The treatment of some comparative and superlative forms of adjectives is also worth noting:

drier, -est: first entry in all
dryer, -est: unqualified in AH; “occasionally” in SC
drier, -est: first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
dryer, -est: first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC
shier, -est: first entry in RH, variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
shyer, -est: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
shyer, -est: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
slyer, -esi: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
sprier, -est: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
spryer, -est: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
wrier, -est: first entry in AH, SC
wrier, -est: variant in AH, SC

And a rather careful reading of dictionary entries is required to discover the spelling distinction made between two agent nouns derived...
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from dry. For the meaning "something that dries, such as a substance added to paint or varnish," the first entry is drier and the variant is dryer in all five dictionaries. But for the meaning "an apparatus for drying something, such as the hair or clothes," dryer is the first entry in four and the variant in one, while drier is the first entry in one and the variant in four.

The reference list contains about two dozen nouns ending in the ic/y suffix, most of them (but not all) being familiar or affectionate terms illustrating the two usual meanings of this suffix: "small, little" (piggy/piggie), or "one that is as specified" (sharpie/sharpy). Since several of these words are of fairly recent coinage and evidently of limited occurrence, one or more of the dictionaries have no entry for some. Here are a few samples:

dear: first entry in All, NW, RH, SC
girly: first entry in NC, NW, RH
granny: first entry in all
hippie: first entry in All, NC, NW, RH
kooky: first entry in all
oldie: first entry in NC, NW
pinkie: first entry in all
walkie-talkie: first entry in all

dearie: variant in All, NW, RH, SC
girly: variant in NC, NW
gannie: variant in all
hippy: variant in All, NC, NW, RH
junky: variant in All, NC, NW, SC
kookie: variant in NC, NW, RH
oldy: variant in NC, NW
pinky: variant in all
walky-talky: variant in All, NW, RH, SC

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kookie: variant in NC, NW, RH
oldy: variant in NC, NW
pinky: variant in all
walky-talky: variant in All, NW, RH, SC

kiddy: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
kiddle: first entry in NC: variant in AH, NH, RH, SC
nightie: first entry in NC, NW, RH
nighty: first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
smoothie: first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
smoothy: first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH, SC

For the adjective suffix y with the general meaning of "characterized by, inclined to, somewhat," all of the dictionaries acknowledge the ey variant suffix. (The ey form is, of course, obligatory in words like clayey.) The reference list contains thirty adjectives of this type. Listed here are those found in all five dictionaries, with the first entry indicated first and the variant indicated second.

choosy/choosey
cliquey/cliquy
dopey/dopy
drunkey/drunky
mousy/mousey
tweedy/tweedey

The same spelling problem occurs with a few nouns. See, for instance, flunkly/flunky, pokey/pokey (fawl), shimmey/shimmy, trolley/trolly in the list.

* Included in this list despite the fact that the y/ey is not a suffix. The origin of the word is unknown. All five dictionaries include the variant spelling for the noun use also.
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The variant spellings cagy, flukey, and stoney are found in all except one of the dictionaries. And, as would be expected, there are a few instances of lack of agreement concerning first entry/variant status:

- goosy: first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, SC
- goosy: first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW
- horsy: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
- horsey: first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
- piny: first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
- piney: first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
- plaguey: first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC
- plaqey: first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, SC

Variants with terminal e in the base word

The spelling “rule” governing the dropping or the retention of e when a suffix is added is of unquestioned value. The spelling of so many derived words is affected by it that the writer who is unaware of the general principle involved will certainly be crippled as a speller. But the teacher of spelling or the reader of student papers will be interpreting actual present-day spelling practice accurately if he remembers that modern dictionaries contain many secondary spellings that seem to violate the principle of dropping the e before a vowel and retaining it before a consonant. The reference list shows more than eighty variants for words of the final e type (not including the y/ey suffix words noted above).

It is true that some of the words in this group are derived forms of such limited occurrence that only one dictionary has the entry, such as raisable/raiseable, shameable/shameable. There are also a few instances of words which warrant first entries in all dictionaries but for which only one dictionary offers the variant, such secondary spellings as chargeable, gloeing, knowledgable, queueing, and tingeing.

Although nearly two-thirds of the words of this type found in the list involve the suffix -able, other suffixes before final e of the base word have given rise to variants. Some of the more common of these words are given below, with the spelling in first position the first entry in all dictionaries, and the spelling in the second position the variant in the dictionaries indicated.

- swing/swinging AH, SC
- bluing/bluening all
- bluish/bluish AH, NW, RH, SC
- cuing/cuing NC, NW
- dilettantish/dilettanteish RH, SC
- dilettantism/dilettanteism NW, RH, SC
- lineage/lineage all
- milage/milage AH, NW, RH, SC
- opnesh/opnesh NW, RH, SC
- pipaging/pipage AH, NC
- squeachy/squearchy all
- tingeing/tinging all

Any observant reader will certainly be aware of the prevalence of -eable adjectives in reputable print. The reference list contains fifty-five
Examples. Listed below are words of this group for which the variant is found in at least three of the five dictionaries. The spelling on the left is the first entry in the dictionaries indicated; the spelling on the right is the variant.

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Variants with base words ending in a single consonant

The spelling of hundreds of derived words is determined by the application of a rule requiring the doubling of the final consonant of the base before a suffix beginning with a vowel when three conditions hold:

1. The base word ends in a single consonant.
2. The single consonant is preceded by a single vowel.
3. The accent is on the last syllable in polysyllabic

7 The teacher who finds a kind of Mosaic certainty in the application of spelling rules should be cautioned again about the injudicious use of such expressions as "preferred spelling." Two of the dictionaries place the spelling "hateable" in first position, making "hateable" the apparent variant. The two spellings "namable" and "nameable" are found in all five dictionaries, two of which use the order "namable", "nameable". One dictionary that gives "unnamable" as an undefined derived form does not include the spelling "unnamable", and the one dictionary that derives an "able" adjective from the verb "graze" presents it as "grazeable" or "grazable." The rule-conscious teacher should also be reminded to read carefully the explanatory material in his dictionaries. In NC, for instance, ten of the two spellings from the list above are joined by or. In the explanatory notes (page 116), we are told that words thus entered are "equal variants. Both are standard, and either one may be used according to personal inclination."
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words. The complexity of the rule has led some to question its value, and the existence of many variants and irregularities can be used as further evidence that teaching the rule will probably have only limited success.

Most of the variants for words affected by this spelling rule are found with the principal parts of regular verbs. Although there are variants in the reference list for about three dozen derived nouns and adjectives, the variant -ed, -ing verb forms total well over one hundred.

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A close examination of these verb forms reveals the predilection of one dictionary, RI, for the use of this label. Slightly more than thirty of the doubled consonant verbs are designated "British" by two dictionaries. In addition to these thirty, RI uses the label with over fifty other -ed, -ing forms when the other dictionaries give the second spelling with no qualification. RI is the only dictionary that attaches the British label to such commonly encountered spellings as tunnelled, dialled, equalled, focussed, labelled, labelled, quarrelled, revelled, signalled, totalled, travelled, and tunnelled.

Several quite commonly used words with the doubled consonant complication show that the dictionaries do not always agree on which spelling should be in first position. Another situation to note is that in a few cases the British label is attached by at least one dictionary to doubled consonant spellings which in other dictionaries not only are unqualified but also are placed in first position.

- bused: first entry in AII, NC, NW, SC; variant in RI
- bussed: first entry in RI; variant in AII, NC, NW, SC
- busses: first entry in AII, NC, NW, SC; variant in RI
- busses: first entry in RI; variant in AII, NC, NW, SC
- chaimaned: first entry in NC, NW, RI
- chaimanned: first entry in AII; variant in NC, NW, RI
- cornettist: first entry in AII; variant in NC, NW, RI
- cornettist: first entry in SC; variant in AII, NC, NW, RI
- counsel: first entry in AII, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
- counsellor: first entry in NC, RH; unqualified in AII; British in NW, SC
- diagrammed: first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AII
- diagrammed: first entry in AII; unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RI

* Examples used here will show only the -ed form. When a dictionary gives a variant for the -ed form, it of course gives one for the -ing form also.
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hiccuped: first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC

hiccupped: first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

kidnaper: first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW

kidnapper: first entry in AH, RH; variant in NC, NW

kidnapped: first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC

monogrammed: first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in SC

monogramed: first entry in SC; variant in AH

monometalism: first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC

monometalism: first entry in SC; variant in AH

nonplused: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

nonplussed: first entry in NC; unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH


programed: first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW

protocoled: first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW

protocolled: first entry in NW; variant in AH, SC

5. Qualifying Labels with Variant Spellings

British

British preference is still apparent in the spelling of a few classes of words, but the unlimited exchange of all media has pretty well eradicated national distinctions. For most readers in the United States only a few words—perhaps cyder, kerb, gaol, tyre, waggon, for example—call attention to themselves. American television viewers addicted to older British-made films very likely do not notice that the J. Arthur Rank organisation is presenting the film or that the colour is by Technicolor. Thousands of American and British citizens see American Express Travelers Cheques, an interesting—planned(?)—union of cheque, distinctly and nearly exclusively a British form, and traveler, a spelling not found in the current edition of The Concise Oxford Dictionary (1970 printing of the fifth edition), the editors of which, apparently, still follow the admonition which Mr. Fowler included in the preface to the first edition in 1911: "In dealing with verbs such as level, rivet, bias, whose parts and derivatives are variously spelt, the final consonant being often doubled with no phonetic or other significance, we have as far as possible fallen in with the present tendency, which is to drop the useless letter, but stopped short of recognizing forms that at present strike every reader as Americanisms: thus we write riveted, riveter, but not traveling, traveler."

Although some national preferences will certainly prevail, it is to be hoped that all teachers will discriminate between regional preference and "correct" spelling, will realize that the "problem" is really not a problem at all but only an interesting orthographic situation best viewed in the
gently ironic light of Fowler's account of British attitudes toward -or/-our spellings.9

Further evidence that national spelling distinctions are lessening is seen in the fact that the British label is used quite sparingly in most of our modern dictionaries.10 Certain uses of the qualification might raise questions in the minds of those of us laymen who have no first-hand knowledge of the procedures, the standards, and the evidence used by lexicographers. Four dictionaries use the label with reflection; SC does not, although it does use it with deflexion, inflexion, and connexion. Why does RH call quarrette and septette British spellings but not octette, quintette, and sextette? With four American dictionaries placing aesthete, archaeology, and idyll in first position, why does SC call them British variants? Why doesn’t NC join the other four in designating medallist a British preference when it is the only spelling given in The Concise Oxford?

Such questions aside, here is a list of some common words about which there is no disagreement. Every dictionary that has the variant labels the spelling British. The starred words are found in all five dictionaries; the number following each non-starred word indicates the number of dictionaries having the British variant.

*aeroplane
*behaviour
*aluminium
*candour
*amortise (3)
*carburettor (4)
*analyse (4)
*annexe (noun)
*carbor
*andour
*armour

**The American abolition of -our in such words as honour and favour has probably retarded rather than quickened British progress in the same direction. Our first notification that the book we are reading is not English but American is often nowadays, the sight of an -or. 'Yankee' we say, and congratulate ourselves on spelling like gentlemen; we wisely decline to regard it as a matter for argument. The English way cannot but be better than the American way; that is enough" (H.W. Fowler, Modern English Usage, Second Edition, p. 428).

10As noted above in the examination of doubled consonants, RH uses the label more frequently than the other dictionaries. This tendency is particularly noticeable with the -ize/-ise verbs. The reference list contains only a few words – criticise, sterilise, utilise – for which there is general agreement. The list would be unmanageably long had it included all of the -ise variants found only in RH. In the "A" section, for instance, RH has entries for 36 -ise verbs, ranging from acclimatise to azolise. In addition to the "Also, esp. Brit." plus the -ise spelling at the end of most of the -ise entries, RH has, for every one of the 36 verbs, a separate bold-face entry for the -ize spelling. The spelling labeled British and the definition consisting merely of the -ize form. An examination of the "A" sections of the other dictionaries reveals that NC and AH have none of these -ise variants, NW gives only amortise, and SC gives (but not in separate entries) amortalise, Angloise, archaize, artherialise, atomise, and attitudinise. The Concise Oxford has no entries for nine of the verbs found in RH, for four it gives only the -ise spelling, and for the others it gives the two forms, in every case with the -ise spelling in first position.
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*colour
*connexion
*critical (3)
cyder (4)
deflexion (4)
demeanour (4)
dolour
draught
*enamoured
endeavour (4)
*favour
*favour
*flavour
*foul (in printing)
gool
genuflexion (4)
*harbour
*honour
*humour
*inflexion
*jemmy (4)
jewellery (3)
*kerb
*labour
*metre
misdemeanour (4)
mouldy (4)
*negligible
*odour
*pajamas
*parlour
*rancour
*reconnaisse (4)
*rigour
*rigour
*rumour
*septre
*spendour
*sterilin (3)
*stevine (4)
*tumeur
*tumeur
*utilise (3)
*vapour
*vigour
*waggan
whilst (4) ("Br. or Amer. Dial.")
in the fifth

Two other listings might be of interest here. The following secondary spellings are found in all five dictionaries. Four of the dictionaries label them British; the one dictionary that attaches no qualifying label to the variant is given in parentheses following the word:

defence (NC)
liquorice (RH)
litre (NC)
lastre (NC)
manoeuvre (RH)
medallist (NC)
mitre (NC)
mould (NC)
moult (NC)
plough (NC)
pretence (NC)
programme (NC)
reflection (SC)
savour (NC)
sepulchre (NC)
suplant (NC)
spectre (NC)
storey (of a building) (NC)

The reference list contains so many variants to which only one dictionary attaches the British label that extracting all of them and listing them here would be cumbersome. For illustrative purposes, here are a few. For all of these, four dictionaries give the spelling as an unqualified variant; the dictionary that uses the British label is identified:

acknowledgement (RH)
axe (SC)
disc (SC)
ermol (SC)
faugot (RH)
fauleation (RH)
full (SC)
fust (SC)
judgement (RH)
laitence-faire (NC)
ocht (SC)
oesophagus (NV)
onelette (SC)
pastelleicht (RH)
quartzite (RH)
sceptic (NW)

skiff (SC)
soulders (NV)
spilt (NC)
spirit (AH)
wainscoting (RH)
wiggon (AH)
willful (SC)
Other national labels

Another qualification occasionally found with a variant spelling, certainly one which should not be considered a serious restriction on its use, indicates a national preference other than British. The spelling *caflin*, an unqualified variant for *canyon* in three dictionaries, is identified as Spanish in AH and NW. One dictionary (SC) indicates that the following spellings are chiefly U.S.: *cigaret, glamor, handcraft, sirup,* and *wooly.* And although four dictionaries place *free* in first position and offer *froth* as a variant, RH makes *frow* the first entry and characterizes *froth* as "chiefly U.S."

Certain uses of the designation "French" with some spellings result in a few dictionary entries that could conceivably lead to arguments concerning the appropriate form to be used in the writing of a native-born United States student.

*ambience*: first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in AH, NW

*ambiance*: first entry in AH, NW; unqualified in NC, RH; French in SC

*hors d'oeuvres* (plural): first entry in AH, NC, NW; unqualified in RH (SC notes that *hors d'oeuvre* is "both singular and plural in French. An English plural, *hors d'oeuvres*, is also seen.")

*hors d'oeuvre*: first entry in RH, SC; unqualified in AH, NC; French in NW

*intransigent*: first entry in all

*intransigeant*: unqualified in AH, NC, RH; French in SC

*naive*: first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH

*näive*: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

*naif*: unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; "French, masculine form" in SC

*naïf*: unqualified in AH, NW, RH; "French, masculine form" in SC

Restrictive labels with variants

When our modern desk dictionaries are compared, two problems of interpretation arise: the use of a variant spelling for one meaning of a word but not for other meanings, and the use of a qualifying label with a negative force, a label which could raise doubts about the acceptability of a variant form. The first problem is complicated by the lack of uniform practice among the dictionaries in the recording of variants. An understanding of the cross references to a secondary or even tertiary definition for a word demands sometimes a patient and perceptive reading of definitions and careful attention to often inconspicuous superior numbers. Good examples from the reference list showing this difficulty of interpretation are the entries for *kola/cola, sanatorium/sanitarium.*

A user of SC may occasionally encounter an entry for a variant which leaves him with some unanswered questions. Here are two examples, reproduced in their entirety, for spellings not found in any of the other four dictionaries:

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leach /'le仇/ var of leech
nett /'ret/ var of net

The questions such entries give rise to are obvious. On the authority of NC may one write leach for any meaning of leech, for which NC has one noun entry with three numbered definitions, one verb entry with two definitions, and another noun entry with two definitions? And are we to understand that in British writing we might find nett used for all of the five separate entries for net? The Concise Oxford offers no enlightenment, since nett is not found in it.

The second problem of interpretation, the use of qualifying labels with certain spellings, could surely cause arguments between teachers and student writers, particularly on the not infrequent occasion when some dictionaries use a negative label with a spelling when others give the variant with no qualification.

The qualifying tags range from such neutral—and rather fuzzy—designations as “informal,” “sometimes,” “literary,” and “poetic,” to more explicit condemnations like “rare(ly),” “archaic,” “dialect,” “obsolete,” “nonstandard,” and “erroneous spelling of.”

Interesting clusters of qualifications are found with shortened or clipped forms of some everyday words:

all right: first entry in all
alright: “a common misspelling” in AH; “a disputed spelling” in NW; unqualified in NC; nonstandard in RH; “a spelling not yet considered acceptable” in SC
thorough: first entry in all
tho: nonstandard in NC; clipped form in NW; informal in RH; rare in SC
through: first entry in all
tho: informal in AH, RH; “var of through” in NC; clipped form in NW; “also spelled” in SC
tho: clipped form in NW; informal in RH

By way of conclusion, it might be helpful to list here a few spellings which might cause some uneasiness for a user who discovers a form given in one dictionary as an unqualified variant and given in another with a restrictive label attached:

ambassador: first entry in all
embassador: unqualified in NW; “archaic” in RH, SC
appraise: first entry in all
apprize: unqualified in NW, SC; “obsolete” in RH
acress: first entry in all
cress: unqualified in RH, SC; British in NC, NW; “archaic” in AH
choreography: first entry in all
   choreography: unqualified in AH, SC; British in RH; “rarely” in NW
clarinet: first entry in all
   clarinet: unqualified in RH; “rare” in AH, SC; “archaic” in NW
entreat: first entry in all
   entreat: unqualified in AH, SC; “archaic” in NC, NW, RH
frenzy: first entry in all
   frenzy: unqualified in AH, NC, RH; “rare” in SC; “earlier spelling” in NW
gullible: first entry in all
   gullible: unqualified in NC, RH; “rare” in NW
Hindu: first entry in all
   Hindu: unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; “archaic” in AH
hooves: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
   hooves: first entry in NC; unqualified variant in AH, RH, SC; “rarely” in NW
lackey: first entry in all
   lackey: unqualified in AH, RH, SC; “obsolete” in NW
mayhem: first entry in all
   mayhem: unqualified in AH, RH, SC; “earlier form” in NW
memento: first entry in all
   memento: unqualified in NC; “erroneous sp. of memento” in NW
minuscule: first entry in all
   minuscule: unqualified in NC; “erroneous sp. of minuscule” in NW
purl (knitting term): first entry in all
   purl: unqualified in AH, RH, SC; “obsolete” in NW
soigne: first entry in all
   soigne: unqualified in NC, RH; “Feminine” in AH, NW
sovereign: first entry in all
   sovereign: unqualified in NC; “poetic” in AH, SC; “literary” in RH; “rare” in NW
subtle: first entry in all
   subtle: unqualified in AH, NC, SC; “archaic” in RH; “rare” in NW
surprise (verb): first entry in all
   surprise: unqualified in NC; “rare” in AH, SC
unawares (adv): first entry in all
   unaware: unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; “archaic” in SC
vitamin: first entry in all
   vitamin: unqualified in RH, SC; “rare” in AH
woeful: first entry in all
   woeful: unqualified in AH, NC, RH; “archaic” in NW, SC
In the selection of the words to be included in the reference list, certain matters and procedures had to be determined quite arbitrarily. The basic intent, admittedly a very flexible guide, has been to provide a list including those fairly common words assumed to be in the active vocabulary of most adults, which the dictionaries offer as variants or secondary spellings, and which, consequently, could lead to questions in the mind of student or teacher concerning the propriety of and authority for certain spellings. Some other words of more limited occurrence have also been included, the justification being that serious observers of present-day English usages are interested in examples of language trends and in the methods lexicographers use to record spelling choices. The list would become unmanageably long if it included the hundreds of variants for highly technical terms, geographical proper nouns, unusual foreign terms, and rarely used words, interesting though many of these dictionary entries are—such bits of information, for instance, as the fact that the item defined as "a scarf wrapped around the crown of a sun helmet" may be spelled puggree (first entry in AH, NW; variant in NC, RH, SC); pugree (first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH); puggaree (first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC); pugaree (variant in AH, NC, NW, RH); or puggre (variant in SC).

Similarly, space could not be given to most paired words which are names for essentially the same things or concepts but which have taken on distinct identities even though some of the dictionaries often set up such entries in a manner that might suggest that the words are alternate spellings; e.g., "marzipan... also called marzipane." However, the list does include a few pairs of words (drought/drouth; transvestition/transvestitism) which, in spite of the clear distinction between their spoken forms, could possibly be thought of as spelling choices when written.

A second problem has been that of interpreting the dictionary recording of variants, a problem complicated by the lack of uniform
practice among the dictionaries. In general, six patterns are found. A given
dictionary may explain in its prefatory material that one pattern means
that the words are used interchangeably or nearly so, whereas another
pattern means that the variant is less commonly encountered (the
distinction in NC between entries joined by or and those joined by also,
for instance). But in this list degrees of preference are not noted. True, the
list does show that for many pairs of words the dictionaries have not
agreed on which one should be placed in the first position. But to go
beyond this and attempt to record varying degrees of occurrence or
preference would so complicate the material as to discourage its use as a
record of those spellings which the dictionaries present, with or without
qualifications, as variants.

In the reference list an entry will have a part-of-speech designation
when that information is pertinent. Similarly, a definition is given for
certain entries when it is necessary to note that a variant may be
authorized for one meaning but not for another. Thus banisteret, defined as
“a small banner,” carries the variant banisterette in all five dictionaries. The
definition is needed because none of the dictionaries show the variant for
another meaning for banisteret. “A knight . . . entitled to lead vassals
under his own banner.”

Words have been included in this list if they are found in one or more
of the five dictionaries under the following patterns:

1. Two words are found together in heavy type at the head of the
   entry.
   
   cutlass, cutlas (NW)
   cutlass, also cutlas (NC)

2. The second spelling is found, usually in distinctive type, at the
   end of the entry. The dictionaries use various methods of indicating
   whether a variant entered this way applies to all of the meanings of the
   main entry or to only certain of the meanings.

   dishabille . . . Also, despabile (R1)
   cipher . . . Also spelled cypher (SC)

3. Plurals of nouns, principal parts of verbs, and comparative and
   superlative forms of adjectives are found in their normal position following
   the main entry.

   cargo . . . pl., goes, go's (R1)
   travel . . . -eled or -eled, -eling or -elling (NC)
   cruel . . . -er or -llng, -erest or -llst (SC)

4. A second spelling, although sometimes not noted with the main
   entry, will be found in its alphabetical position and explained in such a way
   that it clearly has the sole function of serving as a variant for the main
   entry.
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despatch . . . var of dispatch (NC)
indorse . . . same as enclose (NW)
blameable . . . blamable (Rh)

(5) Undefined derived forms are entered side by side, usually at the end of the entry for the base word.

ignite . . . ignitable, ignitible adj. igniter, *Mor ri. (All)
smoke . . . smokeable adj. (NW)
trimester . . . trimestral, trimestrial adj. (Rh)

(6) A word may be a variant for one word and also be the main entry for other meanings. For instance, NW has an entry for revue (“a type of musical show”) with no variant indicated. But the entry for review, which has nine numbered definitions for the noun, includes the following: “8. same as REVUE.”

The words presented in this list have been studied to determine the number of dictionaries giving the variant, the preference given one spelling over the other, and the qualifying restrictions, if any, placed upon the variant. For nearly all of the words it has not been difficult to decide which form a dictionary considers the more common spelling and which the variant. In those cases in which a dictionary gives both spellings separate entries in alphabetical position, the form which is used to define the other, and which nearly always turns out to be the form carrying the more extensive grammatical and etymological information and definitions, is assumed to be the first or main entry.

If any information that can be interpreted as a qualification restricting the use of a variant is given, that information follows the variant entry. Slang and colloquial designations have been disregarded as having no bearing on the problem of spelling, and the occasionally encountered “sometimes” or “sometimes spelled” has not been interpreted as a restrictive qualification. But such labels as British, U.S., dialectic., provincial, rare, archaic, less correctly, and erroneously have been noted after the variant entry.

How to Use the Reference List

In the list that follows, there are three possible arrangements for the words.

1. When there is no disagreement among dictionaries as to which is the first entry and which is the variant, the first entry is flush with the left margin, and the variant or variants follow on the same line.

curtsy first entry in all; curtey variant in all
riposte first entry in all; ripost variant in All, NW, Rh, SC
pilaf first entry in all; pilaw variant in All, NC, NW, SC.
pilau variant in All, NW, SC
curvy first entry in NC, NW, Rh; curvey variant in Rh
II. When the dictionaries do not agree on which is the first entry and which the variant, or on the use of a qualifying label, the spelling in first position in most of the dictionaries is on the left margin and other spellings are indented on the line below.

- **eyeing** first entry in All, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
- **eyeing** first entry in RH, SC; variant in All, NC, NW
- **ampul** first entry in NC, NW; variant in All, RH, SC
- **ampule** first entry in RH, SC; variant in All, NC, NW
- **ampoule** first entry in All; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

Additional spellings which no dictionary places in first position normally do not occupy separate lines.

- **boesch** first entry in All, NC, RH, SC
- **borsch** first entry in NW; variant in All, NC, RH, SC; **borsht** variant in All, NW, RH

A second spelling is placed on an indented second line whenever there is lack of agreement on the use of a restrictive label.

- **distill** first entry in all
- **distil** unqualified in NC, NW; British in All, RH, SC
- **ambience** first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in All, NW
- **ambiance** first entry in All, NW; unqualified in NC, RH; French in SC
- **purl** (knitting term) first entry in all
- **purl** unqualified in All, RH, SC; obsolete in NW

III. A few of the items in the list are set up on two lines, both on the left margin, to show that a first entry/variant status cannot be determined. This situation develops with fairly uncommon words for which only two or four dictionaries have entries.

- **black marketer** first entry in NW, RH; variant in All, NC
- **black marketer** first entry in All, NC; variant in NW, RH
- **Pepperoni** first entry in RH; variant in NW
- **pepperoni** first entry in NW; variant in RH
Key to Abbreviations

AH: The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language (1973)
RH: The Random House College Dictionary (1972)
 abettor first entry in all; abetter variant in all

abridgable first entry in NW, RH, SC
  abridgeable unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH

abridgment first entry in all
  abridgement unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

absinthe first entry in all; absinth variant in all

absorbent first entry in all; absorbant variant in NC

abstractor first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
  abstractor first entry in NC

a cappella first entry in all; a capella variant in NC

accessory first entry in all
  accessory unqualified for noun and adj in NW, and for noun only in AH, NC;
  restricted to two legal uses in RH; usage note in SC: “Accessory is now the
  commoner form, in both general and legal usage”

accidentally first entry in all; accidentally variant in NC

accompanist first entry in all; accompanist variant in NW, RH, SC

accouter first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
  accouter first entry in NC: unqualified in NW; British in AH, RH, SC

accouterment first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
  accouterment first entry in NC: unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH

accursed first entry in all; accurst variant in all

acknowledgment first entry in all
  acknowledgement unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

acronical first entry in NW, RH, SC; acronycal variant in NW, RH, SC; acronym( variant in NW, SC

adapter first entry in all; adaptor variant in all

addable first entry in all; addible variant in all

addresser first entry in all; addressor variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

adduceable first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NW
  adducible first entry in NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

adjudger first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; adjuror variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

adjuster first entry in all; adjustor variant in all

admittable first entry in RH; admissible variant in RH

advertise first entry in all; advertize variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

adviser first entry in all; advisor variant in all
adz first entry in all; adze variant in all
ægis first entry in all; ægis variant in all
æolian (pertaining to or caused by the wind) first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
æolian first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
ærie first entry in all; æry variant in all; ærye variant in all; æryy variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
Aesculapian first entry in all; Esculapian variant in RH, SC
aesthetic first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
esthetic first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
afeard first entry in all; afeared variant in all
affair (a romantic attachment; a scandal) first entry in all
affaire unqualified in NC, NW; French in SC
aficionado first entry in all; aficionado variant in NC
afrit first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
Afrikaner (So. African of European descent) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in NC
Afrikander first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
Africander first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in RH
Africander (breed of cattle) first entry in AH, NW, RH; variant in NC
African first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in RH
Africaner first entry in RH; variant in AH, SC; "earlier form" in NW
afterward first entry in all; afterwards variant in all
agha first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; agha variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
aging first entry in all
ageing unqualified in NC, NW, RH; British in AH, SC
aglet first entry in all; aglet variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
à gogo first entry in AH, RH
à gogo first entry in NW; variant in AH, RH
à-gogo first entry in NC; a-gogo variant in NW; au gogo variant in RH
agouti first entry in all; agouty variant in AH, NW, SC
agouty first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, RH, and for 3 only in NW, SC
agriculturist (1. an expert in agriculture; 2. a farmer) first entry in all
agriculturist variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, RH, and for 3 only in NW, SC
aid-de-camp first entry in all
aid-de-camp unqualified in NW; U.S. in RH, SC
aigrette first entry in all; aigrette variant in AH, NW, SC
airplane first entry in all; aeroplane British in all
albacore first entry in all; albicore variant in SC
airplane first entry in all; aeroplane variant in all
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ampul / apprise

ampul first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
  ampule first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW
  ampoule first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

amtrak (military vehicle for land or water) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; amtrack
  variant in AH, NC, RH

amuck (e.g., "to run amuck") first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
  amuk first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

analogue first entry in all; analog variant in all
  analyze first entry in all; analyse British in NC, NW, RH, SC
  anapest first entry in all; anapest variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
  anchorite first entry in all; anchoret variant in all
  anecdotal first entry in all; anecdotalist variant in NC, RH
  anemia first entry in all; anaemia variant in all
  anesthesiologist first entry in all; anaesthesiologist variant in all
  aneurysm first entry in all; aneurism variant in all
  anglophile first entry in all; Anglophil variant in all, RH, SC
  aniline first entry in all; annin variant in AH, RH, SC
  animator first entry in all; animater variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
  annex (noun) first entry in all; annexate British in all
  anorexic first entry in all; anorexic variant in AH, NC, NW
  anted (past tense, past part.) first entry in all; anted variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
  antigen first entry in all; antigene variant in AH, SC
  antimasque first entry in NW, RH, SC; antimask variant in NW, RH, SC
  antitoxin first entry in all; antitoxine variant in RH, SC
  apologue first entry in all; apologue variant in SC
  apodeme first entry in all; apophthegm variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
  appall first entry in all
    appal unqualified in NC, NW, RH; British in SC
    appanage first entry in all; appanage variant in all
  apparelled, -ling first entry in all
    apparelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
  appendant first entry in all; appendent variant in NW, RH, SC
  appraise first entry in all; apprise variant in NW, SC
    appraise unqualified in NW, SC; obsolete in RH
  apprise first entry in all; apprise variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
aquavit / assenter

aquavit first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH

aquaculture first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW, SC

arabesque first entry in all; arabesk variant in SC

arbor first entry in all; arbour British in all

archipelagoes first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH

ascendable first entry in all; ascendible variant in all

ascendant first entry in all; ascendent variant in all

assertor first entry in AH, RH; variant in NC

(First entry/variant status cannot be determined in SC, which has a text entry for assertor and includes assenter as an undefined derived form in the verb entry)
assertable first entry in AH, SC
assertible first entry in RH; variant in AH, SC
asserter first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; assertor variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
assigner first entry in all
assignor unqualified in NC; legal sense in AH, NW, RH, SC
assure first entry in all; assure variant in NC, RH
astrakan first entry in all; astrachan variant in all
a enumeration first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
adenum first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
ostable first entry in AH, RH, SC; atoneable variant in AH, RH, SC
stopine first entry in all; stopin variant in AH, NW, SC
atte first entry in all; attot variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; attor variant in AH, RH, SC
attester first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; attestor variant in AH, NW, RH
attorneys general first entry in all; attorney generals variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
attracor first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
attractor first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
attributer first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; atributor variant in AH, RH, SC
aught first entry in all; ought variant in all
augmenter first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; augmentor variant in NC, RH
aunty first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; aunty variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
auricula first entry in all; auricula variant in all
autarchy first entry in all; autarchy variant in all
autoerotism first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
autoeroticism first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
autogiro first entry in all; autogyro variant in all
avertible first entry in AH, RH, SC; avertable variant in AH, RH, SC
avocados first entry in all; avocadoes variant in NC
avocet first entry in all; avocet variant in RH, SC
aw (pres. part.) first entry in all; awing variant in AH, SC
awless first entry in NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
awless first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW, SC
ax first entry in all
axe unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
axman first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; axeman variant in SC
aye first entry in all; ay variant in all
babu / barbed wire

B

babu first entry in All, NC, NW, RII; variant in SC
baboo first entry in SC; variant in All, NW, RII

baby’s-breath (herb with small flowers) first entry in All, SC; variant in RII
baby’s breath first entry in NC, NW
babies’-breath first entry in RII; variant in All, SC; babies’ breath variant in NW

baccarat first entry in all; baccara variant in All, NW, RH, SC

bach (to live alone and keep house) first entry in all; batch variant in All, NC, NW

backhand (adv) first entry in all; backhanded variant in NC

backstairs (adj) first entry in all; backstair variant in All, NW, RII, SC

backward (adv) first entry in all; backwards variant in all

backwoods (adj) first entry in All, NW, RII, SC; backwood variant in NW, RII, SC

baddie first entry in NC; baddy variant in NC

bagfuls first entry in All, NW, RII; bagsful variant in All
(Although NC7 has “bagfuls also bagsful” for the plural. NC8 shows no plural for bagful)

baguette first entry in all; baguet variant in All, NW, RH, SC

bail (to remove water, as from a boat) first entry in all; bale variant in RH

baklava (Middle Eastern pastry) first entry in All, NW, RII; baklawa variant in RII

baksheesh first entry in all; baksheesh variant in All, NW, RII, SC; backsheesh variant in All, NW, RII, SC; backshish variant in All, NW, RII, SC

balk first entry in all
bail (to remove water, as from a boat) first entry in all; bale variant in RH

baloney (nonsense) first entry in all; boloney variant in all

bandanna first entry in all; bandana variant in all

banderole first entry in all; banderol variant in all; bannister variant in All, NC, NW; bannerole variant in SC; banner roll variant in NC

bandolier first entry in All, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

bannister first entry in all; bannister variant in all

banjos first entry in all; banjoes variant in all

banderet (small banner) first entry in all; bannette variant in all

banns first entry in all; bans variant in All, RII, SC

banshee first entry in all; banshee variant in All, NW, RII, SC

banyan first entry in all; banian variant in All, NW, RII, SC

baptistery first entry in all; baptistery variant in all

barbed wire first entry in all; barbwire variant in All, NC, NW, RII
barcarole / beldam

_barcarole_ first entry in all; barcarolle variant in all

_bareback_ first entry in all; barebacked variant for adj and adv in NC, RH, and for adv only in AH, SC

_barefoot_ first entry in all; barefooted variant for adj and adv in NC, RH, and for adv only in AH, NW, SC

_bareknuckle_ first entry in NC, RH; bareknuckled variant in NC, RH

_bartone_ first entry in all; bartone variant in all

_bark_ (sailing vessel) first entry in all; barque variant in all

_barkentine_ first entry in all; barkentine variant in all; barkentine variant in RH; barkentine variant in RH

_bar mitzvah_ first entry in all; bar mitzvah variant in AH, NW; bar mitzvah variant in RH

_barracuda_ first entry in all; barracuda variant in NC

_barranco_ first entry in all; barranco variant in NC, NW

_barrator_ first entry in all; barrator variant in all; barrator variant in RH

_barratry_ first entry in all; barratry variant in NW, RH, SC

_barrel_ -ing first entry in all

_barrelled, -ling_ unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

_barrelful_ first entry in NC, RH, SC; barrelful variant in NC

_bastille_ first entry in all; bastille variant in all

_bateau_ first entry in all; bateau variant in NC, RH

_bastik_ first entry in all; bastik variant in AH, NW, SC

_battle-axe_ first entry in all; battle-axe variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

_battles royal_ first entry in AH, NC, NW; battle royals variant in NC

_bayonet_ -ing first entry in all; bayonetted -ting variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

_bazaar_ first entry in all; bazaar variant in AH, RH, SC

_bedeviled, -ling_ first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC

_bedevilled, -ling_ unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH

_Bedouin_ first entry in all; Beduin variant in AH, RH, SC

_bedward (adv) first entry in NW, SC; bedwards variant in NW, SC

_beef_ first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

_beefs_ first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, SC (All five specify beef as the only plural for the meaning "complaints")

_begorra_ first entry in NC, RH; begorra variant in RH; begorra variant in RH

_behavior_ first entry in all; behaviour British in all

_beboove_ first entry in all

_bebove_ unqualified in NC; British in NW, RH, SC

_beldam_ first entry in all; beldame variant in all
benedict / blooey

benedict first entry in all; benedick variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
benefited, -ting first entry in all; benefitted, -ting variant in NC, RH
benzine first entry in all; benzin variant in All, RH, SC
berm (ledge at the side of a moat) first entry in all; berme variant in all
bestrew first entry in all; bestrow variant in SC
bettor (one who bets) first entry in All, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
better first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
beveled, -ling first entry in all
bevelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
bhang (Indian hemp, hashish) first entry in all; bang variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
biased, -ing first entry in all
biassed, -sting unqualified in AIL NC, NW, SC; British in RH
biaxial first entry in all; biaxal variant in SC
bibliophile first entry in all; bibliophil variant in AH, NW, SC
bimetallism first entry in All, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
bimetallism first entry in SC
biretta first entry in all; biretta variant in AH, NW, SC; birretta variant in All; berretta variant in All
bisque (soup, ice cream) first entry in all; bisk variant in RII
bitable first entry in All, RII, SC; biteable variant in AH, RII, SC
black marketeer first entry in NW, RII; variant in AH, NC
black marketeer first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RII
blamable first entry in all; blameable variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
blather first entry in all; blether variant in all; blither (verb only) variant in NC
bleary-eyed first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in All
bleary-eyed first entry in All, NW, variant in RH, SC; bleaheyed variant in NW
blessed first entry in all; blest variant in all
blimey (British slang) first entry in NW, RH; blimy variant in RN
blindman’s buff first entry in all; blindman’s bluff variant in NW, RH
blintze first entry in NC, RII, SC; variant in All
blintz first entry in All, NW; variant in NC, RH, SC
blond (adj, noun) first entry in all; blonde variant in all
(blond and brunette, as adjectives, may be used of both sexes. As nouns, they are usually restricted to males. Blonde and brunette, as nouns and adjectives, are used only of females.)

blooey (e.g., “go blooey”) first entry in NW; blooie variant in NW
blowzy / boulder

blowzy first entry in All, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
blowzy first entry in NC; variant in AH, RW, RH; blowzed variant in RH, SC;
blowzed variant in RH; blowzy variant in RH

bluing first entry in all; blueing variant in all

bluish first entry in all; blueish variant in All, NW, RH, SC

boatman first entry in all; boatsman variant in RH

boatswain first entry in all; bosun variant in all; bo's'n variant in all; bos'n variant in
NC; bo'sn variant in NC

bobby pin first entry in all; bobbie pin variant in SC

bobby socks first entry in all; bobby sox variant in All, NC, NW

bogey (one over par in golf) first entry in all; bogie variant in NC, SC; bogy variant
in NC

bogeyman first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH

bogeyman first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC

bogeyman first entry in NW; variant in AH

boogerman first entry in AH; variant in RH; boogerman variant in NC, RH;
boogerman variant in AH

bogy (goblin, evil spirit) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

bogey first entry in NC; variant in All, NW, RH, SC; bogie variant in all

bollix (to bungle, botch) first entry in all; bollox variant in All, RH

bolognna first entry in all

bologna unqualified in NC, NW, SC; informal in AH, RH; bologna unqualified
in SC; informal in AH, RH

bombazine first entry in all; bombazine variant in AH, RH, SC; bombazone variant in
RH

bongos (drums) first entry in all; bongoes variant in All, NC, RH

bonhomie first entry in all; bonhomie variant in AH, NW, SC

bonny first entry in all; bonnie variant in All, NW, RH, SC

bons mots first entry in all; bon mots variant in NC

bonspiel first entry in all; bonspell variant in AH, SC

bons vivants first entry in all; bon vivants variant in NC

bony first entry in all; boney variant in NC

bootee first entry in all; bootie variant in All, NC, NW, SC

borscht first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC

borsch first entry in NW; variant in All, NC, RH, SC; borsht variant in All,
NW, RH

boskage first entry in all; boskage variant in all

bougainvillea first entry in All, NC, NW, SC

bougainvillaea first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

boulder first entry in all; bowlder variant in all
bourn / buckaroo

bourn first entry in all; bourne variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
bouzouki first entry in NC, NW; bouzouki variant in NC
Brahman (1. Indian caste member; 2. breed of cattle) first entry in all; Brahmin variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NC; and for 1 only in NW, RH, SC
brand-new first entry in all; bran-new variant in AH, RH, SC
brant first entry in all
brent unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
brassie (type of golf club) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; brassy variant in AH, RH, SC
bravadoes first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; bravados variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
bravoes (hired assassins, villains) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
bra vos first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
brazier first entry in all; brassier variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
breedcloth first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
breedscout first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
brevetted, -tised first entry in all; breveted, -tised variant in all
briar (a pipe made from briar) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
brier first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW
bribable first entry in all; bribable variant in RH
brier (a prickly plant, a growth of such plants) first entry in all; briar variant in all
brimful first entry in all; brimful variant in AH, RH
brinkmanship first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
brinkmanship first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW
briquette first entry in all; briquet variant in all
bristling (small sardine-like herring) first entry in all; bristling variant in NC
Briticism first entry in all; Britishism variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
broadax first entry in all; broadaxe variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
broccoli first entry in all; broccoli variant in NC
brokerage first entry in all; brokage variant in SC
bromide (chemical compound) first entry in all; bromid variant in SC
bromine first entry in all; bromin variant in SC
bronco first entry in all; broncho variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
brooch first entry in all; broach variant in AH, NC, NW
brunet (adj., noun) first entry in all; brunette variant in all
(See entry above for blond)
brusque first entry in all; brusk variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
buckaroo first entry in all; buckaroo variant in AH, NC; buckayro variant in SC
bucketfuls / bylaw

bucketfuls first entry in NC, NW, RH; bucketful variant in NC

budgerigar first entry in all; budgereegah variant in RH; budgereegah variant in SC; budgerygah variant in RH

budgeter first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

budgeteer first entry in NC

buffaloes first entry in all; buffalos variant in all

buhl first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

boule first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH; boule variant in AH, NW, RH

ballyrag first entry in all; ballyrag variant in AH, NC, RH

bullrush first entry in all; bullrush variant in NC

burn first entry in all; burn variant in RH, SC

bunco first entry in all; bunko variant in all

bunco first entry in all; bunko variant in all

bunco first entry in all; bunko variant in all

bunkum first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW, SC

bunco first entry in all; bunko variant in all

bursed first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH

bussed, -sing first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

buses first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH

bussed first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

bushwa first entry in NW; bushwa variant in NW

bussiinsky first entry in NC; buttinski variant in NC

button-down (adhering to conventional ideals, especially in behavior and dress) first entry in NC; buttoned-down variant in NC

by the by first entry in NC, NW, SC; variant in RH

by the bye first entry in AH, RH; variant in NW; bye the bye variant in SC

bye (a player not paired in an early round) first entry in all; by variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

bye-bye first entry in all; by-by variant in NC

by-election first entry in all; bye-election variant in AH, NC, RH

bylaw first entry in all; byelaw variant in NC, RH
cabala / camass  41

C

cabala first entry in all; cabbala variant in all; kabbala variant in all; kabhala variant in all; kabbalah variant in NC; kabbalah variant in NC
cabby (driver of a cab) first entry in all; cabbie variant in NC, NW, RH
cacciatore first entry in NC, NW, RH; cacciatora variant in RH
caddie first entry in all; caddy variant in all
cesarean (surgical operation) first entry in All, NW, RH; variant in SC
cesarean first entry in NC, SC; variant in All, NW, RH; cesarian variant in all; cesarian variant in All, NW, RH, SC

Caesarean (pertaining to Caesar) first entry in all; Cesarian variant in all; Cesarean variant in All, NW, RH, SC; Cesarian variant in All, NW, RH, SC
caesura first entry in all; cesura variant in all

caffeine first entry in all; caffein variant in All, NW, SC
caitan first entry in all; kaftan variant in all
cagey first entry in all; cagy variant in All, NC, NW, SC
caiman first entry in All, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
cayman first entry in SC; variant in All, NC, NW, RH

cairn first entry in all; earn variant in RH

caisson first entry in All, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC

caliber first entry in all; calibre unqualified in NC, NW; British in All, RH, SC

calibrat first entry in all; calibrater variant in RH

calicoes first entry in all; calicos variant in all
caliper first entry in all; calliper variant in all

caliph first entry in All, calif variant in all; kalif variant in All, NW, RH, SC; kalif variant in NW, RH, SC; kaliph variant in NW, SC; khalifa variant in RH
calisthenics first entry in all; calisthenics variant in All, NW, RH, SC

calk (noun: device on shoe to prevent slipping; verb: to furnish with calks) first entry in all; caulk variant in NC
calorie first entry in all; calory variant in NC, NW, SC

calypsoes first entry in NC, RH; calypsoes variant in NC
camellia / carotene

camellia first entry in all; camelia variant in NC
canalled, -ling first entry in all; canaled, -ling variant in all
canceled, -ling first entry in all
  cancelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in ALL, RII
canceler first entry in all
canaller unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RII
cancellation first entry in all; cancelation variant in ALL, NC, SC
candor first entry in all; candour British in all
canister first entry in all; canister variant in ALL, NC
  canikin first entry in ALL, RH, SC; canikin variant in RII
cantaloop first entry in all; cantaloup variant in ALL, NW, RH, SC
cantilever first entry in all; cantilever variant in ALL, RH, SC; cantiliver variant in ALL, RII, cantiliver variant in SC
canvas (noun: cloth, sails) first entry in all; canvass variant in NC
canvas (verb) first entry in all; canvass variant in NC
canyon first entry in all; calon unqualified in NC, RII, SC; Spanish in ALL, NW
caracul (pelt or fur of a karakul lamb) first entry in ALL, NC, NW, RII; variant in SC
  karakul first entry in SC; variant in ALL, NC, NW, RII
  canvasserai variant in all
caravel first entry in all; caravel variant in ALL; caravelle variant in ALL, SC
carbonadoes (Pieces of grilled meat scored before cooking) first entry in ALL, NW, RII, SC; variant in NC
carbonados first entry in NC; variant in ALL, NW, RII, SC
  carburettor British in SC
carcass first entry in all
carcase unqualified in RII, SC; British in NC, NW; archaic in ALL
cardamom first entry in all; cardamom variant in ALL, NW, RII, SC; cardamum variant in ALL, RII, SC
cargoes first entry in all; cargos variant in all
carnelian first entry in all; cornelian variant in all
carny (one who works with a carnival) first entry in ALL, NC, NW; carney variant in ALL, NC, NW; carne variant in NC, NW
caroleled, -ling first entry in all
  carolled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in ALL, RII
carrom first entry in all; carrom variant in ALL, NW, RII, SC
carotene first entry in all; carotin variant in ALL, NW, RII, SC; carotin variant in ALL, SC; carotene variant in ALL
carousel / cellaret

carousel first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
carousel first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC
camell first entry in all; carrell variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
cartography first entry in all; chartography variant in NW, RH, SC
cassava first entry in all; cassaba variant in all
Casbah first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
Kasbah first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
cashmere first entry in all; kashmir variant in AH, RH, SC
cassava first entry in all; cassa variant in AH, SC
cassette first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; cassette variant in NC

cassino (a card game) first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH casino first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
caster (for all meanings except "one who casts") first entry in all; castor variant in all
catalo (plural -oes or -os) first entry in AH, NW, SC
catalo first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
catalog first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC, both of which specify this form for library use
catalogue first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
catalogue first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
cataloguer first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

catawampus first entry in AH; cartywampus variant in AH

catchpole first entry in all; catchpoll variant in all
catc-cornered first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
catcorner first entry in NC; kitty-cornered variant in all; catty-cornered variant in all; cater-corner variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; kitty-corner variant in NC, NW, RH, catty-corner variant in NC, NW, RH

catharsis first entry in all; catharasis variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

cathode first entry in all; cathode variant in NW, RH, SC
caucused, -sing first entry in AH, NW, SC; caucussed, -ssing variant in AH, NW, SC
caucuses first entry in AH, RH; caucuses variant in AH
caulk (to make watertight) first entry in all; calk variant in all
caviar first entry in all; caviare variant in all
caviled, -ling first entry in all
caviled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
caviler first entry in all
caviller unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH

celosia first entry in all; celosia variant in AH, NW

cellaret first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
cellarette first entry in NC; variant in RH, SC
Celt first entry in all; Kelt variant in all
center first entry in all; centre British in all
ceramic (adj) first entry in all; keramic variant in NW, SC
cesspool first entry in all; sesspool variant in SC
chagrined, -ning first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; chagrinned, -ning variant in RH
chairmaned, -ning first entry in NC, NW, RH
chairmanned, -ning first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH
chaise longue first entry in all; chaise lounge variant in NW, RH
chaise longues first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
chaises longues unqualified in AH, NC, NW; French in RH
challis first entry in all; challie variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; chally variant in RH
chamois (soft pliable leather or cloth) first entry in all; chammy variant in all; shammy variant in all; shamois variant in SC; shamoy variant in RH
chamomile first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
chamomile first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW
chancellery first entry in all; chancery variant in SC; chanceller variant in NC
chancellor first entry in all; chancelor variant in SC
channelled, -ling first entry in all
channelled, -ling unqualified in NC, SC; British in AH, NW, RH
chantey first entry in all; chanty variant in all; shanty variant in all; shantey variant in all
chanticleer first entry in all; chanteeler variant in RH
chaperon first entry in all; chaperone variant in all
chapfallen first entry in all; chopfallen variant in all
chargeable first entry in all; chargable variant in RH
charisma first entry in all; charism variant in all
check (written order to a bank) first entry in all; cheque British in all
cheetah first entry in all; cheetah variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
cheroot first entry in all; cheroot variant in AH, SC
chiaroscuro first entry in all; chiaro-oscuro variant in AH, SC
chicory first entry in all; chicory variant in AH, RH, SC
chiffonier first entry in all; chiffonier variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
chiller first entry in all; jigger variant in all
chili (pod of certain peppers) first entry in all; chile variant in all; chilli variant in all
chili con carne first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
  chili con carne first entry in AH; variant in NW, RH

chimera first entry in all; chimera variant in all
chintz first entry in all; chints variant in AH, SC
chintzy (stingy, cheap, gaudy) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
  chinchy first entry in RH
chipmunk first entry in all; chipmuck variant in SC
chippy (woman of easy morals) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; chippie variant in
  NW, RH
chiseled, -ling first entry in all
  chiselled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
chiseler first entry in all
  chiseller unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH
chitterlings first entry in all; chitlings variant in all; chillings variant in all
chloride first entry in all; chlorid variant in SC
chlorine first entry in all; chlorin variant in SC
chlorophyll first entry in all; chlorophyl variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
chock-full first entry in all; chuck-full variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; choke-full variant
  in AH, NW, RH, SC
chock-a-luck first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; chuck-luck variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
chokker first entry in all; chukkar variant in all; chukka variant in NC
choke first entry in all; chokey variant in all
chorale first entry in all; choral variant in all
chorography first entry in all
  choreography unqualified in AH, SC; British in RH; rare in NW
chorused, -sing first entry in AH, RH, SC; chorussed, -sung variant in AH, SC
christy (skiing: high-speed turn, Christiania) first entry in AH, SC (capitalized in SC):
  variant in NC, NW
christle first entry in NC, NW
  (First entry/variant status cannot be determined in RH, since each word is entered in alphabetical position, defined “Christiania,” and capitalized)
chukker first entry in all; chukkar variant in all; chukka variant in NC
chute first entry in all; chute variant in NC
chutney first entry in all; chutnee variant in AH, NW, SC
chutzpah first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC
  chutzpa first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW; hutzpah variant in NC, NW, SC;
  hutzpa variant in NC
cider first entry in all: cyder British in AH, NC, NW, RH

cigarette first entry in all
cigaret unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; U.S. in SC

cipher first entry in all
cypher unqualified in AH, SC; British in NC, NW, RH

circumventer first entry in AH, RH, SC; circumventor variant in AH, RH, SC

ciscoes first entry in all: ciscos variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

citable first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; citable variant in NW, RH, SC
cithara first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH

cithara first entry in RH; variant in SC

citified first entry in all; cityfied variant in NW, SC

citrus (adj) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; citrous variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

cityward first entry in RH, SC; citywards variant in RH
civilize first entry in all; civilise British in NC, RH, SC
civies first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
civies first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

clamor first entry in all; clamour British in all

clangor first entry in all; clangour British in all

clarinet first entry in all

darunet unqualified in AH; rare in AH, SC; archaic in NW
clarinetist first entry in all; clarinetist variant in all

clerestory first entry in all; clearstory variant in all; clerestorey variant in SC
cliquey first entry in all; cliquy variant in all

cloistral first entry in all; claustral variant in all
closable first entry in NC, RH; closeable variant in NC, RH
closure first entry in all; closure variant in all
clubbable first entry in all; clubbable variant in all

clue (a hint) first entry in all
clew unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

clung first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
clueing first entry in AH, NC

clump (to walk heavily) first entry in all; clomp variant in NW, RH
coastguardsman first entry in all; coastguardman variant in NC, NW
coastward (adv) first entry in all; coastwards variant in all
coati mundi first entry in AH, NC, NW, variant in RH, SC
costimundi first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NW
coaxial (adj: having a common axis) first entry in all; coaxal variant in NW, RH, SC
cocaine first entry in all; cocain variant in AH, NW, SC
cocoa butter first entry in all; cacao butter variant in all
coconut first entry in all; coconut variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
codeine first entry in all; codeia variant in NW, RH, SC; codein variant in NW, SC; codeina variant in RH
cola (drink made from kola nut) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; kola variant in NC, RH
colander first entry in all; culender variant in all
coliseum (any large structure for public entertainment) first entry in all; colosseum variant in all
collapsible first entry in all; collapsible variant in AH, RH, SC
collectible first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW, SC
collectible first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, NC, RH
collodion first entry in all; collodium variant in AH, SC
color first entry in all; colour British in all
coloratura first entry in all; colorature variant in SC
combated, -ling first entry in all
combatted, -ting unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
comeuppance first entry in all; comeupance variant in AH, SC
Comintern first entry in all; Komintern variant in RH, SC
commandery first entry in all; commandry variant in SC
commandos first entry in all; commandoes variant in all
commie first entry in all; commy variant in NW, RH
compacter first entry in AH; variant in NC
compactor first entry in NC
complin first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NW
compline first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
comprise first entry in all; comprize variant in RH
concessionaire first entry in all; concessions variant in all
conchy (conscientious objector) first entry in NW, SC; conchie variant in NW
concocter first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; concoctor variant in AH, SC
condemner first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; condemnor variant in NC
condensable first entry in all; condensible variant in all
condom first entry in all; cuadurn variant in AH, SC
confectionery / coolly

confectionery (a place where confections are made) first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH
confectionary first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW
(first entry/variant status cannot be determined in SC. Each word is entered in alphabetical position, confectionery defined “confectioner’s shop” and confectionary defined “place where confections are prepared”)

conferee first entry in all; conferre variant in AH, RH, SC
confessor first entry in all; confesser variant in AH, RH, SC
confineable first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH, SC; confineable variant in AH, NC, NW, RH, SC
conjurer first entry in all; conjuror variant in all
connectible first entry in AH, RH; variant in NC
connectable first entry in NC; variant in AH, RH
connection first entry in all; connexion British in all
connector first entry in all; connecter variant in all
connexion first entry in all; connexion variant in AH, RH, SC
consecrator first entry in all; consecrater variant in RH
consigner first entry in all; consigner variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
constitutor first entry in AH, RH, SC; constitutor variant in AH, RH, SC
constructor first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
constructor first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, RH
consultor unqualified in SC (NC and NW have separate entries specifying this spelling for an adviser to a R.C. bishop)
consultor first entry in all; consultor variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
contradictor first entry in all; contradictor variant in AH, RH, SC; variant in NW
contradictor first entry in NW, RH, variant in AH, RH, SC
conveyor first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
conveyor first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC (All note that this is the usual spelling for the meaning “a mechanical apparatus for the transportation of packages, bulk materials”)
convictable first entry in RH; convictible variant in RH
coney first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
cooney first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
cookie first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
cooky first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; cookee variant in AH, SC
cookey first entry in AH, RH, SC
coolly (adv) first entry in all; cooly variant in NC
copacetic / crape

Copacetic first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in SC

Crape first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in SC

Coquet (verb) first entry in all; coquet variant in NC, NW, SC

Coquette (noun) first entry in all; coquette variant in NC

Corbeling (noun) first entry in all
Corbelling unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH

Corney first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
Corneyt first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

Coroneted first entry in NW, RH, SC; coronetted variant in NW, RH, SC

Corpuscle first entry in all; corpuscule variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

Correctable first entry in all; correctable variant in AH, RH, SC

Coquet first entry in all
Coquet unqualified in NW; British in AH, NC, RH; "sometimes" in SC

Corrupter first entry in all; corruptor variant in all

Corset (type of undergarment) first entry in all; corsette variant in NC, NW, RH

Covet first entry in all; covet variant in AH, RH, SC

Correlation first entry in all; correlation unqualified in NW; British in AH, NC, RH

Counselor first entry in all
Counselor unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

Counseled, -ling first entry in all
Counseled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

Counselled, -ling first entry in all
Counselled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

Countrified first entry in all; countrified variant in all

Courtinartired, -ling first entry in all

Court-Martialled, -Ming first entry in all; court-Martialled, -Ming unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH, SC

Court-martialled, -Ming first entry in all; court-Martialled, -Ming unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

Cruet first entry in all; cruet variant in all

Cruet variant in all; cozey variant in NW, SC; cozey variant in RH, SC; cozy variant in NW, SC; cozey variant in RH, SC

Crackerjack first entry in all; crackJack variant in all

Crampon first entry in all; crampoon variant in AH, NC, NW, RH, SC

Crampon variant in all; crampoon variant in AH, NC, NW, RH, SC

Crape (black fabric; symbol of mourning) first entry in NC, NW, SC; variant in AH, RH
Crape first entry in AH, RH; variant in NC, NW, SC; crape variant in all
crapehanger / curlicue

crapehanger first entry in AH, NW, RH; variant in SC
crapehanger first entry in SC; variant in RH
crappie (small sunfish) first entry in all; croppie variant in NW
cravish first entry in all; crawfish variant in all
crenelated first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
crenelated first entry in NC; unqualified in NW; British in AH, RH, SC
crepe (soft thin fabric) first entry in all; crêpe variant in all; crêpe variant in all
crepe (thin pancake) first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW
crêpe first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH; crêpe variant in AH, NC
crepuscule first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; crepuscule variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
crescendos first entry in all; crescendoes variant in NC
criticize first entry in all; criticise British in NW, RH, SC
critter first entry in all; crittur variant in NW, RH
crosier first entry in all; crozier variant in all
crueler, -est first entry in AH, NC, SC; crueller, -lest variant in AH, NC, SC
crueller first entry in all; kruller variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
crummy (cheap, inferior) first entry in all; crumby variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
crunch first entry in all
crunch unqualified in NC, NW, RH; "rare" in SC; cranch variant in NC
crystallize first entry in all; crystalize variant in AH, NC, SC
cuckoo (crazy, silly) first entry in all; coocoo variant in NW
cudgeled, -ing first entry in all
cudgeled, -ing unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
cuing (pres. part.) first entry in all; cueing variant in NC, NW
cul-de-sacs first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC
cuts-de-sac first entry in NC, RH; French in NW, SC
cumin first entry in all; cummin variant in AH, NW, SC
cummerbund first entry in all; kummerbund variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
cuneiform first entry in all; cuneiform variant in SC
cupfuls first entry in all; cupsful variant in NC
curaçao (the liqueur) first entry in all; curaçoa variant in all
curaçao first entry in all; curari variant in all; urari variant in AH, RH, SC; curara variant in SC; urara variant in SC
curb (edging of a street) first entry in all; kerb British in all
curette (noun, verb) first entry in NC, RH, SC, and for noun only in AH; variant in NW
curet first entry in NW; variant in NC, RH, and for noun only in AH
curlicue first entry in all; curlycue variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
curry (noun: East Indian dish, condiment; verb: to season with curry powder) first entry in all; currie variant for noun and verb in RII; and for noun only in AH, NC

curtsy first entry in all; curtsey variant in all

curvaceous first entry in all; curvaceous variant in NC, RII

curry first entry in NC, NW, RH; curve variant in RII

cut-and-dried (adj.) first entry in all; cut-and-dry variant in NC

cutie first entry in all; cutey variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

cutlass first entry in all; cutlas variant in all

cyankle first entry in all; cyank variant in AH, RH, SC

cyclopedia first entry in all; cyclopedia variant in all

czar first entry in all; tsar variant in all; tzar variant in all

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dadoes first entry in all; dados variant in RH

dagos first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; dados variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

damnedest first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC

damndest first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

dandruff first entry in all; dandriff variant in RH

daredevilry first entry in all; daredevilly variant in all

darky first entry in AH, RH, SC; darkey variant in AH, RII, SC; darkie variant in AH, RH, SC

darndest first entry in SC; darnedest variant in SC

dashiki first entry in NC; daishiki variant in NC

datable first entry in all; datable variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

deary first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; dearie variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

debonair first entry in all; debonnaire variant in AH, NW, RII, SC; debonnaire variant in AH, RH, SC

Decalogue first entry in all; Decalog variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

defense first entry in all; defence unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

deferrable first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; deferable variant in RH

deflection first entry in all; deflexion British in AH, NW, RH, SC

defuse first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH

defuze first entry in RH

delft (a kind of earthenware) first entry in all; delf variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
demagogue first entry in all; demagog variant in all
demarcation first entry in all; demarkation variant in AH, NC, NW, RI

demeanor first entry in all; demeanour British in AH, NW, RH, SC
dentin first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
dentine first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
dependence first entry in all; dependance variant in all
dependency first entry in all; dependancy variant in AH, RH, SC
dependent (noun) first entry in all; dependant variant in all
derringer first entry in all; deringer variant in AH, RH, SC
descendant (noun) first entry in all; descendent variant in NC
descendent (adj) first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
descendant first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
descendible first entry in all; descendable variant in AH, RH, SC
desecrater first entry in all; desecrator variant in all
desistance first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; desistence variant in RH, SC
desolater first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
desolator first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
desperadoes first entry in all; desperados variant in all
detectable first entry in all; detectible variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
develop first entry in all; develope variant in AH, RH
development first entry in all; developement variant in RH
devided, -ling first entry in all
devided, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
deviltry first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC
devilry first entry in NC; unqualified in AH, RH; British in SC
(NW excluded, since distinctions are made in the definitions. The entry for
deviltry is "1. reckless mischief, fun, etc. 2. Same as devilry." The entry for
devilry (labeled British) is "1. black magic, witchcraft 2. evil or diabolical
behavior, great wickedness or cruelty 3. Same as deviltry")
dexterous first entry in all; dextrous variant in all
dhout first entry in all; dhoot variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; dhootie variant in NC, RH;
dhuti variant in RH
diagnosable first entry in NC, NW, RH; diagnoseable variant in NC
diagramed, -ling first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
diagrammed, -ming first entry in AH; unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH
dialed, -ling first entry in all
dialled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
dialogue first entry in all; dialog variant in all
diarrhea first entry in all; diarrhoea variant in all
dickey first entry in all; dicky variant in AH, NC
didos first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
didoes first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
dieresis first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
diaeresis first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
dietitian first entry in all; dietician variant in all
diffuser first entry in all; diffusor variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
dike first entry in all
dyke unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
dilator first entry in all; dilate; variant in AH, RH, SC
dilettantish first entry in all; dilettanteish variant in RH, SC
dilettantism first entry in all; dilettanteism variant in NW, RH, SC
diluter first entry in AH, NC, NW; dilutor variant in NC, NW
diminuendo{s} first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; diminuendoes variant in AH
dinghy first entry in all; dingey variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; dinky variant in RH
dinkey (small locomotive) first entry in all; dinky variant in all
discernible first entry in all; discernable variant in NC, RH
disc jockey first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
disk jockey first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NW
discussible first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
discussable first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH
dishabille first entry in all; deshabille variant in all
disheveled, -ding first entry in all
dishvelled, -pling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
disk first entry in all
disc unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
dislikable first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; dislikeable variant in NC, NW, RH
dislodgment first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC

dismissed unqualified in AH, SC; British in RH

dispatch first entry in all; despatch variant in all
disrupter first entry in all; disruptor variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
disseize first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
disseize first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
dissension / doughnut

dissension first entry in all; dissention variant in NC

dissipater first entry in all; dissipator variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

distention first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
distension first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

distill first entry in all
distil unqualified in NC, NW; British in AH, RH, SC

distrainer first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
distrainor first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

distributor first entry in all; distributer variant in AH, RH, SC
dissyllable first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
dissyllable first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
divestiture first entry in NW, RH, SC; divesture variant in NW, SC
divestiture first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, SC
doctoral first entry in all; doctorial variant in RH
dodges first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
dodos first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC
doggerel first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
doggoned (adj) first entry in NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
doggone first entry in NW, RH; variant in NC
doggy first entry in all; doggie variant in all
dogle first entry in all; dogy variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; dogey variant in RH
doily first entry in all; doley variant in AH, NW, SC
dolor first entry in all; dolour British in all
domicile first entry in all; domicil variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
dominoes (1. cloaks, masks; 2. pieces of equipment used in the game of dominoes)
first entry in all; dominos variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, NW, SC; and for 1 only in RH
doomsday first entry in all; domesday variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
dopy first entry in all; dopy variant in all
dormie first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
dormy first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
dos-à-dos (figure in square dancing) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
do-si-do first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH
dote first entry in all; doat variant in AH
dottle first entry in all; dotted variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
doughfeet (infantrymen) first entry in NC; doughfoots variant in NC

doughnut first entry in all
donut unqualified in AH, NC, RH; informal in NW
douse (to immerse, soak) first entry in all; douse variant in all
dovecote first entry in all; dovecot variant in all
dowelled, -ling first entry in all
dowelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
downtown (adj) first entry in all; downstairs variant in AH, RH, SC
downward (adv) first entry in all; downwards variant in all
dowry (money, goods, estate of a bride) first entry in all; dowry variant in all; dowery unqualified in NW, SC; "rare" in RH
dowse (to search for underground water with a divining rod) first entry in all; douse variant in AH, NW, SC
draft first entry in all; draught British in all
draftsman first entry in all
draughtsman unqualified in RH, SC; British in NC, NV
drafty first entry in all
draughty unqualified in RH, SC; British in NW
drapable first entry in NC, RH; drapeable variant in NC, RH
dreadnought first entry in all; dreadnaught variant in NW, SC
driblet first entry in all; dribblet variant in RH, SC
drier (something that dries, e.g., substance added to paint, varnish) first entry in all;
drier variant in all
drier, -est (adj) first entry in all
dryer, -est unqualified in AH; "occasionally" in SC
driveled, -ling first entry in all
drivelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
drosky first entry in all; drosky variant in all
drought first entry in all; drouth variant in all
drier (apparatus for drying, e.g., hair dryer, clothes dryer) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
drier first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
dryly first entry in all; dely variant in all
duck (adj) first entry in all; duckie variant in RH
dueled, -ling first entry in all
duelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
duffel first entry in all; duffle variant in all
dullness first entry in all; dullness variant in all
56  dumfound / emir

dumfound first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW

dumbfound first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

dwarfs first entry in AH, NC, NW; dwarves variant in AH, NC, NW

dybbuk first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; dibbuk variant in NW, RH, SC

dyable first entry in NC; variant in RH

dyable first entry in RH

earthward (adj) first entry in all; earthwards variant in all

eastward (adv) first entry in all; eastwards variant in all

ebony first entry in all

ebon unqualified for adj only in NC, RH; poetic for adj. noun in AH, NW, SC

ecumenical first entry in all; oecumenical variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

edema first entry in all

oedema unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW

eerie first entry in all; eery variant in all

egad first entry in all; egads variant in NC

egg foo yong first entry in NW; egg foo young variant in NW

eirdrich first entry in all; eldritch variant in RH

effish first entry in all; elfish variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; elvish variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

(First entry/variant status cannot be determined in NC: elfish is an undefined
form listed at the end of the elf entry; elvish has a separate entry defined as
"1. of or relating to elves 2. mischievous")

embalm first entry in all

imbal unqualified in SC; obsolete in RH

embark first entry in all

imbark unqualified in SC; obsolete in RH

embarkation first entry in all; embarcation variant in NW, SC

embed first entry in all; imbed variant in all

embitter first entry in all; imbitter variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

emblaze first entry in all; imblaze variant in SC

embody first entry in all; imbody variant in NW, RH, SC

embolden first entry in all; imbolden variant in RH, SC

embosom first entry in all; imbosom variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

embower first entry in all; imbower variant in NW, RH, SC

embrown first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; imbrown variant in NC, NW, SC

emir first entry in all; emeer variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
Emmys (statuettes awarded for television excellence) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; Emmies variant in AH, SC
employee first entry in all; employe variant in all; employé variant in AH, RH, SC
empower first entry in all
  impower unqualified in SC; obsolete in NW, RH
emprise first entry in all; emprize variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
emu first entry in all; emeu variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
enamelled, -ling first entry in all
  enamelled -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
enamored first entry in all; enameured British in all
encage first entry in all; encase variant in AH, SC
encapsulate first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
  incapsulate first entry in SC; variant in AH, NW
encase first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
  incase first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
enclasp first entry in all; inclasp variant in AH, SC
enclose first entry in all; inclose variant in all
enclosure first entry in all; inclosure variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
encumber first entry in all; incumber variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
encumbrance first entry in all; incumbrance variant in NW, RH, SC
encyclopedia first entry in all; encyclopaedia variant in all
endeavor first entry in all; endeavour British in AH, NW, RH, SC
endorse first entry in all; indorse variant in all
endorsement first entry in all; indorsement variant in RH, SC
endow (ment) first entry in all; indow (ment) variant in SC
endue first entry in all; indue variant in all
enfold first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
  infold first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
engraft first entry in all; ingraft variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
engulf first entry in all; ingulf variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
enjambment first entry in all; enjambment variant in all
enlace first entry in all; inlace variant in AH, NW, SC
enmesh first entry in all
  immesh unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; archaic in NW; immesh variant in NW, RH, SC
enplane first entry in all; emplane variant in AH, NC, NW
enroll first entry in all
    enrol unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
enrollment first entry in all; enrolment variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
ensheathe first entry in NC, NW, RH
    insheath first entry in SC; variant in NC, RH; ensheath variant in RH;
    ensheath variant in RH
enshrine first entry in all; inshrioe variant in AH, RH, SC
ensnare first entry in all; insnare variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
ensoul first entry in all; insoul variant in all
ensphere first entry in all; insphere variant in all
ensure (to make sure or certain) first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
    insure first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
enswathe first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; inswate variant in RH, SC
enthrall first entry in all; enthral variant in all; inthriall variant in AH, NW, RH, SC;
    intbral variant in NW, RH, SC
enthrone first entry in all; inthrone variant in AH, RH, SC
entitle first entry in all; intitle variant in NW, RH, SC
entomb first entry in all; intomb variant in RH, SC
entreat first entry in all
    intreat unqualified in AH, SC; archaic in NC, NW, RH
entrench first entry in all; intrench variant in all
entrust first entry in all; intrust variant in all
entwine first entry in all; intwine variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
entwist first entry in all; intwist variant in AH, RH, SC
envoy (closing lines of a poem, essay, etc.) first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
    envoi first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
enwind first entry in all; inwind variant in AH, RH, SC
enwrap first entry in all; inwrap variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
enwreathe first entry in all; inwreathe variant in AH, RH, SC
enzyme first entry in all; enzymb variant in SC
eon (an indefinitely long period of time; an age) first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
    aeon first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
(The three dictionaries—AH, RH, SC—giving the specific meaning, "a division of geologic time comprising two or more eras," for this word agree in listing eon as first entry and aeon as variant for this definition)
epaulet / eviler, -est

epaulet first entry in all; epaulette variant in all
ephedrine first entry in all; ephedrin variant in SC
epilogue first entry in all; epilog variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
epithalamium first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
epithalamion first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
equaled, -ling first entry in all
  equalled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC: British in RH
equivoque first entry in all; equivoke variant in all
erector first entry in all; erecter variant in AH, RH, SC
eroticism first entry in all
erotism unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; “Psychoanal.” in SC
esker first entry in all; eskar variant in NW, RH, SC; eschar variant in AH; eschar variant in NC
Eskimo first entry in all; Esquimau variant in all
epilepsy rust entry in all; escher variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
esophagus first entry in all
  oesophagus unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW
espresso first entry in all; expresso variant in NW
estivate first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
estivate first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
estrogen first entry in all
  oestrogen variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
et cetera first entry in all; et caetera variant in AH, SC
ether (the upper regions; the heavens) first entry in all
  aether variant in AH, NW, RH, SC (in AH the latter spelling is offered as a variant for all meanings of ether)
etheral first entry in all; aetheral variant in AH, NW, RH
  (The three containing the spelling aetheral do not agree on its status. RH offers this form for all meanings except the chemical, “pertaining to . . . ethyl ether.” AH indicates that its use is restricted to the chemical meaning. In NW the separate entry, defined “same as aetheral,” suggests that the variant applies to all meanings)
etiology first entry in all; aetiology variant in all
eucalyptus first entry in all
  eucalyp unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; rare in AH
Euclidean first entry in all; Euclidian variant in all
eurythmics first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
eurhythms first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
evadable first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; evadible variant in AH, SC
eviler, -est first entry in NC; eviller, -lest variant in NC
exactor / falderal

exactor first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
exactor first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

exceptor first entry in NC, RH; excerptor variant in NC, RH

excludable first entry in all; excludible variant in AH, NC, RH

exhalant first entry in all; exhalent variant in AH, NC, RH

exhibitor first entry in all; exhibitor variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

exorcise first entry in all; exorcise variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

exoticism first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; exotism variant in NC

expandable first entry in NC, NW, RH; expandible variant in RH

expediter first entry in all; expediter variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

expellant first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; expellant variant for: adj and noun in NW, RH, SC, and for adj only in AH

expresser first entry in all; expressor variant in RH

expressible first entry in all; expressible variant in RH

extendible first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
extendable first entry in NC; variant in RH

extern first entry in all; externe variant in AH, NC, SC

extol first entry in all; extoll variant in all

extractable first entry in all; extractible variant in all

extroversion first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
extraversion first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

extrovert first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
extravert first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

eying first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
eying first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW

F

faceted first entry in all
facetted unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

fagot first entry in all
faggot unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

faggoting first entry in all
faggoting unqualified in AH, NC, SC; British in RH; faggoting variant in NW

fakir first entry in all; fakeer variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

falderal first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
folderol first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC; folderol variant in AH, RH, SC
faltboat first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW

foldboat first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

fantasy first entry in all; phantasy variant in all

farcé (cooking: "stuffed") first entry in NC, RH; farcée variant in NC

fatses first entry in NC; variant in RH
fatsos first entry in RH

favor first entry in all; favour British in all

faze first entry in all; feaze variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; freeze variant in AH, NW, SC; feze variant in AH, SC

fezes first entry in all; feaces variant in all

feldspar first entry in all
feldspar unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

femininity first entry in all; femininity variant in NC, RH

ferule first entry in all; ferula variant in all

fervor first entry in all; fervour British in all

feld first entry in all; foetid variant in all

fetish first entry in all; felish variant in all

fetus first entry in all; foetus variant in all

fezes first entry in all; fezes variant in NC

fiascoes first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in PH
fiascos first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

fiber first entry in all
fibre unqualified in NC, NW, RH; British in AH, SC

filigree first entry in all; filigree variant in AH, RH, SC; filagree variant in AH, RH, SC

fillet (noun: thin boneless slice of meat; verb: to cut fillets from) first entry in all; fillet variant for the above noun and verb definitions in AH, NW, RH, SC; and for the noun definition only in NC

filterable first entry in all; filtrable variant in all

finable first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; fineable variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

finagle first entry in all; fenagle variant in AH, NW

fine-toothed comb first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in RH
fine-tooth comb first entry in NC, RH; variant in NW, SC

finicky first entry in all; finical variant in all; finnicky variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; finicking variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; flinck variant in AH, NW, SC; flincking variant in RH; flincking variant in SC

fjord first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW, SC
fjord first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, NC, RH
flak first entry in all; flack variant in NC, RH
flamingos first entry in all; flamingoos variant in all
flanneled, -ling first entry in AH, NW, RH
flanellled, -fling unqualified in AH, NW; British in RH
flannelette first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
flannelt. first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
flatfoots (policemen) first entry in AH, NW, RH; variant in NC
flatfeet first entry in NC
flavor first entry in all; flavour British in all
flection (the act of bending; the state of being bent; a bend or bent part) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
flexion first entry in NC; unqualified in NW; British in AH, RH, SC
fledgling first entry in all
fledgling unqualified in AH, SC; British in NW, RH
flense first entry in all; flinch variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; flinch variant in RH
fleur-de-lis (1. heraldic device; 2. the iris) first entry in all; fleur-de-lys variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, NW, SC; and for 1 only in RH
flexion (anatomy: the bending of a limb by means of the flexor muscles) first entry in all; flexion variant in all
flier first entry in all; flyer variant in all
floozy first entry in all; floozie variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; floozy variant in NW, SC; floosie variant in NW
fioriated first entry in all; floiated variant in AH, RH, SC
flotation first entry in all; floatage variant in all
flotation first entry in all
fotation unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
flügelhorn first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
fluegelhorn first entry in NW; variant in NC
flunky first entry in all; fluky variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
flunky first entry in all; flunkey variant in all
fluoride first entry in all; fluorid variant in SC
fluorine first entry in all; fluorin variant in SC
flustrate first entry in RH, SC; flusterate variant in SC
flustration first entry in NW, RH, SC; flustration variant in NW
flustist first entry in all; flustist variant in all
focussed, -sing first entry in all
focussed, -sing unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
fogy / freebie  63

fogy  first entry in all; fogey variant in all; fogie variant in SC
fondue  first entry in all; fondu variant in AH, NC, NW
fruit (full assortment of printing type)  first entry in all; found British in all
fontanel  first entry in all; fontanelle variant in all
forcemeat  first entry in all; fecomeat variant in RH
forebear (ancestor)  first entry in all; forbear variant in all
forebode  first entry in all; forbode variant in NC
forecastle  first entry in all; fo’c’sle variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; fo’c’sle variant in NC, RH
forejudge (to judge in advance)  first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; forejudge variant in AH (RH does not give this meaning)
forejudge (to expel, oust, or put out by judgment of a court)  first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
forejudge  first entry in RH, SC; variant in NC, NW (AH does not give this meaning)
forefend  first entry in all; forefend variant in all
foregather  first entry in all; foregather variant in all
forgo  first entry in all; forego variant in all
forkfuls  first entry in AH, NW; forkful variant in AH
formaldehyde  first entry in all; formaldehyd variant in SC
forswear  first entry in all; foreswear variant in AH, NC
forward (adv)  first entry in all; forwards variant in all
four-wheel (adj  first entry in all; four-wheeled variant in NC, RH for all meanings, and in NW for single meaning "having or running on four wheels"
framable  first entry in NC, RH; frameable variant in NC, RH
franchisor  first entry in NC; franchiser variant in NC
Francophile  first entry in all; Francophil variant in all
frangipani (a tropical shrub; a kind of perfume)  first entry in all; frangipane variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; frangipanni variant in NC
frangipani (an almond-flavored pastry or custard)  first entry in AH, NW, SC
frangipane  first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
 frankfurter  first entry in all; frankfurter variant in all; frankfurt variant in all; frankfort variant in all
frantically  first entry in all
freebie  first entry in NC, NW; freebee variant in NC; freeby variant in NW
frenetic / fusilier

frenetic first entry in all; phrenetic unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; “earlier spelling” in NW

frenzy first entry in all; phrensy unqualified in AH, NC, RH; rare in SC; “earlier spelling” in NW

frescoes first entry in all; frescos variant in all

fresy unqualified in A, NC, RH, SC; rare in SC; “earlier spelling” in NW

fript first entry in all; frijole variant in all

frivole, -ling first entry in all; frivolled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

frizz (verb: to form into tight curls; noun: hair that is frizzed) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH

friz first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

froe first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant (“chiefly U.S.”) in RH

frowzy first entry in all; frowsy variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; frouzy variant in AH, RH, SC

fryer first entry in all; frier variant in all

fuel, -ling first entry in all; fuelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

Führer first entry in all; Fuehrer variant in all

(Both spellings capitalized in NW, RH, SC; lower case in NC; capitalized in AH only when reference is to Hitler’s title. In SC the entry is Führer without the umlaut, an apparent typo, since the cross reference after Fuehrer is to Führer)

fulfill first entry in all; fulfil unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

fulfilment first entry in all; fulfilment variant in NW, RH, SC

fulness first entry in all; fulness variant in all

funneled, -ling first entry in all; funnelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

furor first entry in all; furore unqualified in NC, SC; British in AH, NW, RH

(furor, “also furore” at the end of the entry for furor suggests that the variant applies to all meanings. The other dictionaries indicate that the variant is not used for the meaning “rage, frenzy”)

fusilier first entry in all; fusilier variant in all
fuze (a mechanical or electrical device to detonate an explosive charge) first entry in all; fuse variant in all

G

Gabardine (twilled fabric) first entry in all
  gaberdine unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW

Gaberdine (loose coat or cloak) first entry in all; gabardine variant in all

Gaiety first entry in all; gayety variant in all

Gaily first entry in all; gayly variant in all

Gallivant first entry in all; galivant variant in all; galivant variant in SC

Gалоr first entry in all; gallowt variant in AH, RH, SC

Golosh first entry in all; goshe variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
  gloshe unqualified in AH, RH, SC; British in NW; goshe British in NW

Gambados first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC

Gambadoes first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC

Gambold, -ling first entry in all
  gambolled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

Gamy first entry in all; gamey variant in NC

Ganef first entry in all; gonof variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; gonoph variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; gonif variant in AH, NW, RH; gonof variant in NW, SC; gamev variant in RH; gonof variant in NW; goniff variant in NW

Gantlet (railroads: a form of track construction) first entry in all; gauntlet variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

Gantry first entry in all; gauntry variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

Garrote first entry in all; garotte variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; garrothe variant in AH, NW, SC; garote variant in SC

Gasses first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; gasses variant in AH, NC, SC

Gasoline first entry in all; gasolene variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

Gastropod first entry in all
  gastropod unqualified in RH, SC; rare in AH

Gauge first entry in all
  gage unqualified in AH, NC, SC; technical sense in NW, RH

Gauntlet (armored glove; challenge to combat) first entry in all; gantlet variant in all

Gauntlet (a form of punishment; ordeal) first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW, SC

Gallant first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, NC, RH

Gavelled, -ling first entry in NC; gavotted, -ling variant in NC

Gavotte first entry in all; gavot variant in NW, RH, SC
gazabo (man, fellow) first entry in AH, NW, SC (with plural -os or -oes); gazebo variant in NW, SC

gazebos first entry in all; gazeboes variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

gazebos first entry in all; gazeeboes variant in all

gefüllte fish first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC

gefüllte fish first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH; gefüllte fish variant in RH, SC; gefüllte fish variant in RH

gelatin first entry in all; gelatine variant in all

gemology first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; gemmology variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

gemütlich first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; gemueltlich variant in RH

gendarmerie first entry in all; gendarmerie variant in all

gent first entry in all; genette variant in NW, RH, SC

gentlefolk first entry in all; gentlefolks variant in all

genuflection first entry in all; genuflexion British in AH, NW, RH, SC

gersil first entry in all; gersille variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

getable first entry in AH; variant in NW

getable first entry in NW; variant in AH

gewgaw first entry in all; gewgaw variant in NC, RH

ghat first entry in all; ghat variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

ghettoes first entry in all; ghettos variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; ghetti variant in SC

gibbous first entry in all; gibbose variant in RH, SC

gibe first entry in all; jibe variant in all

gilt-edged first entry in all; gilt-edge variant in all

gimmicky first entry in all; gimmickery variant in NW

ginkgo first entry in all; gingko variant in all; jingko variant in SC

ginseng first entry in all; ginseng variant in RH

girdle first entry in NC, NW, RH; girly variant in NC, NW

gismo first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW

gismo first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

gladiolus (botanical meaning only) first entry in all; gladiola variant in all

glamorize first entry in all; glamourize variant in AH, NC, RH

glamorous first entry in all; glamorous variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

glamour first entry in all

glamor unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; U.S. in SC

hanging first entry in all; hugging variant in NC
glycerin / greenskeeper

glycerin first entry in all; glycerine variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

gobbledygook first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH

gobbledegook first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

goddammed (adj, adv) first entry in all; goddam variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; goddamn variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

goiter first entry in all; goitre variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

goliwog first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH

goliwogg first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

good-by first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW

good-bye first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

goodbye first entry in NW; variant in RH; goodby variant in NW, RH

goosey first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, SC

goosy first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW

gospeler first entry in all

gospeller unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

gossiped, -ping first entry in AH, RH, SC; gossipped, -pping variant in SC

gourmet first entry in all; gormand variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

governor-generals first entry in all; governor-generals variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

gram first entry in all

gramme unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

grandam first entry in all; grandame variant in all

granddad first entry in all; grandad variant in NC

granddaddy first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; grandaddy variant in NC

grandfather clock first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH

grandfather's clock first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

granny first entry in all; grannie variant in all

granny knot first entry in all; granny's knot variant in RH, SC

grantor first entry in all

grantor unqualified in NC; legal sense in AH, NW, RH, SC

granulator first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH

granulator first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW

graveled,-ling first entry in all

gravelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

gray first entry in all

grey unqualified in AH, NC, RH; British in NW, SC

grazable first entry in NC; grazable variant in NC

greenskeeper first entry in RH; greenkeeper variant in RH
greyhound / gyrfalcon

greyhound first entry in all
  greyhound unqualified in NW, RH; rare in AH, SC

griffin first entry in all; griffon variant in all; gryphon variant in all

grille first entry in all; grill variant in all

grippe first entry in all; grip variant in AH, NW, SC

grommet first entry in all; grummet variant in all

grotesquery first entry in all; griffon variant in all

grottesque first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
  grotesquerie first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

grottoes first entry in all; grottos variant in all

groveld, -ling first entry in all
  grovelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

groveler first entry in all
  groveller unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH

grueling first entry in all
  gruelling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

grotesque first entry in all; grotesque variant in all

guacamole first entry in AH, NC, NW; guacamol variant in AH
  (note since it uses "a guacamol" as one definition for the noun
  entry of guacamol, suggests that the secondary spelling is acceptable for all
  noun uses of guacamol)

guerrilla first entry in all; guerrilla variant in all

guild first entry in all; gild variant in all

gullible first entry in all
  gullible unqualified in NC, RH; rare in NW

gullly (noun, verb) first entry in all; gully variant for noun only in RH

gumbo first entry in all
  gumbo variant in AH for all meanings, and in SC for only "a patois of
  French . . . spoken in Louisiana"

gunwale first entry in all; gunnel variant in all

gyp first entry in all; gip variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

gypsy first entry in all; gipsy variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

gyrfalcon first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
  gerfalcon first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
H

ha first entry in alt; hah variant in alt

hairbreadth (noun) first entry in NC, NW, SC; variant in AH, RH
hairbreadth first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
hair's-breadth first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

halberd first entry in alt; halbert variant in alt

halibut first entry in alt; holibut variant in RH, SC

hallelujah first entry in alt; holihuh variant in RH, SC

hallo first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW, SC
holly first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
holly variant in all; hollos variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; hollo variant in NW, RH, SC; hollo unqualified in RH, SC; archaic in NW; hillo unqualified in SC; archaic in NW; hillo variant in RH

Halloween first entry in all; Hallowe’en variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
halo first entry in alt; haloes variant in alt
halvah first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; halva variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; halvah variant in AH
halyard first entry in all; halliard variant in alt; haulyard variant in SC
hamburger first entry in all; hamburg variant in all
handbreadth first entry in all; hand’s-breadth variant in AH, NW, RH; hand’s breadth variant in AH, SC; handsbreadth variant in NC
handfuls first entry in all; handful variant in NC
handicraft first entry in all
handicraft unqualified in NC, NW, RH; U.S. in SC
handkerchiefs first entry in NC, NW; handkerchieves variant in NC
handful first entry in all; hannel variant in all
hankie first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH
hanky first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW
hank-panky first entry in alt; hankey-pankey variant in RH
hara-kirin first entry in all; hari-kari variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; hara-kart variant in SC
harbor first entry in all; harbour British in all
harebrained first entry in all; hairbrained variant in RH
harem first entry in all; hareem variant in AH, NW, SC
harquebus first entry in all; arquebus variant in alt; harquebuss variant in RH, SC; harquebuse variant in RH, SC
hartebeest first entry in all; hartbeest variant in AH, SC
hasenpfeffer first entry in all; hasenpfeffer variant in RH
hashish first entry in all; hasheesh variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
hassle first entry in all; hassel variant in SC
hateable first entry in NW, RH; variant in SC
hassle first entry in SC; variant in NW, RH
hearken first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
harken first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW
heavenward (adv) first entry in all; heavenwards variant in all
hectare first entry in all; hектare variant in RH, SC
hejira first entry in all; hejira variant in all
hello first entry in all
hullo unqualified in AH, NW; British in NC, RH
hemo-, hema-(e.g., hemoglobin, haematology) first entry in all; haemo-, haema-(e.g., haemoglobin, haematology) variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
(Of the five, only AH does not offer the haemo- haema- combining form as a variant. All the others have at least an entry for the variant prefix, and for some of the more commonly used words separate entries for the haem-spellings. Slight inconsistencies can be found: SC, for example, attaches the British label to “haemorrhage.”)
hereabout first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
hereabouts first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
heroes (plural of the clipped form of “hero sandwich”) first entry in all; heroes variant in RH
hesitater first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; hesitator variant in NW, RH
hetaira first entry in all; hetaira variant in all
heyday first entry in all; heyday variant in RH
hiccup first entry in all; hiccup variant in all
hiccuped, -ping first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
hiccupped, -pping first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
hieing first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
hying first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
highfalutin first entry in all; highfaluting variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; hifalutin variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; highfalutin' variant in RH; hifalutin' variant in RH
high-muck-a-muck first entry in NC, RH, SC
high-muck-a-muck first entry in AH; variant in NW
high muck-a-muck first entry in NW; high muckety-muck variant in NC
hijack first entry in all; hijack variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; high-jack variant in NC
Hindu / hootchy-kootchy

Hindu first entry in all

Hindoo unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; archaic in AH

hip (adj: aware, knowledgeable) first entry in all

hep unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; "earlier form of" in NW

hippie first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; hippy variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

hippogriff first entry in all; hippogryph variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

hireable first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; hireable variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

histamine first entry in all; histamin variant in RH

hitherward first entry in all; hitherwards variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

hoboos first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH

hobos first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC

hocus-pocused, -sing first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

hocus-pocussed, -sing first entry in NC; unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

hoity-toity first entry in all

highly-tighty unqualified in AH, NW; restricted to interj and adj in SC

hoekey-pokey first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW

holly-poky variant in NW, SC

holloware first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW

holloware first entry in NW; variant in NC

homeopathy first entry in all; homoeopathy variant in RH, SC

homeward (adv) first entry in all; homewards variant in all

homey first entry in all; homy variant in all

honeyed first entry in all; honed variant in all

honky (derogatory term for a white man) first entry in AH; variant in NC

honkie first entry in NC; variant in AH; honkey variant in NC

honor first entry in all; honour British in all

hooch (illicitly distilled liquor) first entry in all; hootch variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

(hoos offers the variant for hooch, "a usu. thatched hut; broadly: dwelling," a meaning not found in the other four dictionaries)

hoofs first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

hooves first entry in NC; unqualified in AH, RH, SC; rare in NW

hookah first entry in all; hooka variant in NW, RH, SC

hooky (e.g., "to play hooky") first entry in all; hookey variant in NC, RH

hoosgow first entry in all; hoosgow variant in NW, RH, SC

hootchy-kootchy first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; hootchie-kootchie variant in AH, NW, RH; hootchie-cootchie variant in SC; hootchy-kootchy variant in RH
horehound first entry in all; hoarhound variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
hors d'oeuvres (plural) first entry in AH, NC, NW; unqualified in RH; "an English plural" in SC
hors d'oeuvre first entry in RH, SC; unqualified in AH, NC; French in NW
horsy first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant: in NC
horsy first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
hoister first entry in all; ostler variant in all
howdah first entry in all; houdah variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
hoyden first entry in all; hoiden variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
huarache first entry in all; huaraeho variant in AH, SC
hubris first entry in all; hybris variant in NC, RH, SC
hullabalooy first entry in all; hullaballoo variant in AH, SC
humor first entry in all; humour British in all
hurrah first entry in all; hurray variant in all; hooray variant in all; hoorah variant in RH
hurry-skurry first entry in all; hurry-scurry variant in all
hyena first entry in all; hyaena variant in all
hygienist first entry in all; hygiest variant in RH, SC; hygieist variant in RH, SC
hypotenuse first entry in all; hypothenuse variant in all
icon first entry in all; eikon variant in all; eikon variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
ideology first entry in all; ideology variant in NC
idyl first entry in all; idyl variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
idyl first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
igloo first entry in all; igld variant in AH, RH
ignitable first entry in all; ignitable variant in all
igniter first entry in all
ignitor unqualified in AH, NC, NW; specialized electronics use in SC
imbrue first entry in all; embrue variant in all
immovable first entry in all; immovable variant in RH
impactor first entry in NC; impacter variant in NC
impale first entry in all; impale variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
impanel first entry in all; empanel variant in all
impaneled, -ling first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
impaneled, -ling unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH
impeller first entry in all; impellor variant in NC
imperiled, -ling first entry in all
  imperilled, -fling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
impositor first entry in all; imposer variant in NC, RH
impooverish first entry in all
  impoverish unqualified in SC; obsolete in RH
Improvisor first entry in all; improvisor variant in NC, NW
includable first entry in all; includible variant in all
incandensible first entry in all; incandensible variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
incrust first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
  encrust first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
indicter first entry in AH, NC, RH; indictor variant in AH, RH
indicter first entry in all; indictor variant in all
indigene first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
  indigen first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
indigos first entry in all; indigoes variant in all
inexpressive first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
  unexpressive first entry in AH; variant in NW, SC (NW and SC use inexpressive to define unexpressive. The variant status is unclear in RH: unexpressive is included in the list of undefined un- words)
infecter first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; infecter variant in RH, SC
inferable first entry in all; inferible variant in NC, RH; inferible variant in RH
inflame first entry in all; enflame variant in NC, RH
inflator first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
  inflator first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
inflection first entry in all; inflexion British in all
inflicter first entry in all; inflictor variant in all
ingrain (to impress firmly, to fix deeply) first entry in all; engrain variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
infused first entry in all; infused unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
innuendoes first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
  innuendos first entry in NC, RH; variant in NW
inquire first entry in all; enquire variant in all
inquity first entry in all; enquiry variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
insignia (as singular) first entry in all; insigne variant in AH, NC, RH
  (SC and AH have usage notes on insignia as a singular noun)
infast first entry in all
  insta unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
installment / jail

installment first entry in all
installment unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

install first entry in all
install unqualified in NC, NW, RH; British in AH, SC

installment first entry in all; installment variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

institutor first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
institutus first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH, SC

insure (to secure indemnity in case of loss; to issue or procure an insurance policy)
first entry in all
insure unqualified in RH, SC; obsolete in NW

interceptor first entry in all; intercepter variant in all

interrupter first entry in all; interruptor variant in all

interrupter first entry in all; interruptor variant in AH, SC

interrupter first entry in all; interruptor variant in AH, SC

interruptor first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC

interrupter first entry in all; interruptor variant in AH, SC

interruptor first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC

interruptor first entry in RH

interruptor first entry in RH

interruptor first entry in RH

invalid first entry in all; invalid variant in all

inward (adv) first entry in all; inwards variant in all

iodine first entry in all; iodin variant in NC, RH, SC

irreligious first entry in all; unreligious variant in AH, NW, RH, SC (These four use
irreligious as one definition of unreligious. The variant status of unreligious
is unclear in NC; unreligious is included in the list of undefined un-words in
NC)

jack-in-the-box first entry in all; jack-in-a-box variant in NW, RH, SC

jack-in-the-boxes first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; jacks-in-the-box variant in AH, NC

jack-in-the-pulpits first entry in NC, NW, RH; jacks-in-the-pulpit variant in NC

jail first entry in all; gaol British in all
jailer first entry in all; jailor variant in all
jalopy first entry in all; jalopy variant in AH, SC
janissary first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW, SC
janizary first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, NC, RH; janisary variant in SC
Japonism first entry in AH, SC; variant in RH
Japanism first entry in RH
jasmine first entry in all; jessamine variant in all; jasmin variant in NW
jennet first entry in all; genet variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
jetsam first entry in all; jetsam variant in RH
jeweled, -ling first entry in all
jewelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
jeweler first entry in all
jeweller unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
jewelry first entry in all; jewellery British in NW, RH, SC
jew's-harp first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
    Jew's harp first entry in NC; jews'-harp variant in AH, NW, SC; Jews' harp variant in NC
    (The "also, jew's-harp" at the end of the entry in RH must be a typo, since the spelling is exactly the same as that of the main entry)
jibe (to alter course of a ship by shifting sails) first entry in all; gybe variant in all; jib variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; gibe variant in RH, SC
jiminy first entry in RH; jimminy variant in RH
jimmy (noun; short crowbar; verb: to force open) first entry in all; jemmy British in AH, NW, RH, SC
jinn first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
    jinn first entry in NC, RH (The three dictionaries that have jnini as first entry give jinn as its plural, NW notes that jinn is "popularly regarded as a singular, with the plural jinns")
genie variant in all; djinn variant in all; djinn variant in NC, RH, called the plural form of djinn in AH and NW; jinnee variant in AH, SC; djinn variant in NC, RH; jinn variant in RH; djinn variant in AH
jinriksha first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW, RH; jinricksha variant in AH, SC; jinrickshaw variant in P1
Johnny-come-latelies first entry in AH, NC, RH; Jonnnles-come-lately variant in NC, RH
Johnny-come-lately first entry in all; Johnnie-come-lately variant in RH
jostle first entry in all; justle variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
joust first entry in all; just variant in all
jowl (1. the lower jaw, the cheek; 2. the fleshy part under the jaw, dewlap) first entry in all; jole variant for 1 and 2 in SC, for 1 only in AH, and for 2 only in RH
judgment / kenneled, -ling

judgment first entry in all
judgment unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

jujitsu first entry in all; jujutsu variant in all; jiu-jitsu variant in all; jiu-jitsu variant in all

juncos first entry in all; juncoes variant in NC

junketer first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW
junketeer first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH
junketer first entry in RH

junkie (dope addict) first entry in all; junky variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

K

kabob first entry in NC, RH; variant in NW
kebab first entry in NW; variant in NC, RH; kebob variant in NW, RH; kebab variant in RH
(In AH and SC, the reader is referred to shish kebab, after which entry AH adds "also shish kebab, shish kabob," and SC adds "also called kabob, kabob")

kaffeklatsch first entry in NC, NW, SC (written either solid or as two words in NW); variant in AH, RH (written as two words)
coffee klatch first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
coffee klatsh first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

Kaffir first entry in all; Kafir variant in all

kale first entry in all; kail variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

kaolin first entry in all; kaolinite variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

kaput first entry in all; kaputt variant in AH, NC

karakul (a broad-tailed sheep of Asia) first entry in all; karacul variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

karat (unit for measuring gold) first entry in all
carat unqualified in AH, NC, NW; "loosely, a karat" in SC

kayak first entry in all; kaiak variant in AH, NW, RH, SC, kyak variant in NW

keelhaul first entry in all; keelhale variant in RH, SC

keelson first entry in all; keelson variant in AH, RW

kef (preparation of hemp leaves for smoking) first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
kif first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH; keef variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; kief variant in NW, RH, SC; kif variant in RH

kogler first entry in all; kegelner variant in RH

keloid first entry in all; cheloid variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

kenneled, -ling first entry in all
kenneled, thing unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
kerchiefs first entry in NC; kerchieves variant in NC
kermis first entry in all; kermess variant in all; kermess variant in all
kernel-ed, -ling first entry in NW, RH, SC
kernel-ed, -ling unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH
kerosene first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
kerosine first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; ketchup variant in all
ketchup first entry in RH; kiddy car variant in RH
kiddos first entry in RH; kiddoes variant in RH
kiddy first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
kiddie first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
kidnaper first entry in AH, RI I; variant in NC, NW
kidnaj' er first entry in NC, NW; unqualified in AH, SC; British in RH
kidnapped, -pping first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
kidnappin', -pping first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
kilter first entry in all
kelter unqualified in NW; "Br. dial. in SC
kindergartner first entry in all; kindergartener variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
kindfolk first entry in NW, RH; informal in AH, SC
kinfolk first entry in AH, SC; unqualified in RH; "earlier form of kinfolk" in NW; kinfolk unqualified in NW, RH; informal in AH, SC
(First entry/variant status is unclear in NC. Two separate entries, "kinfolk..." or kinfolks and "kinsfolk" are defined alike, both with the single word "relatives")
kingsize (adj) first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; kingsized variant in NC, NW, RH;
kinsized variant in SC
kinnikinnick first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in SC
kinnikin'ick first entry in SC; variant in NC, NW
kinnikin'ick first entry in NW; kinnikinnic variant in AH, RH, SC; killikin'ick variant in AH; killikinnic variant in SC; killickin'ic variant in RH; killieknack variant in RH
kismet first entry in all; kismat variant in RH
kitchenette first entry in all; kitchenet variant in NW, RH, SC
klaxon first entry in all (lower case in RH, SC); claxon variant in NW, SC
kleptomania first entry in all; kleptomania variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
klieg light first entry in all; klieg light variant in NC, NW, RH
knackwurst first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
knackwurst first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
knickknack first entry in all; nicknack variant in all
knowledgeable first entry in all; knowledgable variant in RH

kola first entry in all; cola variant in RH

Kodiak bear first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; Kadiak bear variant in RH, SC
(NC has no entry for Kodiak bear, but in the geographical names section the variant is given for the place name)

kola (1. African tree; 2. nut or seed of the tree) first entry for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, RH, and for 2 only in NW; variant for 1 and 2 in SC, and for 1 only in NW; variant for 1 and 2 in AH

kolinsky first entry in all; kolinski variant in NC

kooky first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; kookle variant in NC, NW, RH

kopec first entry in all; copenk variant in all; kopek variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

kosher first entry in all; kasbor variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

kowtow first entry in all; kotow variant in AH, RH, SC

kraal first entry in all; craal variant in AH, RH, SC

krimmer first entry in all; crimmer variant in NW, RH, SC

kumiss first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC; kouns variant in AH, RH, SC; kounmis variant in AH, RH; kounmys variant in SC; koumys variant in SC

koumiss rust entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in AH, RH, SC; koumis variant in AH, RH; koumyss variant in RH; koumys variant in SC; kumys variant in SC

kumquat first entry in all; cumquat variant in all

kvass first entry in all; quass variant in NW, RH, SC; kvas variant in AH, NW, SC

labeled, -ling first entry in all
labelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

labor first entry in all; labour British in all

labyrinthine first entry in all; labyrinthian variant in all

lacrymal (pertaining to tears) first entry in all; lacrimal variant in all

lachrymose first entry in all; lacrimose variant in SC

lackey first entry in all
lacekey unqualified in AH, RH, SC; obsolete in NW

lackluster first entry in all
laceklueter unqualified in SC; British in AH, NW, RH

lacrimal (pertaining to the glands that produce tears) first entry in NC, NW, RH; lacrimal variant in AH, SC

lachrymal first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

lacy first entry in all; lacey variant in NC
la-di-da / lens

la-di-da first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; la-de-da variant in AH, NW, RH; lah-di-dah variant in NW; lah-de-dah variant in NW

ladyfinger first entry in all; ladyfingers variant in AH, SC

lady's man first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH

ladies' man first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

lagunappe first entry in all; lagnappe variant in NW, RH, SC

lagoon first entry in all; lagoon variant in AH, RH, SC; laguna variant in AH

laissez faire first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC

laissez-faire first entry in NC; laissez-faire variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; laissez-faire British in NC

lambaste first entry in all; lambast variant in NC, NW, RH

lambster (fugitive from the law) first entry in NC; lamister variant in NC

landward (adv) first entry in all; landwards variant in all

lanolin first entry in all; lanoline variant in NW, RH, SC

lanyard first entry in all; lanelard variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

lapsable first entry in NW, RH, SC; lapsible variant in NW, RH, SC

lardon first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

lardoon first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, SC

largess first entry in all; largesse variant in all

lasagne first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC

lanes first entry in all; lanes variant in all

latten first entry in all; latten variant in NC

laureled, -ling first entry in all

laverel, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

lavaliere first entry in all

lavalière unqualified in NW, RH; French in AH, SC; lavalier variant in NW, RH, SC; lavalière variant in NC

lea (grassland, meadow) first entry in all; ley variant in AH, NC, RH

leery (wary) first entry in all; leary variant in AH, NW, SC

leftward (adv) first entry in NC, NW, RH; leftwards variant in NC, NW, RH

legging (covering for legs) first entry in all; leggin variant in NC, RH

leitmotif first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

leitmotiv first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, SC

lens first entry in all; lense variant in NC
lese majesty / litchi

lese majesty first entry in all
  lese majesté unqualified in NC, RH; French in AH, SC (with hyphen in SC);
  lese majesty variant in NW; lëse majesty variant in RH

lech (a lecherous craving) first entry in AH, RH; variant in NW
  lech first entry in NW; variant in All

leukemia first entry in all; leukaemia variant in NW, RH, SC; leucemia variant in RH

leveled, -ling first entry in all
  levelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

leveler (noun) first entry in all
  leveller unqualified in AH, NC, NW; British in RH, SC

lima first entry in all; lime variant in all

libeled, -ling first entry in all
  libelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

libellous first entry in all
  libellous unqualified in AH, NC, NW; British in RH, SC

license first entry in all
  licence unqualified in NC, RH; British in AH, NW, SC

licenser first entry in all
  licensor unqualified in AH, NC; legal sense in NW, RH, SC

licorice first entry in all
  liquorice unqualified in RH; British in AH, NC, NW, SC

life-size (adj) first entry in all
  lifesize (adj) first entry in all; life-sized variant in all

light-footed (adj) first entry in all
  light-foot unqualified in NC, poetic in NW; lightfoot poetic in AH, SC

likable first entry in all; likeable variant in all

linable first entry in NW, RH; lineable variant in NW, RH

linage first entry in all; lineage variant in all

lineman (one who sets up or repairs power lines) first entry in all; linesman variant in all

liny first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; liney variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

liquefy first entry in all; liquify variant in AH, NC, SC

lissome first entry in all; lissom variant in all

litchi first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
  lichee first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; tychee variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; lichi variant in RH
liter / lubricous

liter first entry in all
  litre unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC
littoral first entry in all; littoral variant in RH
livable first entry in all; liveable variant in all
loath (adj) first entry in all; loath variant in all; loathe variant in NC
loos (locoweeds, loco diseases) first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; looos variant in NC
lodestar first entry in all; loadstar variant in all
lodestone first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
loadstone first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
lodgment first entry in all
  lodgement unqualified in AH, NC, NW; British in RH
loginess first entry in NW, RH; logginess variant in RH
logy (sluggish) first entry in all; loggy variant in NC
lollapalooza first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; lollapalooza variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; lalapalooza variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
lollipop first entry in all; lollypop variant in RH
lollygag first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH
lallygag first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW
longhair (adj) first entry in all, NW, RH, SC; long hair first entry in NC; longhaired variant in AH, NC, RH
low-key (adj) first entry in AH, NW, SC; low-keyed first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
low-necked (adj) first entry in all; low-neck variant in AH, NC, NW
lubricious first entry in RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
  lubricious first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
82  Lucullan / malamute

Lucullan (adj) first entry in all; Lucullian variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; Lucullean variant in NW, RH, SC

luster first entry in all
  lustrous unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC
lutanist first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
lutenist first entry in NC, RH; variant in NW, SC

lyings-in first entry in NC, RH; lying-ins variant in NC, RH

M

macaroni first entry in all; macaroni variant in AH, SC

macerator first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
macerator first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH

Machiavellian first entry in all; Machiavelian variant in RH, SC

machinable first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; machineable variant in NC

mackintosh first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in AH

madroila first entry in AH, NC, SC (without tilde in NC); variant in NW, RH
madroica first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, SC, NC (without tilde in NC);
madrone variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

maenad first entry in all; menad variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

Mafia first entry in all; Maffia variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

magdalen first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
magdalene first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC

Magna Charta first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
Magna Carta first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

magnificoes first entry in all; magnificent variant in NC, NW

maharajah first entry in AH, NW, RH; variant in NC, SC
maharaja first entry in AH, SC; variant in AH, NW, RH

maharanee first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
maharani first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

Mahican first entry in all; Mohican variant in all

mah-jongg first entry in NC, NW, RH (capitalized in NC)
  mahjong first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW; mah-jong variant in RH, SC;
mahjongg variant in AH, SC

majolica first entry in all; majolica variant in NC, RH, SC

make-believe (noun) first entry in all; make-belief variant in SC for single meaning:
  "pretense, sham"

malamute first entry in all; malemute variant in all; malemiut variant in AH, NW, SC
Malarkey / marveled, -ling

Malarkey first entry in all; malarkey variant in All, NW, SC

Mama first entry in All, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH

Mamma first entry in NW, RH; variant in All, NC, SC; mornina variant in NC, RH

Mammy first entry in all; mammic variant in All, SC

Mandatory (noun: one holding a mandate) first entry in All, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW

Manditory first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH, SC

Mandingos first entry in All, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

Mandingoes first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

Mandolin first entry in all; mandoline variant in NC

Mandel first entry in all; mandril variant in all

Manoeuvre unqualified in RH; British in All, NC, NW, SC; maneuvrer British in SC

Mangoes first entry in all; mangos variant in all

Mangy first entry in all; mangey variant in RH

Manifestoes first entry in All, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

Manifestos first entry in NC; variant in AH, SC

Manikin first entry in all; mannikin variant in all; manakin variant in All, NW, RH, SC

Manila (hemp, rope, paper) first entry in all; manilla variant in All, NW, RH, SC

Manitos first entry in all; manito variant in all; manito variant in All, NC, NW, SC

Mannequin first entry in all; manokin variant in all; manakin variant in NC

Man-sized (adj) first entry in All, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

Man-size first entry in NC; variant in NW

Mantel first entry in all; mantle variant in all

Margarine first entry in all; margarin variant in AU, NW, RH, SC

Marijuana first entry in all; marihuana variant in all

Marketer first entry in AH, NC, NW; marketeer variant in NW

Marlinespike first entry in all; marlingspike variant in all; marlingspike variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

Marquetry first entry in all; marqueterie variant in all

Marshal (noun) first entry in all; marshall variant in NC

Marshaled, -ling first entry in all

Marshalled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

Martingale first entry in all; martingal variant in AH, NW, SC

Marveled, -ling first entry in all

Marvelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
marvelous / mesquite

*marvelous* first entry in all
  marvelous unqualified in AH, NC, SC; British in NW, RH

*mashie* first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; mashy variant in AH, RH, SC

*masque* (type of 16th-17th century English entertainment) first entry in all; mask variant in all

*matsuo* first entry in all; matzah variant in RH, SC; matza variant in SC; matzoh variant in SC; matzah variant in NW

*maw* first entry in all
  maw unqualified in AH, NC, SC; rare in RH

*maulstick* first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
  maulstick first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC

*mayhem* first entry in all
  mayhem unqualified in AH, RH, SC; "earlier form n." in NW

*mazel tov* first entry in AH, NW, RH; mazal tov variant in AH, RH; mazzel tov variant in NW

*mazerka* first entry in all; mazourka variant in all

*meager* first entry in all
  meager unqualified in AH, NC; British in NW, RH, SC

*meanie* first entry in NW

*medaled, -ling* first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
  medalled, -ling unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH

*medalist* first entry in all
  medallist unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

*medieval* first entry in all; mediaeval variant in all

*meditator* first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
  meditator first entry in SC

*memento* first entry in all
  momento unqualified in NC; "erroneous sp. of memento" in NW

*mementos* first entry in all; mementoes variant in all

*menfolk* first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; menfolks variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

*meow* first entry in all; miaow variant in all; miaou variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; miaul variant in RH; meou variant in NW

*Mephistophelean* first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
  Mephistophelian first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

*merchandise* first entry in all; merchandise variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

*mesquale* first entry in all; mezcaline variant in NW, RH, SC

*mesquite* first entry in all; mesquit variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; mezquit variant in SC; mezquite variant in SC
mestizos / modeled, -ling

mestizos first entry in all; mestizoes variant in all

modelled, -ling first entry in all
  modelled, -ling unqualified in SC, NW. SC; British in AH, RH

meter first entry in all; metre British in all
  The separate entries for metre in NC, "chiefly Brit var of METER," and in NW, "chiefly Brit sp of METER," suggest that the variant applies to all uses of the word. The other three dictionaries clearly exclude the variant for the meaning, as given in RH: "an instrument that automatically measures and registers a quantity consumed, distance traveled, degree of intensity, etc."

methadone first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; methadon variant in NC, RH

miasma first entry in all; miasm variant in SC

micron first entry in all; mikron variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

mileage first entry in all; milage variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

millionaire first entry in all; millionaire variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

millipede first entry in all; millepede variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; milled variant in AH, SC; milleped variant in AH, SC

milquetoast (a timid man) first entry in all (capitalized in NC); milktoast variant in RH, SC

mimetic first entry in all; mimose variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

minuscule first entry in all:
  minuscule unqualified in NC; "erroneous sp. of minuscule" in NW
  (RH lists only minuscule for this word, but a cross reference at the end of the entry for majuscule reads "Cf. minuscule")

misdemeanor first entry in all; misdemeanour British in AH, NW, RH, SC

mishmash first entry in all; mishmash variant in NW, RH

missappo strip entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC

miter first entry in all
  mitre unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

mizzen first entry in all; mizen variant in all

mizzenmast first entry in all; mizenmast variant in AH, RH, SC

modeled, -ling first entry in all
  modelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
Mohammedan / morphine

Mohammedan first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC
Mohammadan first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, SC; Mahometan variant in AH, NW, SC; Mohammedan variant in AH, SC
(First entry/variant status cannot be determined in RH. The single word "Muslim" is used to define Mohammedan, Mahometan, and Mohammadan, with "also Mohammedan" at the end of the entry for Mohammedan)

Mohave (North American Indian tribe) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; Mojave variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

Mojave Desert first entry in all; Mojave Desert variant in all

mold first entry in all
mould unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC
moldy first entry in all; mouldy British in AH, NW, RH, SC

molt first entry in all
mollusk variant in all

monarchal first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; monarchical variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
(SC excluded; monarchal is given as an undefined derived form in the entry for monarch. "Also monarchial, monarchic" is included at the end of the entry for monarchical)

moneyed first entry in all; monied variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
moneys first entry in all; monies variant in all (The two plurals are the subject of a usage note in AH)

mongoose first entry in all; mongoose variant in SC
moniker first entry in all; monicker variant in all
monogrammed, -ming first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in SC
monogrammed, -ming first entry in SC; variant in AH
monologue first entry in all; monolog variant in all
monologist first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
monologist first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH
monometallism first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
monometalism first entry in SC; variant in AH
mooch first entry in all
mouch unqualified in SC; British in AH
mood (grammatical use) first entry in all; mode variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
moola first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
moolah first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
Moriscoes first entry in all; Moriscos variant in all
morphine first entry in all
morphia unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; obsolete in AH; morphin variant in SC
mortgagor first entry in all; mortgager variant in all
mortise first entry in all; mortice variant in all
Moslem first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
Muslim first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC; Moslem variant in AH, RH, SC (There is a usage note in AH)
mosque first entry in all; mosk variant in SC
mosquitos first entry in all; mosquitoes variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
mottoes first entry in all; mottos variant in all
Mountie (Canadian law-enforcement officer) first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
Mounty first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW, RH
mossey first entry in all; mousey variant in all
movable first entry in all; moveable variant in all
Mozartean first entry in RH; Mozartian variant in RH
mug (the face, a photograph; to assault: to make funny faces) first entry in all; mugg variant in SC
mukluk first entry in all; mucklack variant in NC, RH; muckle variant in RH
mulattoes first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
mulatto first entry in AH; variant in NC
mullein first entry in all; mullen variant in NC, RH, SC
mumble-peg first entry in AK, NC, SC
mumblepeg first entry in NW, RH; mumblethepeg variant in AH, NC, RH, SC; mumble peg variant in RH; mumbledypeg variant in RH; mumble-peg variant in SC
mure first entry in all; mirk variant in all
murry first entry in all; mirky variant in all
muscatel first entry in all; muscadel, variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; muscadelle variant in RH
muskeg first entry in all; maskeg variant in AH, SC
muskellunge first entry in all; mascalonge variant in AH, RH, SC; maskinonge variant in AH, RH, SC; muskallunge variant in SC, SC; maskanonge variant in RH; mascalonge variant in RH; mascalonge variant in SC
mustache first entry in all; moustache unqualified in NC, NW, RH; British in AH, SC
mut first entry in all; mut variant in AH, SC
muunu (Hawaiian garment) first entry in all; momu variant in NW; mu-mu variant in NW
muzhik first entry in all; moujik variant in all; mujik variant in all; muzjik variant in AH, NW, SC
my na first entry in all; mynah variant in all; minah variant in AH, NW, SC; minah variant in NW

N

naive first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
naive first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
naïf unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; French in SC
naïf unqualified in AH, NW, RH; French in SC

naïveté first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
naïveté first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

naïveté variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; naïveté variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; naïveté variant in RH; naïveté variant in NC

namable first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
nameable first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

nankin first entry in all; nankeen variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

nanny (nurserymaid) first entry in all; nanny variant in NC

naphthalene first entry in all; naphthalene variant in AH, RH, SC; naphthaline variant in AH, RH

napec (short for “narcotic agent”) first entry in NC; narc variant in NC; narco variant in NC

narcissism first entry in all; narcissism variant in all

nargile first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; nargile variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; nargile variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

narrator first entry in all; narrator variant in AH, RH, SC

narrow-gauge (adj) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; narrow-gauged variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
narrow-gage unqualified in AH, SC; technical in RH
narrow-gaged unqualified in AH, SC; technical in RH

narwhal first entry in all; narwhal variant in all; narwhale variant in all

naught first entry in all; nought variant in all

Navaho first entry in all; Navajo variant in all
Navahoes first entry in all; Navahoes variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

Nazism first entry in all; Naziism variant in all
neckerclefs first entry in NC; neckerclefs variant in NC
negator first entry in NC, NW, RH; negator variant in NC, NW, RH
negetter first entry in all; neggetter variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
neglige first entry in all; nèglige variant in AH, RH, SC; nèglige variant in AH, NC; nèglige French in SC

Negritos first entry in all; Negritos variant in all
neighbor / nymphet

neighbor first entry in all; neighbour British in all
nerve-racking first entry in all; nerve-wracking variant in all
nervous Nellie first entry in NC, NW; nervous Nelly variant in NC
neuron first entry in all; neuron variant in all
Newburg (cooking term) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH: SC has an entry for à la Newburg: Newburgh variant in AH, NC
nickelled, -ling first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
nickelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH
nicotine first entry in all; nicotine variant in SC
nictitate first entry in all; nictate variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
nightie first entry in NC, NW, RH
nighty first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
niter first entry in all
nitre unqualified in NC, SC; British in AH, NW, RH
nitroglycerin first entry in all; nitroglycerine variant in all
noes (plural) first entry in all; nos variant in NC, NW, RH
nog (beverage) first entry in all; nogg variant in NW, RH, SC
nonesuch first entry in all; nonsuch variant in all
nonpartisan first entry in all; nonpartisan variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
nonplussed, -sing first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
nonplussed, -ssing first entry in NC; unqualified in NW, SC; French in AH, RH
northward (adv) first entry in all; northwards variant in all
nosy first entry in all; nosy variant in all
notaries public first entry in all; notary publics variant in NC, NW
novitiate first entry in all
noviciate unqualified in AH, RH, SC; British in NW
noway first entry in all; noways variant in all
nudnik first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; nudnack variant in AH, SC
numbness first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
numbedness first entry in SC
numskull first entry in all; numbskull variant in all
nursling first entry in all; nurseling variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
nymphet first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; nymphette variant in NC
obligato / one-armed bandit

obligato first entry in all; obligato variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
obeah first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
obi first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW; obe variant in SC; obia variant in SC
obstructor first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
obstructor first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
ocher first entry in all
ochre unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
octet first entry in all; octette variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
odalisk first entry in all; odalisk variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
odor first entry in all; odour British in all
oenology first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
oenology first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in AH, RH; oinology variant in AH, SC
off-color (adj) first entry in all; off-colored variant in NC
offendable first entry in RH; offendible variant in RH
offense first entry in all
offence unqualified in NC, RH; British in AH, NW, SC
offender first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
offender unqualified in AH, RH, SC; legal sense in NW
offhand (adj) first entry in all; offhanded variant in all
ogreish first entry in all; ogreish variant in NW, RH, SC
OK first entry in NC, NW, SC; variant in AH, RH
O.K. first entry in AH, RH; variant in NW, SC; okay variant in all
OK'd, OK'ing first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH
O.K.'d, O.K.'ing first entry in AH, RH; variant in NW; okayed, okaying variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
okey-doe first entry in NW, RH
okey-doe first entry in NC; okey-doekey variant in NW, RH; okeydokey variant in NC
oldie (old joke, song, etc.) first entry in NC, NW; oldy variant in NC, NW
oleomargarine first entry in all; oleomargarin variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
ombre first entry in AH, NC, SC; unqualified in NW; British in RH
ombre first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, SC; hombre variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
omelet first entry in all
omelette unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
one-armed bandit (slot machine) first entry in NC, NW, RH; one-arm bandit variant in NC, RH
oneself first entry in all; one's self variant in all
onward (adv) first entry in all; onwards variant in all
orang-utan first entry in AH, RH, SC
  orangutan first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH; orangoutang variant in
  NW, RH; orangutang variant in AH, RH; orangou tan variant in AH, NC;
  orang-outang variant in SC
orangy first entry in NC, NW, RH; orangey variant in NC, RH
orchestrator first entry in NC, NW, RH; orchestrator variant in NC, NW, RH
organdy first entry in all; organdie variant in all
ornery first entry in all; onery variant in SC
orris first entry in all; orrice variant in RH, SC
orthopedics first entry in all; orthopaedics variant in all
outdoor (adj) first entry in all; outdoors variant in NC, RH
out-of-door (adj) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
  out-of-doors first entry in RH; variant in NC
outsize (adj) first entry in all; outsized variant in all
outward (adv) first entry in all; outwards variant in all
ouzel first entry in all; ousel variant in all
overseas (adj) first entry in all
  overseas unqualified in NC, SC; British in NW, RH; rare in AH
oversize (adj) first entry in all; oversized variant in all
oxide first entry in all; oxid variant in RH, SC

P
pabulum (insipid intellectual nourishment) first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH
  pabulum first entry in NW, RH
paean first entry in all; pean variant in AH, NW, SC
pagoda first entry in all; pagod variant in SC
paiute first entry in all; Plute variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
pajamas first entry in all; pyjamas British in all
palanquin first entry in all; palankeen variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
pale-, paleo- (e.g., paleontology) first entry in all
  pale-, palaeo- (e.g., palaeontology) unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; British
  in AH
paletta first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
  palaestra first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
palette (painter's implement) first entry in all; pallet variant in AH, NW, SC
palmettos first entry in all; palmettoes variant in all
panetera first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
panetella first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
panetella first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; panetella variant in AH, NW, RH
pandemontium first entry in all; pandemonium variant in AH, SC
pander (noun) first entry in all; panderer variant in all
paneled, -ling first entry in all
panelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
panelling (noun) first entry in all
panelling unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH
pannies first entry in all; panier variant in NC, NW, RH
panatalets first entry in all; pantalettes variant in all
pantries first entry in NW, RH, SC
pantries first entry in AH, NC, both of which indicate "usually in the plural";
variant in NW, RH, SC; panty variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
pantsuit first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; pants suit variant in AH, NC, NW, RH;
pants suit variant in RH
papa first entry in all; poppa variant in NC
papaw first entry in all; pawpaw variant in all
papier-mâché first entry in all; papier-mâché variant in RH
papoose first entry in all; pappoose variant in AH, RH, SC
paprika first entry in all; paprika variant in SC
paradisiacal first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
paradisiacal first entry in SC; variant in NC, NW, RH; paradisiacal variant in all;
paradisiac variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
paraffin first entry in all; paraffine variant in NW, RH, SC
parakeet first entry in all; parakeet variant in all; paroquet variant in AH, SC;
paroquet variant in AH, SC; parroket variant in AH, SC; paroquet variant in
paroquet variant in AH, SC
paralleled, -ling first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
paralleled, -ling unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH
paralyze first entry in all; paralyse British in NC, RH
paranoia first entry in all; paranoia variant in SC
paranoiac first entry in all; paranoic variant in SC; paranoiac variant in SC
parceled, -ling first entry in all
parcelled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
parlor first entry in all; parlour British in all
parmigiana (e.g., “veal parmigiana”) first entry in NC, RH; parmigiano variant in NC, RH
parti-colored first entry in all; party-colored variant in NW, RH, SC
partisan first entry in all; partisan variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
parvenu (adj) first entry in all; parvenue variant in NC
pasta first entry in all; pacha variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
passados first entry in NC, NW, RH; passadoes variant in NC, NW, RH
pastelista first entry in all
pastellist unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
pastille first entry in all; pastil variant in all
pastrami first entry in all; pastromi variant in NC
pasty (British: a meat pie) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; paste variant in NW
past-a-cake first entry in NW; patty-cake variant in NW
pathogen first entry in all; pathogene variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
patina (incrustation or film formed because of age or use) first entry in all; patine variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
patty (small pie, candy, meat cake) first entry in all; patte variant in NC
pavane first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
pavan first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH; pavin variant in AH, NC, NW
pawner first entry in all; pawnor variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
payer first entry in all; payer variant in NC
peascod first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; peascod variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
peavey first entry in all; peave variant in all
peccadilloes first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
peccadillos first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
pedagogy first entry in all; pedagog variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
pedaled, -ling first entry in all
pedalled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
peddler first entry in all; pedlar variant in all; pedler variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
pederast first entry in all; paederast variant in RH, SC
pedestaled, -ling first entry in all
pedestalled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
pediatrics first entry in all
paediatrics unqualified in SC; British in RH
peen (rounded head of hammer) first entry in all; pein variant in NC, RH
peg-top (adj) first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; peg-topped variant in NC
Pekingese first entry in all; Pekinese variant in all
pemmican first entry in all; pemican variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
penciled, -ling first entry in all
    pencilled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
pendant (noun) first entry in all; pendent variant in all
pendent (adj) first entry in all; pendant variant in all
peneplain first entry in all; peneplane variant in all
penology first entry in all; poenology variant in AH, SC
penuche (a kind of candy) first entry in all; panocha variant in all; penuchi variant in
    AH, NW, SC; panoche variant in NC, NW; penoche variant in NC
peperoni first entry in RH; variant in NW
pepperoni first entry in NW; variant in RH
pepsin first entry in all; pepsine variant in AH, RH, SC
peodu first entry in all; perdue variant in all
perilod, -ling first entry in all
    perilod, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
peritoneum first entry in all; peritonaeum variant in AH, SC
perluce first entry in all; pealluce variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
p .oxide first entry in all; peroxide variant in AH, SC
persnicketey first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
    persnickety first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
petalled first entry in all; petalled variant in all
petit bourgeois first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; petty bourgeois variant in AH, NW
petit jury first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
    petty jury first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
petit larceny first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH
    petty larceny first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW
    (SC excluded, since separate entries for these two spellings carry cross references to larceny, in which entry "petty (or petit) larceny" is included in the definition)
petits fours first entry in all; petit fours variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
pewoo first entry in all; peewee variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
peyote first entry in all; peyodl variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
phantasm first entry in all; fantasm variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
phantasmagoria first entry in all; phantasmagogy variant in AH, NW, RH, SC;
    fantasmagoria variant in RH, SC
phantom / pint-size

phantom first entry in all; fantom variant in all
pharmacopoeia first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
pharmacopeia first entry in NW; variant in RH
philanderer first entry in AH, NC, RW, RH; variant in SC
philander first entry in SC; rare in NW
philter first entry in all
philie unqualified in AH, NC, SC; British in NW, RH
phoenix first entry in all; phoenix variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
phony first entry in all; phoney variant in all
photostated, -ting first entry in AH, NW, SC; photostatted, -ting variant in AH, NW, SC
pi (printing term) first entry in all
pie unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW
pickaninny first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC
piccaninny unqualified in SC; British in RH; piccaninny variant in NC, RH
pickax first entry in all; pickaxe variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
piggin first entry in all
pigeon unqualified in NW; "not in technical use" in RH
piggy (noun) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; piggie variant in NW, SC
piggyback (1. on the back or shoulders; 2. relating to the carrying of one vehicle by another) first entry in all; pickaback variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, NW, and for 1 only in RH, SC
pilaf first entry in all; pilau variant in all; pilaff variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; pilaw variant in AH, NW, SC
pilsner first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
pilsner first entry in NW; variant in NC, RH, SC
pimento cheese first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; pimiento cheese variant in RH
pimiento (a sweet pepper or its fruit) first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
pimiento first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC
pincers first entry in all; pinchers variant in all
pinkie (the little finger) first entry in all; pinky variant in all
pinkos first entry in AH, NC, RW, RH; pinkoes variant in NC, RH
pinochle first entry in all; pinocle variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; penuchle variant in AH, NW, SC; Penuelde variant in AH, NW, SC
pinyon first entry in all; pinyon variant in AH, NC, SC; pinion variant in NC
pintos first entry in all; pintoes variant in AH, NC
pint-size (adj) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; pint-sized variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
piny first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
    piny first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

pino first entry in AH; pino variant in NC, RH, SC

pipage first entry in AH; pipo variant in NC

pipette first entry in AH; pipo variant in NC

piranha first entry in AH, NC; pirly variant in SC

pitapat first entry in AH, NC; pitapat variant in SC

pixie first entry in AH, NC; pixie variant in RH

plazazz first entry in AH, NC; plazazz variant in NW; bezazz variant in NW

plazazz first entry in NW; bezazz variant in NW

placebos first entry in all; placeboes variant in all

plaguy first entry in AH, NC; plaguy variant in NC

plasma first entry in all; plasma variant in AH, NW, SC

plastically first entry in all; plasticity variant in RH

plebe (freshman at U.S. Military or Naval Academy) first entry in all; pleb variant in AH, NW, SC

pleckism first entry in AH, NC; pleckism variant in RH, SC

plectome first entry in all; plectome variant in AH, RC, SC

plow first entry in all; plough variant in AH, NW, SC

plumb (e.g., "plumb tired") first entry in all; plum variant in AH, RH, SC

pluses first entry in AH, NS, SC; pluses variant in AH, RC, SC

pocketful first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; pocketful variant in AH

poet's first entry in AH, NC, NS; poet's variant in AH, NW, SC

pokey (adj; slow) first entry in AH, NC, NS; pokey variant in AH, NW, SC

poleax first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC
polioencephalitis / preemie

polioencephalitis first entry in RH, SC; polioencephalitis variant in RH, SC
Politburo first entry in all (lower case in AH, NC); Politbureau variant in RH
politecs first entry in all; politeces variant in NC
pollack first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
pollack first entry in AH; unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH
pollinate first entry in all; pollenate variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
polliwog first entry in all; polliwog variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
polyglotism first entry in AH, NC, SC; polyglotism variant in AH, NC
pomel first entry in all; pomelo variant in RH
pommel (noun) first entry in all; pummel variant in AH, RH, SC
Pompeian first entry in all; Pompeian variant in NC, RH
pompon (decorative tuft of wool, feathers, etc.) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC;
variant in NC
pompom first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW
pontoon first entry in all; pontoon unqualified in NC, RH; U.S. in NW, SC
porcelaneous first entry in all; porcelaneous variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
portaled first entry in RH; portalled variant in RH
porticos first entry in all; porticos variant in all
postfixal first entry in AH, RH; postfixal variant in AH, RH
postilion first entry in all
postilion unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
postmasters general first entry in all; postmaster generals variant in NW
poteen first entry in all; poteen variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; potteen variant in SC
potsherd first entry in all; potsherd variant in AH, SC
poularde first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH
powder (breed of pigeon) first entry in all; powder variant in SC
practice (verb) first entry in all
practice unqualified in NC, RH, SC; British in AH, NW
practice (noun) first entry in all
practise unqualified in AH, NC; British in SC
preceptorial first entry in all; preceptorial variant in RH
predacious first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
predaceous first entry in NC (but the second definition reads “usu predacious:
tending to devour or despoil; rapacious”); unqualified in AH, NW, SC; “Exp.
Biol.” in RH
preemie (premature infant) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; premie variant in AH, NC, RH
98  prefect / pronunciamentos

prefect first entry in all; prefect variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

premiere (noun) first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
  première first entry in AH, NW; variant in RH, SC

premiere (verb) first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
  première first entry in AH, NW; variant in RH, SC
  (AH: "Première, as a verb, is unacceptable to 86 per cent of the Usage Panel.")
  premier variant in NC

promise (noun) first entry in all; premiss variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

pre tense first entry in all;
  pretence unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

preterit first entry in all; preterite variant in all

preventable first entry in all; preventible variant in all

preventive first entry in all; preventative variant in all

preview first entry in all
  prevue unqualified for noun and verb in AH, NW, RH, SC; restricted to single
  meaning "a showing of snatches from a motion picture" in NC

prier first entry in all; pyer variant in all

primal first entry in all; principal variant in RH

princess (adj: dressmaking term) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
  princesse first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

prize (to raise by applying leverage) first entry in all
  prise unqualified in AH, RH, SC; British in NC, NW

processible first entry in NC; processable variant in NC

processor first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; processer variant in AH, NW, SC

producible first entry in all; producible variant in RH

program first entry in all
  programme unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

programmatic first entry in all; programatic variant in SC

programmed, -ming first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; unqualified in SC; "esp. Brit. and
  Computer Technol." in RH
  programmed, -ming first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW

programmer first entry in all; programer variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

prohibiter first entry in NW, RH, SC; prohibitor variant in NW, RH

prolifically first entry in all; prolifely variant in RH

prologue first entry in all; prolog variant in NC, RH, SC

prologize first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
  prologize first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

pronunciamentos first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; pronunciamentoes variant in NC
propellant / pummeled, -ling  

propellant (noun) first entry in all
propellant variant for all meanings in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant for single
meaning "a solid or liquid fuel that serves to propel a rocket, guided missile,
e tc." in SC

propellant (adj) first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC

propeller first entry in all; propellor variant in AH, NC

prophecy (noun) first entry in all; prophecy variant in NC

proselytize first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW

prodeste first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

prosyl first entry in all; prost variant in NC, NW, SC

protector first entry in all; protector variant in AH, SC

protester first entry in all

protester unqualified in NC, NW; capitalized and restricted to one meaning
"Scotsman who protested . . . in 1650" in SC

prothalamion first entry in all; prothalamium variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

prothorax first entry in all; prothorax variant in all

proposed, -ing first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW

protection, -ing first entry in NW; variant in AH, SC

protozoan (noun) first entry in all; protozoon variant in all

provisos first entry in all; provisoes variant in all

psaltery first entry in all; psaltery variant in AH, NC

psych (to outguess, intimidate) first entry in AH, NC, NW; psyche variant in NC

psychedenic first entry in all; psychodelic variant in NW, RH

ptomaine first entry in all; ptomain variant in AH, SC

pudgy first entry in all

pudgy unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH

pukka first entry in all; pukka variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

pulsimeter first entry in all; pulsometer variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

pummeled, -ling (or pummeled, -ling) first entry in all

pummeled, -ling (or pummeled, -ling) unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in
AH, RH

(The status of these two spellings is clearly indicated in the three dictionaries
represented above. In RH and AH the separate entries for the two words
suggest that the two spellings are interchangeable.

RH: pummeled: "to beat or thrash with or as if with the fists"; pommeled: "to
beat or strike with or as with the fists or a pommeled"

AH: pummeled: "to pommeled"; pommeled: "to beat, pommeled")
pumpkin / queuing

pumpkin first entry in all
  punkin unqualified in NC; regional in AH

punch card first entry in NC, NW, RH
  punched card first entry in AH; variant in NC, RH

punchinelloes first entry in AH, NW, SC; punchinelloes variant in AH, SC

punky (gnat, midge) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC

punchinelloes first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC; punky variant in AH, SC

pupillage first entry in all; pupilage variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

purdah first entry in all; purda variant in RH; purdah variant in RH

pureblood (adj) first entry in NC; pure-blooded variant in NC

purl (knitting term) first entry in all
  pearl unqualified in AH, RH, SC; obsolete in NW

purline first entry in all; purline variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

purr first entry in all; pur variant in RH, SC

put-put first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NW

puttee first entry in all; putty variant in AH, RH, SC

putter (verb) first entry in all
  potter unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

pygmaean first entry in NC, NW, RH; pygmean variant in NC, NW, RH

pygmy first entry in all; pigmy variant in all

pyorrhea first entry in all; pyorrhoea variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

quahog first entry in all; quahaug variant in all; quahog variant in NW; colhog variant in SC

quarreled, -ing first entry in all
  quarrelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

quarreler first entry in all
  quarreler unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

quartet first entry in all
  quartetle unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

queasy first entry in all; queasy variant in AH, NC

quetzal first entry in all; quezal variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

queue (file of people waiting in line) first entry in all; cue variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

queuing (pres. part.) first entry in all; queueing variant in NC
quiniela first entry in NC; variant in NW
quinella first entry in NW; variant in NC
quiname first entry in all; quinin variant in SC
quintet first entry in all; quintette variant in all

R
rabato first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
rabato first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
rabbit first entry in all; rebate variant in all
rabbi first entry in all
rabbin unqualified in AH, NC, SC; archaic in NW, RH
rabbis first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; rabbies variant in NW, SC
raccoon first entry in all; racoon variant in all
racket (implement used in net games) first entry in all; racquet variant in all
raffia first entry in all; raphia variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
raisable first entry in RH; raiseable variant in RH
rajah first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
raja first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
Ramadan first entry in all
Ramadan unqualified in AH, NW, SC; "in India" in RH; Ramadhan variant in AH, SC
ramekin first entry in all; ramequin variant in all
rancor first entry in all; rancour British in all
rani first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
ranee first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
rarefy first entry in all; rarify variant in NC
raspberry (informal: "Bronx cheer") first entry in all; razzberry variant in AH, SC
ratable first entry in all; rateable variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
rat-a-tat first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
rat-a-tat-tat first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
ratchet first entry in all; rachet variant in NC
ratline first entry in all; raltin variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; rat-fin variant in RH;
ratting variant in RH
rattan first entry in all; ratan variant in NW, RH, SC
ravied, -ling first entry in all
ravied, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
raven (to plunder; to devour greedily) first entry in all; ravin variant in NW, RH, SC
rafin (the act of preying; something plundered) first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
raven first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NW
raze first entry in all; rase unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW
razor-backed (adj) first entry in NC; razorback variant in NC
ready-mix (adj) first entry in NW, RH, SC; ready-mixed variant in RH
rearward (adv) first entry in all; rearwards variant in all
rebateable first entry in RH; rebateble variant in RH
rebec first entry in all; rebeck variant in all
reconnaissance first entry in all; reconnaissance variant in AH, RH, SC
reconnoiter rust entry in all; reconnoitre British in AH, NW, RH, SC
redden (to set in order) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; red variant in AH, NW, SC
redressable first entry in NW, RH; redressible variant in RH
redresser first entry in all; redressor variant in AH, RH, SC
red-winged blackbird first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
redwing blackbird first entry in NC; variant in NW
referable first entry in all; referble variant in NW, RH, SC; referrible variant in NW, SC
reflection first entry in all; reflection unqualified in SC; British in AH, NC, NW, RH
refueled, -ling first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
refuelled, -ling unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH
registrable first entry in all; registerable variant in RH
regrettable (adv) first entry in all; regrettable (-bly) variant in RH
reinforce first entry in all; reinforce variant in AH, NW, RH; re-enforce variant in AH, NW, RH
rejecter first entry in all; rejector variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
remodeled, -ling first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
remodelled, -ling unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH
renouleade first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; renolade variant in AH, NW
renaeissance first entry in all; renascence variant in all
Renaissance first entry in all; Rennaissance variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
reneg first entry in all; renig variant in NC
renounceable first entry in RH; renucible variant in RH
rep (corded cloth) first entry in all; repp variant in all
reparable / rights-of-way 103

reparable first entry in all; repairable variant in AH, SC
(AH and SC use the standard indication of a variant, "also repairable," with
this entry. NC, NW, and RH hint at this status by defining repairable as
"capable of being repaired," and including repairable as an undefined
adjectival form at the end of the entry for repair)
repellent first entry in all; repellant variant in NC, NW, RH
repressor first entry in NW, RH; SC; variant in AH
repressor first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
requester first entry in NC, RH; requestor variant in NC
resalable first entry in NC, NW, RH; resaleable variant in RH
resistible first entry in all; resistable variant in NC
restaurateur first entry in all; restauranteur variant in NC
résumé first entry in all; resume variant in NC, NW, RH; resúmá variant in NC, NW
retractable first entry in all; retractable variant in AH, RH, SC
revealed, -ling first entry in all
revealed, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
rider first entry in all
rider unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH
reverie first entry in all; revery variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
revier first entry in all; revier variant in all
revisable first entry in AH, NC, RH; revisible variant in RH
reviser first entry in all; revisor variant in all
revo first entry in all; revokable variant in all
rhyme first entry in all; rime variant in all
rhymester first entry in all; rimester variant in all; rimester variant in all
riboflavin first entry in all; riboflavine variant in NW, RH
rickrack first entry in all; rickrack variant in NC, RH
rickshaw first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
ricksha first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; rickshaw variant in RH;
riksha variant in RH
ricocheted, -ting first entry in all
ricocheted, -ting unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
rideable first entry in all; rideable variant in NC, NW
right-angled (adj) first entry in all; right-angle variant in NC, NW
rights-of-way first entry in NC, RH; right-of-ways variant in NC
rigmarole / sack

rigmarole first entry in all; rigamarole variant in all
rigor first entry in all; rigour British in all
till (narrow valley on surface of the moon) first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
rille first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
rinky-dink first entry in NW; rinky-link variant in NW
rinsable first entry in AH, RH; rinsible variant in AH, RH
riposte first entry in all; ripost variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
rivaled, 4ling first entry in all
rivalled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
rock-and-roll first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, RH
rock 'n' roll first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
rock-'n'-roll first entry in RH; rock and roll variant in NC
rocketeer first entry in all; rocketer variant in RH
rodomontade first entry in all; rhodomontade variant in AH, NC
roentgen first entry in all; rontgen variant in AM NC, SC (NW and RH, by capitalizing the secondary spelling, suggest that the variant applies only to the name of the German physicist)
roguing (pres. part.) first entry in all; rogueing variant in NC
roister first entry in all; royster variant in NC
Romansch first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC
Romansch first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
Romany first entry in all; Rommany variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
ruble first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
rouble first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
ruche first entry in all; rouche variant in AH, SC
Rumanian first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
Roumanian first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC; Roumanian variant in all
rumba first entry in all; rhumba variant in all
rumor first entry in all; rumour British in all
rustically first entry in all; rusticly variant in RH

S

saber first entry in all
sabre unqualified in NC, NW; British in AH, RH, SC
saccharin (noun) first entry in all; saccharine variant in NW, SC
sack (loose fitting dress or jacket) first entry in all; sacque variant in all
saguaro / sauerkraut 105

saguaro first entry in all; sahuaro variant in AH, NW, SC
Saharan first entry in NC, NW, RH; Saharian variant in RH
sake (Japanese fermented beverage) first entry in all; saki variant in all; saké variant in RH
salable first entry in all; saleable variant in all
salmagundi first entry in all; salmagundy variant in AH, SC
salmi first entry in all; salmis variant in AH, RH, SC
saltpeter first entry in all
saltpetre unqualified in RH; British in AH, NW, SC
salmos first entry in all; salvoes variant in all
Samoyed (breed of dog) first entry in all; Samoyede variant in all
sanatorium (an institution for the treatment of chronic diseases) first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW
sanitarium first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, SC; sanitarium variant in AH, NC; sanatorium variant in NC
(See separate entry below: sanitarium)
sandaled first entry in NW, RH, SC
sandalled unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH
sandbar first entry in all; sand burr variant in NW, RH, SC
sanguineous (pertaining to or containing blood) first entry in all; sanguinous variant in RH
sanitarium (a health resort) first entry in AH, NW, RH; variant in NC, SC
sanatorio first entry in NC, SC; unqualified in AH, RH; British in NW;
sanatorium variant in NC; sanitarium variant in NC
(See separate entry above: sanatorium. Spelling preference based on meaning is found in RH and AH. The main entry carrying all definitions is sanatorium in NC and sanitarium in NW. Under the main entry sanatorium, SC notes the distinction that is sometimes made but adds that “the words are often used interchangeably.” The British tag found in NW for sanatorium echoes Fowler’s note that sanitarium is the usual U.S. spelling [Modern English Usage, second edition, 534]. Fowler dispenses of sanatorium by linking it with two other derivatives which “do not exist.”)
Sanskrit first entry in all; Sanscrit variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
Santa Claus first entry in all; Santa Klaus variant in NW
saraband first entry in all; sarabande variant in NC, RH, SC
sari first entry in all; saree variant in NC, NW, SC
satinet first entry in all; satinette variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
saturator first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
saturator first entry in RH, SC
sauerkraut first entry in all; sourkraut variant in AH, SC
sautéed / scimitar

sautéed first entry in all; sautéd variant in NC
sauterne first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
sauternes first entry in RH (capitalized); variant in AH, NW, SC

sauvable first entry in all; saveable variant in all
savannah first entry in all; savannah variant in all

savior first entry in all

savour (adj, noun) first entry in all

scallowag first entry in all; scallywag variant in all

scarves first entry in NC; unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

scary first entry in all; seamy variant in NC

schoolmarm first entry in all; schoolma'am variant in all

schmitz first entry in all; schmaltz variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; stimaltz variant in NW

schmooze first entry in NV, RH; variant in AH, SC
schmooze first entry in AH, SC; variant in RH; schnoos variant in NW, RH

scraps (headresses, cloth runners, sashes, etc.) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

scarf first entry in AH, NC, NW; shiock variant in NC

schnapps first entry in all; sdmaps variant in NW, SC; slmaps variant in RH

schmoolz first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; shnook variant in NW

schoolma'am first entry in all; schoolma'am variant in all

scimitar first entry in all; scimtener variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; simitar variant in NW, RH, SC; scimmitar variant in SC
scion (bud or twig used for grafting) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
scion first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
Scottish man first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
Scottishman first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC (Usage note in AH: "sometimes considered mildly offensive")
sculpt (verb) first entry in all; sculpt variant in NW, RH, SC
seamstress first entry in all
seamstress unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; rare in AH
seaward (adv) first entry in all; seawards variant in all
secretariat first entry in all; secretariat variant in AH, RH, SC
seductive first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; seductive variant in AH, RH, SC
seedsman first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; seedman variant in NW, RH, SC
selfward (adv) first entry in NW, RH; selfwards variant in NW, RH
selvage first entry in all; selvage variant in all
semestral first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; semestral variant in NC, RH
semiology first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
semiology first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, SC
Semite first entry in all
Semite unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; rare in NW
sentinel, -ing first entry in all
sentinel, -ing unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH
septet first entry in all
septet unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH
septicemia first entry in all; septicaemia variant in RH, SC
septicher first entry in all
sepulcher unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC
sequined first entry in NC, NW, RH; sequinned variant in NC, NW
serape first entry in all
serape unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH
serene first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
saree first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
sergeant first entry in all
sergeant unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC
sergeants major first entry in NC, NW; sergeant majors variant in NC
serveable first entry in RH; serveable variant in RH
sewage first entry in all; sewerage variant in all
sextet first entry in all; sextette variant in NW, RH, SC
shakable first entry in all; shakeable variant in all
Shakespeare / shillelagh

Shakespeare first entry in all; Shakspere variant in all; Shakespeare variant in NW, SC; Shakespere variant in SC; Shakespeare variant in RH (NW adds "etc." after its second variant entry)

Shakespearean first entry in all; Shakespearian variant in all; Shaksperian variant in NC, RH; Shakespearian variant in NC

shako first entry in all; shako variant in AH, SC

shakos first entry in all; shakoes variant in AH, NC, RH

shalom first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; sholara variant in NC, NW

sharable first entry in RH; shareable variant in RH

shard (1. potsherd; broken pottery; 2. tough sheath; wing covering of beetle) first entry in all

sherd variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, NW, RH, and for 1 only in SC (But SC adds "usu sherd: fragments of pottery vessels found on sites")

sharpie first entry in all (SC has a definition for "a long, sharp, flat-bottomed sailboat" but not one for "an alert, sharp-witted person"); shapie variant for both meanings in NC, RH

shashlik first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; shashlick variant in AH, NC, RH; shaslik variant in NC, RH

sheeny (offensive term for a Jew) first entry in AH, RH; sheenie variant in RH

sheepcote first entry in all; sheepcot variant in NW, SC

sheikh first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

shellac first entry in all; shellack variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; shellac variant in AH, SC

sheller first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH

sheer, shiest first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH

shillalah first entry in all; shillalah variant in all; shillalah variant in NW, RH, SC; shillala variant in RH, SC; shillealah variant in SC
shinny / siphon

shinny (variety of hockey) first entry in all; shinney variant in NC, NW, SC

shish kebab first entry in all; shish kebob variant in All, NW; shish kebob variant in AH

shivaree first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC

charivari first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH; chivaree variant in AH, RH, SC; charivaree variant in RH; chivari variant in RH

shoat first entry in all; shote variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

shofar first entry in all; shophar variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

shoot-the-chutes (noun) first entry in NC
chute-the-chute first entry in NW; shoot-the-chute variant in NW

shinward (adv) first entry in NC, NW, RH; shinwards variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

shorty first entry in NC, NW, RH; shortie variant in NC, NW, RH

shovelled, -ding first entry in all
shovelled, -ding unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

shoveler first entry in all
shoveller unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

shovelfuls first entry in NC, NW, RH; shovelsful variant in NC

shrivelled, -ling first entry in all
shrivelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

shrick first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; schrick variant in NC, NW, SC; schtik variant in NW

shuffleboard first entry in all; shovelboard variant in AH, SC

shyly first entry in all; shilly variant in AH, SC

sic (e.g., "Sic `em, Fido") first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC

sick first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

sickly (adv) first entry in all; skilfully variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

siding first entry in all; sidings variant in NC

sideward (adv) first entry in all; sideways variant in all

signulated, -ling first entry in all
signalled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

signaler first entry in all
signaller unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

siliceous first entry in all; silicious variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

silkoline first entry in NC, RH, SC; silkoline variant in NC, RH; silkalone variant in RH; silkalone variant in SC

silviculture first entry in all; sylviculture variant in NC, RH

siphon first entry in all; syphon variant in all
sirocco / slough

sirocco first entry in all; scirocco variant in AH, NC
sissiness first entry in RH; sissyness variant in RH
Sisyphian first entry in all; Sisyphian variant in NC
sizable first entry in all; sizeable variant in all
skald first entry in all; scald variant in all
skie (loosely coiled length of yarn or thread wound on a reel) first entry in all;
skein variant in NC; skeane variant in NC
skeptic first entry in all
sceptic unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW
skeptical first entry in all
sceptical unqualified in RH, SC; British in NW
ski first entry in all
skee unqualified in SC; rare in NW
skiddoo first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; skidoo variant in NC
skied (past tense, past part. of “to sky”) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; skyed
variant in NC, NW
skillful first entry in all
skilful unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
skill-less first entry in NC, RH, SC; skilless variant in NC, RH
skim milk first entry in all; skimmed milk variant in NC, NW, RH
skivvy (men’s T-shirt, underwear) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; scivvy variant in RH
skulduggery first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
skulduggery first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH; sculduggery variant in RH;
sculduggery variant in RH
skulk first entry in all; sculk variant in RH
skyey first entry in all; skiey variant in NC
skyward (adv) first entry in all; skywards variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
sklæke first entry in RH; sklakeable variant in RH
slew (a large number) first entry in all; slue variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
skies, skiest first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
skies, skyst first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
slimmy first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; slimpsy variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
slobber first entry in all; slobber variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
slough (marshy pond, backwater, bayou) first entry in all; slow variant in all; shue
variant in all
slough (noun: something cast off or shed; verb: to cast off, discard) first entry in all;
sloff variant for all meanings in NC, and limited to card game meanings in RH
slue / somersault

slue (verb: turn or twist to the side; noun: this act or position) first entry in all; slew variant in all

slumberous first entry in all; slumberous variant in all

slyly first entry in all; slyly variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

smart aleck first entry in all; smart alec variant in NW; smart-alec variant in RH

snark first entry in NC, NW, RH; smartie variant in NC

smeary first entry in NC, NW, RH; smeary variant in NC

smearcase first entry in all; smearcase variant in NC, RH

smidgen first entry in all; smidgen variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; smidgeon variant in AH, NC, NW

smokable first entry in NC, NW, RH; smokeable variant in NC, NW, RH

smokey first entry in all; smokey variant in NC

smoother first entry in all

smoothie first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in NC

smoky first entry in all; smokey variant in NC

smolder first entry in all

smoulder unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC: British in NW

smoother unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in NW

smoothy first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH, SC

snail’s pace first entry in RH; variant in SC

snail pace first entry in SC

smarth first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; smarth variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

snicker first entry in all; snigger variant in all

snivelled, 4ing first entry in all

sniveler first entry in all

snorkel first entry in all; schnorkel variant for all noun and verb uses in NC; and for one noun use (“a device permitting a submarine to remain submerged”) in RH; schnorkle variant (with preceding restriction) in RH

sobriquet first entry in all; sobriquet variant in all

socks (short stockings) first entry in all; sox variant in all

soft-pedaled, 4ing first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC

soft-pedalled, -ling unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

softhy first entry in all; softhy variant in NC, NW, RH

soigné first entry in all

soignée unqualified in NC, RH; feminine in AH, NW

solicitor first entry in all; solicitor variant in SC

somber first entry in all

sombre unqualified in AH, NC; British in NW, RH, SC

somersault first entry in all; somersault variant in all; somerset variant in all; somerset variant in AH, RH, SC
someway / splendorous

someway first entry in all; someways variant in all

sorehead (adj) first entry in SC; variant in NC
sorehead first entry in NC

southward (adv) first entry in all; southwards variant in all

sovereign first entry in all
soveran unqualified in NC; poetic in AH, SC; literary in RH; rare in NW

spandrel first entry in all; spandril variant in AH, NC, SC

spate first entry in all; spait variant in AH, SC

spatial first entry in all; spacial variant in all

specs (eyeglasses) first entry in all; specks variant in AH, SC

specter first entry in all
spectre unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

speleology first entry in all; spelaeology variant in RH

spelled first entry in all
spelt unqualified in AH, NW, RH, SC; British in NC

spew first entry in all; spue variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

spic (offensive term for a Spanish-American) first entry in AH, RH; variant in SC
spick first entry in SC; variant in AH, RH; spik variant in RH

spick-and-span first entry in all; spic-and-span variant in AH, NC

spicy first entry in all; spicay variant in RH

spiffy (smart, spruce) first entry in all; spiffing variant in RH

spilled first entry in all; split variant in all

spindrift first entry in all
spoondrift unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; “early form of” in NW

spiraled, -ling first entry in all
spiralled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

spirea first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
spiraee first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

spirochete first entry in all; spirochaete variant in all

spit and image first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
spitting image first entry in AH; variant in RH, SC; “alteration of” in NW
(First entry/variant status is unclear in NC, which has no entry for spit and image. However, it has an entry for spitting image, defined “spit and image,” with a cross reference to the second definition for the fourth entry for spit, which is “perfect likeness”)

spitzenburg (a variety of apple) first entry in AH, SC; spitzenberg variant in AH, SC

splendor first entry in all; splendour British in all

splendorous first entry in all; splendrous variant in all
splint (noun) first entry in all; splent variant in NC

spoiled first entry in all; spoilt variant in all

spoonfuls first entry in all; spoonful variant in NC

spoony first entry in all; spooney variant in all

sports car first entry in all; sport car variant in NC, NW, RH

sport shirt first entry in RH, SC; sports shirt variant in RH, SC

sprier, spriest first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH

sprey, spreyest first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

springbok first entry in all; springbuck variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

spite first entry in all; spright variant in AH, SC

spumone first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW

spumoni first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

sport first entry in all

sprit unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; British in AH

squeegee first entry in all

squilgee unqualified in NC, RH, SC; nautical in NW; squillage variant in RH, SC; squilgee variant in RH

squirearchy first entry in all; squirarchy variant in all

squarrelly first entry in AH, NC, NW

squarrelly first entry in SC; variant in NW

staff (set of lines on which music is written) first entry in all; stave variant in all

stagy first entry in all; stagey variant in all

stanch (verb) first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW

staunch first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

(See note below for staunch)

starlit (adj) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC

starlight first entry in SC; variant in AH, NW, RH

statable first entry in NC, NW; stateable variant in NC

State's attorney first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC

State attorney first entry in AH, NC

staunch (adj) first entry in all; stanch variant in all

(SC: "The spelling stanch is preferred for the verb in both England and the United States, and staunch for the adj, although many writers use one or the other spelling for both." AH: "Staunch is more common than stanch as the spelling of the adj. The reverse is true of the verb stanch, meaning to stop the flow." NW: "For the adj; staunch is now the prevailing form in the U.S.; for the verb, usage is about evenly divided between staunch and stanch.")

steadfast first entry in all

steedfast unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; "earlier var. of" in NW

stearin first entry in all; stearine variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
steenbok / St. Vitus’s dance

steenbok first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
steenbuck first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; steenbuck variant in SC; steenbuck variant in NW

stele (stone slab bearing an inscription) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
stela first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

stenched, -ling first entry in all
stenched, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

sterilize first entry in all; sterilise British in NW, RH, SC

sternward (adv) first entry in all; sternwards variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

sties (plural of sty: “pen for enclosing swine”) first entry in all; styes variant in NC

stilettoes first entry in all; stilettos variant in all

stimulator first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in RH
stimulator first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

stockinet first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
stockinette first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, SC

stogy first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
stogie first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, SC; stogy variant in AH, RH, SC

stonable first entry in RH; stoneable variant in RH
stoney first entry in all; stoney variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

storied (e.g., “a two-storied building”) first entry in all
storeyed unqualified in NC, SC; British in RH

story (of a building) first entry in all
storey unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

straightforward (adv) first entry in all; straightforward variant in all

straight jacket first entry in AH, RH, SC
straightjacket first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

straight-laced first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
straightlaced first entry in NC; straight-laced variant in NW, RH; straightlaced variant in NC

streamlined (adj) first entry in all; streamline variant for all uses in AH and NW, and
for single meaning “designed to offer the least resistance to a flow of fluid,
as air, etc.” in SC

stringhalt first entry in all; springhalt variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

strychnine first entry in all; strychnin variant in SC

St. Vitus’s dance first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH
St. Vitus’ dance first entry in AH; variant in SC
Saint Vitus’s dance first entry in NC
Saint Vitus’ dance first entry in NW; St. Vitus dance variant in RH, SC
sty (inflamed eyelid) first entry in all; sty variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
   (Although AH does not give the variant for the singular noun, it shows sties or styes for the plural)

stymie first entry in all; stymy variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; slimy variant in NW, RH, SC

subpoena first entry in all; subpoena variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

subtle first entry in all
   subtle unqualified in AH, NC, SC; archaic in RH: rare in NW

subtlely first entry in all
   subtlely unqualified in AH, NC, SC; archaic in RH: rare in NW

succor first entry in all; succour British in all

sugar-tit first entry in NW, RH; sugar-tact variant in RH

sulf- (combining form of suffer. Typical examples and/or entries are sulfur/sulphur,
   sulfate/sulphate, sulfide/sulphide) first entry in all
   sulf- unqualified in NC, RH, SC (Note in AH: "The spelling sulph is no longer admitted by scientific publications."); NW: "now esp. Brit. spelling for sulf")

sulfa- first entry in all; sulpha- variant in RH, SC (In these two the secondary spelling is entered after sulf- and appears also in various separate entries such as sulphadiazine/sulphadiazine)

sumac first entry in all; sumach variant in all

sunward (adv) first entry in all; sunwards variant in all

supercargo first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; supercargo variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

supersede first entry in all; supersede variant in NC

supply first entry in NC, NW, SC; variant in AH, RH
   supply first entry in AH, RH; variant in NC, NW, SC

supressor first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
   suppresser first entry in AH, SC; variant in RH

surprise (verb) first entry in all
   surprise unqualified in NC; rare in AH, SC

swab first entry in all; swob variant in all

swale first entry in all; swall variant in AH, SC

swami first entry in all; swamy variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

swan's-down first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
   swansdown first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

swap first entry in all; swop variant in all

swastika first entry in all; swastica variant in AH, SC

swat first entry in all; swot variant in NW, RH, SC

swath (noun) first entry in all; swathe variant in all
swathable first entry in RH; swathable variant in RH
sway-backed (adj) first entry in all; swayback variant in RH
sweepstakes first entry in all; sweepstake variant in all
sweetbrier first entry in all; sweetbriar variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
swiveled, -ling first entry in all
swivelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
swordman first entry in all
swordman unqualified in RH, SC; archaic in NW
syllabub first entry in AH, NC, NW, variant in RH, SC
sillabab first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, sillibub variant in RH
sylvan first entry in all; silvan variant in all
symboled, -ling first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
symbolled, -ling unqualified in NC, NW; British in RH
synagogue first entry in all; synagog variant in all
sync (clipped form of noun “synchronization.” and verb “to synchronize”) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; synch variant for noun and verb in NC, NW, and for noun only in RH
syrup first entry in all
sirup unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; U.S. in SC
syrupy first entry in all; sirupy variant in NC, NW, RH

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tablespoonfuls first entry in all; tablespoonful variant in NC
tabou first entry in all; tabo variant in all
tabor first entry in all; tabour variant in all; taber variant in SC
tacky (adj: slightly sticky, gummy) first entry in all; tackey variant in SC
taffrail first entry in all
taffrel unqualified in NW, SC; archaic in RH
takable first entry in NW, RH; takeable variant in NW, RH
talked, -ing first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; talked, -ing variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
tamable first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; tameable variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
tampion first entry in all; tompion variant in all
tangential first entry in all; tangential variant in AH, RH, SC	tarnism first entry in all; tarnism variant in RH, SC
tarboosh first entry in all; tarbush variant in AH, NC, RH, SC	tarlatan first entry in all; tarlestan variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
tartar sauce / thiazine

Tartar sauce first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
Tartar sauce first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

Tartuffe first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in SC
Tartuffe first entry in SC; variant in AH

Tasseled -ling first entry in all
Tasseled -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

Tawny first entry in all; tawney variant in AH, RH, SC

Taxing first entry in all; taxying variant in all

Taxis (noun) first entry in all; taxies variant in AH, NC, RH

Teasel first entry in all; teazel variant in all; teazle variant in all

Teaspoonfuls first entry in all; teaspoonsful variant in NC

Teen-age (adj) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
Teenage first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH; teen-aged variant in AH, RH, SC; teenaged variant in NC

Teetotaler first entry in all
Teetotaller unqualified in AH, NC, NW; British in RH, SC

Telespher first entry in all; teller variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

Template first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
Templet first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

Tendentious first entry in all; tendenous variant in all

Tenderfoots first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
Tenderfeet first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

Tepee first entry in all; teepee variant in all; tipi variant in all

Terrain first entry in all; terrane variant in NC, NW

Terrane first entry in all; terrain variant in all

Tetch (somewhat deranged) first entry in NW, RH; variant in NC
Tetch first entry in NC

Tetchy first entry in all; techy variant in all

Thane (1. Anglo-Saxon freeman; 2. feudal lord or baron in Scotland) first entry in all; thanen variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NW, RH, SC, and for 1 only in NC

Theater first entry in all
Theatre unqualified in AH, NC, NW; British in RH, SC

Thenceforward first entry in all; thenceforwards variant in all

Thereabouts first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
Thereabout first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

Therm first entry in all; therm varient in AH, RH, SC
Thermostat -ing first entry in all; thermostat -ing variant in NC

Thiamine first entry in all; thiamin variant in SC
Thiazine first entry in all; thiazen variant in SC
thiazole first entry in all; thiazol variant in SC

thegamabob first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH

thegumabob first entry in RH; variant in NW, SC; thegumabob variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

thegamajig first entry in NC, NW, SC

thegumajig first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW, SC

thitherward first entry in all; thitherwards variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

thorough first entry in all

tho nonstandard in NC; clipped form in NW; informal in RH; rare in SC

thorp first entry in all; thorpe variant in NW, RH, SC

though first entry in all

tho informal in AH, RH; “var of though” in NC; clipped form in NW; “also spelled” in SC; tho’ clipped form in NW; informal in RH

thralldom first entry in all; thralldom variant in all

thresh (to beat or flail, as grain) first entry in all; thrash variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

through first entry in all

thru informal in AH, RH; “var of through” in NC; “shortened spelling” in NW; “also spelled” in SC; thro’ archaic in NC, NW, RH; “also spelled” in SC; thro’ archaic in NW, RH; variant in SC

thrustor first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; thrustor variant in NC

throughway first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC

thruway rust entry in all; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

thunderous first entry in all; thunderous variant in AH, SC

thymy (abounding in or fragrant with thyme) first entry in NC, NW, SC; thymey variant in NC

ticktacktoe first entry in AH, NC, SC
tick-tack-toe first entry in NC; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

tick-tack-toe variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; tick-tac-toe variant in NC, NW, RH; tic-tac-toe variant in SC; tick-tack-too variant in RH; ticktacktoo variant in SC
diddit first entry in all
tidbit unqualified in AH, NC; British in NW, RH, SC

tiddlywinks first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
tiddledywinks first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

tiger-eye (a gemstone) first entry in NC, SC; variant in NW

tiger’s-eye first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC
tiger’s eye first entry in NW
tiger-eye first entry in AH; tigers-eye variant in SC
tigerish first entry in all; tigrish variant in RH, SC
timbal first entry in all; tymbal variant in all
timbre / torpedoes

timbre first entry in all; timber variant in NC
timpani first entry in all; tympani variant in all
tine (of a fork, etc.) first entry in all
tyne unqualified in NC; British in RH
tingeing first entry in all; tinging variant in all
tinker's damn first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
tinker's dam first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
tinselled, -ling first entry in all
tinselled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
tire (noun) rust entry in all; tyre British in all
titivate first entry in all; tittivate variant in NC, NW, SC
tobaccos first entry in all; tobaccoes variant in AH, RH, SC
today first entry in all
to-day unqualified in AH, RH, SC; "formerly" in NW
toffee first entry in all; toffy variant in all
tolstoyan first entry in NC, RH; Tolstoian variant in NC, RH
tomorrow first entry in all
to-morrow unqualified in AH, RH, SC; "formerly" in NW
tons-tom first entry in all; tam-tam variant for all meanings in NC, NW, RH; for restricted meanings such as "a Chinese gong" or "small-headed drums... beaten with the hands." in AH, SC
tonight first entry in all
to-night unqualified in AH, RH, SC; "formerly" in NW
tonnage first entry in all; tonnage variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
tonsillar (relating to tonsils) first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
tonsilar first entry in AH; variant in RH, SC
tootsy (the foot) first entry in all; tootsie variant in AH, NC, NW
topee (pith helmet or sun hat) first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
top first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
topful first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
topful first entry in NC; variant in AH
Tophet first entry in all; Topheh variant in NW, RH, SC
tormentor first entry in all; tormentor variant in all
tornados first entry in all; tornados variant in all
torpedoes first entry in all; torpedos variant in SC
totaled, -ling first entry in all
totaled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

totalizator first entry in all (capitalized as trademark in RH); totalizer variant in all

totalizator unqualified in NC, NW; British in SC

toughie first entry in NC, NW, RH; toughy variant in NC, NW, RH
tourmaline first entry in all; tourmaline variant in AH, RH, SC; tourmalin variant in RH, SC
toast first entry in all; toaste variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
tovarich first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
tovarish first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, SC; variant in RH
tovarisch first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
toward (prep) first entry in all; towards variant in all
towel, -ling first entry in all

towelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
toweling (noun) first entry in all
towelling unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH
townie (non-student resident of a college town) first entry in AH, NW; towny variant in AH
toxemia first entry in all; toxaemia variant in NW, RH, SC
toxin first entry in all; toxine variant in AH, SC

tradable first entry in NC, NW, RH; tradable variant in NC, NW, RH

trade union first entry in all

trade union unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, SC

tramp first entry in all; tramps variant in NW, SC; trapse variant in NW

traitress first entry in all; traitress variant in NC

trammeled, -ling first entry in all

trammeled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

trammontane (adj) first entry in all; transmontane variant in all

transpontine first entry in all; trampolin variant in AH

transquilize first entry in all; tranquillize variant in all

transquilizer first entry in all; tranquilizer variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

tranquility first entry in all; tranquillity variant in all

transferable first entry in all; transferrable variant in NW, RH

transferal first entry in all; transferal variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

transfusible first entry in all; transfusible variant in NC, RH

translator first entry in all; trans late variant in RH
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  transmittible first entry in NW; variant in AH, RH

transonic first entry in all; trans-sonic variant in NC; transsonic variant in NW

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  transvestition first entry in SC; variant in AH, NW, RH

traveled, -ing first entry in all
  travelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

traveler first entry in all
  traveller unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH

cvolvere first entry in all; travelog variant in all

travertine first entry in all; travertin variant in RH, SC

traversal first entry in all; traversant variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

tremulant first entry in all; tremulent variant in AH, SC

trestle first entry in all; trestle variant in NC

tricolor (adj) first entry in all; tricolored variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

tricorne (noun) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
  tricorn first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

trimestral first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; trimestrial variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

trivet first entry in all; trivet variant in SC

trolley first entry in all; trolley variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

trouser first entry in all; trowsers variant in AH, NC, SC

troweled, -ling first entry in all
  trowelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

truing (pres. part.) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
  truing first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH

tse fly first entry in all; tsetse fly variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

T-shirt first entry in all; tee shirt variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; T-shirt variant in SC;
  tee-shirt variant in RH

tularemia first entry in all; tularaemia variant in NW, RH, SC

tumbril first entry in all; tumbril variant in all

tumor first entry in all; tumour British in NC, NW, RH, SC

tunable first entry in all; tunable variant in all

tunnelled, -ing first entry in all
  tunneled, -ing unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

trubaned first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; turbaned variant in NC
turf / uncommunicative

turfs first entry in all
  turves unqualified in NC; archaic in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

turquoise (the mineral, gem) first entry in all
  turquoise unqualified in NC, NW, RH; obsolete in SC; turkois variant in SC

tussock first entry in all; tussock variant in AH, SC

tuxedos first entry in all; tuxedoes variant in NC

twaddle first entry in all
  twattle unqualified in AH, NW, SC; "Br. Dial." in RH

twerp first entry in all; twerp variant in all

twinging (pres. part.) first entry in all; twingeing variant in NC

twopence first entry in all
  tuppence unqualified in NC, NW, RH; informal in AH, SC

twopenny (coin) first entry in all
  tuppenny unqualified in RH; informal in AH, SC

tying (pres. part.) first entry in all; tieing variant in NC

tyke first entry in all; tike variant in all

typeable first entry in NC; variant in NW
  typable first entry in NW

typy (adj) first entry in NC; typey variant in NC

tyro first entry in all; tiro variant in all

U

uhian first entry in all; ulan variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

ukulele first entry in all; ukelele variant in RH

umiak first entry in all; oomiak variant in all; umiack variant in NW; SC: oomiak variant in NW, RH; umiak variant in RH; oomiack variant in NC

unpreesth first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; unteenth variant in RH

unalterable first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; inalterable variant in NC, RH (These two dictionaries use unalterable to define inalterable)

unaware (adv) first entry in all
  unaware unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; archaic in SC

unbeknownst first entry in all; unbeknownst variant in all

unbiased first entry in all
  unbiased unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

unblessed first entry in all; unbless variant in all

uncommunicative first entry in all; incommunicative variant in AH, NC, RH (These three dictionaries use uncommunicative to define incommunicative)
uncontrollable first entry in all; incontrollable variant in all (All of the dictionaries use uncontrollable to define incontrollable)

underdevelop first entry in NW, RH; underdevelope variant in RH

underhand (sneaky, deceitful) first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW; underhanded first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

undersea (adv) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH; underseas first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

undersized first entry in all; undersize variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

undreamed (of) first entry in NC, NW, SC; undreamt (of) variant in NC, NW, SC (RH includes both spellings in alphabetical order in the list of undefined un-words)

unequaled first entry in all
unequalled unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

unessential first entry in all; inessential variant in AH, NC, NW, SC (These four dictionaries use unessential to define inessential)

unnnameable first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; unnamable variant in NW, RH, SC (These words are found in the lists of undefined un-words. The only justification for considering unnameable the first entry is that it is the only spelling in NC)

unraveled, -ling first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
unravelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

unrivaled first entry in all
unrivalled unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH, SC

unsalable first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; unsaleable variant in NW, RH, SC (These words are found in the lists of undefined un-words. The only justification for considering unsalable the first entry is that it is the only spelling in NC)

unsavory first entry in all; unsavoury British in RH, SC

unshakable first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; unshakeable variant in NW, SC (SC places the entry in the text proper with unshakable; the first entry, NW includes both spellings in alphabetical order in the list of undefined un-words)

unskillful first entry in all; unskillful British in RH, SC

unstable first entry in all; instable variant in NC, NW, RH, SC (These four dictionaries use unstable to define instable)

untamable first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; untameable variant in RH, SC

untravelled first entry in all; untravelled unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH

unwieldy first entry in all; unwieldy variant in RH

upstairs (adj) first entry in all; upstairs variant in RH

upward (adv) first entry in all; upwards variant in all
upward of / Venus's-flytrap

upward of first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
upwards of first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

uremia first entry in all; uraemia variant in AH, NC, RH, SC; urinemia variant in SC;
urinaemia variant in SC

urinalysis first entry in all; uranalysis variant in RH, SC

usable first entry in all; useable variant in all

utilize first entry in all; utilise British in NW, RH, SC

utmost (noun) first entry in all; uttermost variant in all

V

Valentine Day first entry in NC, RH
Valentine's Day first entry in AH; variant in NC, RH; Valentines Day variant
in AH

Valhalla first entry in all; Valhalla variant in all; Valhall variant in RH, SC; Walhall
variant in RH

Valkyrie first entry in all; Valkyne variant in all; Valkyr variant in SC

valor first entry in all; valour British in all

vamoose first entry in all; vamose variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

vanillin first entry in all; vanillin variant in RH, SC

vapor first entry in all; vapour British in all

varicose (swollen, dilated, e.g., varicose veins) first entry in all; varicosed variant in NC

varmint first entry in all; varment variant in NW, RH

vedette first entry in all; vedette variant in all

vegetative first entry in all; vegetive variant in all

veld first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC

velde first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

velour first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC

velours first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

vendible first entry in all; vendable variant in NC, NW

vendor first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC

vender first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

venereology first entry in all; venerology variant in NC, RH

venesection first entry in all; venesection variant in NC, RH

venepuncture first entry in all; venepuncture variant in NW, RH, SC

ventriloquial first entry in all; ventriloquial variant in RH, SC

Venus's-flytrap first entry in AH, NC, RH
Venus's-flytrap first entry in SC
Venus' flytrap first entry in NW; Venus flytrap variant in RH, SC
veranda first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in All
verandah first entry in All; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
vermilion first entry in all; vermilion variant in All, NC, RH
vermouth first entry in all; vermouth variant in All, SC
 vexed first entry in All, NC, RH, SC; next variant in NC
vialled, -ling first entry in All, NW, SC
vialled, -ling unqualified in All, NW, SC
vicariate first entry in all; vicariate variant in all
victual (s) first entry in all; victual (s) unqualified in NC; nonstandard in All; obsolete or dialect in NW; informal in SC
victualled, -ling first entry in all
victualled, -ling unqualified in All, NC, NW, SC; British in All
victualler first entry in All, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
victualler first entry in NC; unqualified in All, NW, SC; British in RH
vicuna first entry in all; vicuna variant in NC, RH; vicugna variant in SC
vigor first entry in all; vigour British in all
vilein first entry in all; villain variant in all
villeinage first entry in All, NW, RH, SC;
village first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH, SC; villanage variant in All, RH, SC; villanage variant in RH
violator first entry in all; violater variant in RH
viragoes first entry in all; viragos variant in all
virtu first entry in all; vertu variant in all
visa first entry in all; visé variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
vise first entry in all
vise unqualified in All, RH; British in NC, NW, SC
visor first entry in all; vizer variant in all
vitamin first entry in all
vitamine unqualified in RH, SC; rare in All
vizier first entry in all; vize variant in All, NW, RH, SC
volcanoes first entry in all; volcanos variant in all
volcanology first entry in all; volcanology variant in all
votable first entry in All, NW, RH, SC; voteable variant in All, NW, RH, SC
votaress first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
votress unqualified in SC; archaic in NC
wacky / wheelman

W

wacky first entry in all; whacky variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
waddable first entry in NC, RH; wadeable variant in NC, RH
wadi first entry in all; wady variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
wagon first entry in all; waggon British in all
wagon-lits first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
wagon-lits first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC
wainscoting first entry in all
wainscoting unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH
walkie-talkie first entry in all; walky-talky variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
washerwoman first entry in all; washwoman variant in all
waterward first entry in RH; waterwards variant in RH
way (the length of a course; distance) first entry in all
ways unqualified in NC, regional in AH, colloquial in NW, “popularly or dialectally” in SC
weevily first entry in all; weevilly variant in all
weigela first entry in all; neigella variant in NW, RH
weidie first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW
weido first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC; weirdy variant in AH, NC, SC
welder first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; weldor variant in NC, RH
(in RH the presence of welder, weldor as undefined derived forms in the entry for weld suggests that the variant applies to all meanings. NC limits the variant to the single meaning “one whose work is welding”)

welsh (verb) first entry in all; welch variant in all
Welsh first entry in all
Welsh unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; rare in AH
Welsh rabbit first entry in all; Welsh rarebit variant in all
(See usage notes in NW: “faulty etymologizing,” and SC: “The form rarebit was a later development and is the result of mistaken etymology”)
werewolf first entry in all; wenvolf variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
wergild first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
wergild first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW; wergild variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; wergelt variant in SC
westward (adv) first entry in all; westwards variant in all
wheelbarrow first entry in all; wheelbarrow variant in all
wheelman (helmsman) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; wheelsman variant in AH, NW, RH, SC (First entry/variant status cannot be determined in NC, which has entries for both words, each using “helmsman” in the definition)
whereabouts / williwaw

whereabouts first entry in all
whereabout unqualified for adv and noun in NC; rare for adv and noun in NW; rare for adv only in SC

whiffletree first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
whippletree first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

white first entry in all
whilst British in AH, NC, RH, SC; dialect in NW

whimsy first entry in all; whimsey variant in all

whiny first entry in all; whiney variant in NC, NW, RH

whir first entry in all
whir unqualified in NC, NW, RH; British in AH, SC

whiskey first entry in all; whisky variant in all
(AH, NW, and RH note that whiskey is used especially in reference to U.S. and Irish liquors and whisky with British and Canadian)

whirey (derogatory term referring to a white person or the white community) first entry in AH, RH, SC; whity variant in RH

whiz first entry in all; whizz variant in all

whiz-bang first entry in NW, RH

whizbang first entry in NC, SC

whodunit first entry in all; whodunnit variant in NC

whoop-de-do first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; whoop-de-doo variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

whoop-de-doo first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; whoop-de-doo variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

whoosie first entry in RH; variant in NW

whoops first entry in NW; variant in RH

whop first entry in all; whap variant in NC, NW, SC

whopper first entry in all; whapper variant in NW, SC

wickup first entry in all; wickyup variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; wickyup variant in RH

wideon first entry in all
wideon unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; British in AH

wiener first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; weenie informal in AH, RH, SC; colloquial in NW; wienie unqualified in SC; colloquial in NW; informal in RH; weeny colloquial in NW
(First entry/variant status cannot be determined in NC, in which wiener and weenie are defined alike—"Frankfurter"—and weenie is called a variant of wiener)

willful first entry in all
willful unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

williwaw first entry in all; williwaw variant in NW, RH, SC; willie-va variant in RH; williwaw variant in RH; willy-wa variant in RH
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xebec first entry in all; xebec variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; zebeck variant in AH, NW, RH

x-ed (to mark with an x; to delete) first entry in NC, NW, RH
  x'd first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH; xed variant in AH, NC

x-ing first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; x'ing variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

Y

yachtsman first entry in all; yachtman variant in SC

yachtsmanship first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; yachtsmanship variant in RH, SC

Yahweh first entry in all; Yahweh variant in all; Jahweh variant in all; Yahve variant in NW, RH, SC; Jehovah variant in NW, RH, SC; Jahwe variant in NW, RH, SC; Yahwe variant in NW, RH

yak (noun: persistent talk; verb: to chatter) first entry in all; yack variant in AH, NC, NW

yare (1. quick, lively, ready; 2. easily handled, as a ship) first entry in all
  yar variant for 1 and 2 in NC, RH, and for 1 only in NW

yarmulke first entry in all; yarmulka variant in NW; yamulka variant in NW; Yarmulke variant in NW

yawp first entry in all; yaup variant in all

Yeoman's service first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; yeoman service variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

yesses (noun) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; yesses variant in SC

yeshiva first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; yeshivah variant in NC, RH, SC

yodel first entry in all; yodle variant in AH, RH, SC

yodelled, -ling first entry in all
  yodelled, -ling unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

yodeler first entry in all
  yodeller unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH; yodler variant in RH, SC

yogi first entry in all; yogin variant in all; yogee variant in SC

yogurt first entry in all; yoghurt variant in all; yoghurt variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

yowl first entry in all
  yawl unqualified in SC; "Br. Dial." in NW, RH

Z

zabaglione first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; zabajone variant in RH; zabajone variant in RH
zephyrean first entry in RH; zephyrian variant in RH
zeroe first entry in all; zeroes variant in all
zibeline first entry in all; zibelline variant in all
zigurat first entry in all; zikkurat variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; zikurat variant in NW, RH
zincled, -cking first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
zinced, -cing first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
zinky first entry in NC, NW, SC; zinky variant in NC, NW, SC; zincy variant in NC, NW, SC
zither first entry in all; zithern variant in AH, SC
zombie first entry in all; zombi variant in all
(AH and SC make no spelling distinction according to meaning. NC, NW, and RH, however, indicate that zombi is the usual spelling for certain meanings, as “snake deities of voodoo cults” or “supernatural force that brings a corpse to life,” and that zombie is the usual spelling for other meanings, as “a corpse reactivated by sorcery” or “a drink made of various rums and flavorings”)
Zoroastrianism first entry in all; Zoroastrian variant in RH, SC