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Explanatory Notes

MERRIAM-WEBSTER'S RHYMING DICTIONARY is a listing of words grouped according to the way they rhyme. The words are drawn from *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*. Though many uncommon words can be found here, many highly technical or obscure words have been omitted, as have words whose only meanings are vulgar or offensive.

Rhyming sound Words in this book are gathered into entries on the basis of their rhyming sound. The rhyming sound is the last part of the word, from the vowel sound in the last stressed syllable to the end of the word. This last stressed syllable may receive either primary or secondary stress. That is, a word may be listed at a given entry either because (1) the rhyming sound begins with the word's most strongly accented syllable or (2) the rhyming sound begins with a following syllable that is only somewhat accented. In this book, the rhyming sound may have one, two, or three syllables.

One-syllable rhyming sounds are found in one-syllable words, as in *wide* \ˈwīd\ (rhyming sound \īd\), and in words in which the primary or secondary stress falls on the final syllable, as in *Dundee* \,dʌn-ˈdē\ or *passkey* \ˈpɑs-ˌkē\, both with rhyming sounds \ē\. Other words with one-syllable rhyming sounds are *appeal* \ə-ˈpēl\ (rhyming sound \ēl\), *mongoose* \ˈmɑn-ˌgʊs\ (rhyming sound \üs\), and *undergrad* \ˈʌn-dər-ˌgrɑd\ (rhyming sound \ɑd\).

Two-syllable rhyming sounds are found in words in which the last syllable with primary or secondary stress is the next-to-last syllable in the word. For example, *cola* \ˈkō-lə\ and *remover* \ri-ˈmü-vər\ have two-syllable rhyming sounds. For *cola*, the rhyming sound is \ō-lə\, as in *granola* and *Gorgonzola*; for *remover*, it is \ü-vər\, as in *louver* and *maneuver*.

Three-syllable rhyming sounds are found in words in which the third syllable from the end carries the stress. *Mutable* \ˈmyüt-ə-bəl\ and *frivolity* \friv-ˈäl-ət-ē\ have three-syllable rhyming sounds. For *mutable*, it is \üt-ə-bəl\ as in *suitable* and *inscrutable*; for *frivolity*, it is \äl-ət-ē\ as in *jollity* and *equality*.

Main entries Main entries in this dictionary consist of an entry form (in boldface type), a pronunciation, and a list of words that rhyme, separated into syllable groupings. The entry form is the most common spelling of the rhyming sound shown in the pronunciation. To find a rhyme for a given word, then, you need to know only the spelling of the word and its rhyming sound. If, for instance, you wanted to find a word to rhyme with *deep*, you would look up **eep**, because that is the way the rhyming sound is spelled. At **eep**, you will find the following entry:

eep \ēp\ beep, bleep, cheap, cheep,
clepe, creep, deep, heap, jeep, . . .

If the word you wanted to find a rhyme for had been *cheap*, you might have looked up **eap**, and found the following cross-reference entry:

eap \ēp\ see **eep**

When the same spelling is used for more than one rhyming sound, superscript numbers are used to alert users to all identically spelled entries. The user searching for a rhyme for *give*, for example, would look up **ive** and find the following entries:

ive¹ \īv\ chive, dive, drive, five,
gyve, hive, I've, jive, . . .

ive² \iv\ give, live, sheave, shiv,
sieve, spiv
forgive, . . .

ive³ \ēv\ see **eave**¹

The rhyming sound in *give* is pronounced \iv\, so the second entry is the appropriate one.

Since many words have more than one standard pronunciation, some words appear in more than one list, and not every word on every list will rhyme for every person.

An explanation of the pronunciation symbols is found on page ix.

Order of rhyming words The words that follow the boldface entry form and the pronunciation are separated into groups by number of syllables, from those with the fewest to those with the most, as shown in the following example.

arten \ärt-^ən\ Barton, carton,
hearten, marten, martin, Martin,
smarten, Spartan, tartan
baum marten, dishearten,
Dumbarton, freemartin, Saint Martin,
Sint Maarten
kindergarten

Cross-reference entries Main entries in this book are supplemented by cross-reference entries. Like main entries, cross-reference entries have an entry form and a pronunciation, but in place of a list of rhyming words, cross-reference entries provide a note that directs the user to a main entry where the list of rhyming words can be found. The pronunciation in the cross-reference entry matches the pronunciation shown at the main entry.

The following cross-reference entries, for instance, send the reader to the entry **arten** shown above:

artin \ärt-^ən\ see **arten**

aarten \ärt-^ən\ see **arten**

If a cross-reference entry directs users to an entry that is one of several spelled identically, the superscript identification number ensures that users will find the correct entry:

ieve¹ \iv\ see **ive**²

ieve² \ēv\ see **eave**¹

Unlisted rhyming words In order to save space, inflected forms of words have not been listed as entries or included in the lists of rhymes. Inflected forms are those forms that are created by adding grammatical endings to the base word. For instance, the base word *arm*, a noun, is made plural by adding *-s* to form *arms*, and the base word *walk*, a verb, forms its past tense by adding *-ed* to form *walked*. Users must go to entries for the base word in such cases.

In some cases, both inflected and noninflected forms share the same rhyming sounds. For example, the uninflected forms *lox* and *paradox* share the same rhyming sound with the inflected forms *docks* and *socks*. In such cases, only the rhyming uninflected forms are listed, but an italicized note at the end of the entry indicates where the base words of the rhyming inflected forms can be found:

ox \äks\ box, cox, fox, . . .
 —also *-s*, *-’s*, and *-s’* forms of
nouns, and *-s* forms of *verbs*, listed
 at **ock**¹

Such notes have been added whenever two or more rhyming words could be created by adding endings to the base words at the entry. (If only one such rhyme could be created, it has simply been added to the list.)

Other rhyming words that may not be listed are derived words. Like an inflected word, a derived word is one to which an ending has been added; however, a derived word generally represents a different part of speech from its base word. For instance, when *-ly* is added to the adjective *quick*, the derived word, *quickly*, is an adverb; likewise, when *-ness* is added to the adjective *glad*, the derived word, *gladness*, is a noun.

There is no entry for a rhyming sound if all the words that would be on the list are regular derived words formed by adding a suffix to words drawn from another list. For instance, there is no entry for **arkly**, because the only rhyming words, *darkly* and *starkly*, are adverbs formed by adding *-ly* to the adjectives found at the entry **ark**. If, however, any of the rhyming words are

not derived forms, a complete list is given. The entry **early**¹, for instance, is included because among the adverbs at the entry there is also the adjective *queenly*, and, for the purposes of this book, adjectives ending in *-ly* are not treated as regular derived forms.

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Pronunciation Symbols

ə	<i>banana</i> , <i>collide</i> , <i>abut</i>		<i>un bon vin blanc</i> \œ ⁿ -bō ⁿ -va ⁿ -blä ⁿ \
ə	preceding \l\ and \n\, as in <i>battle</i> , <i>mitten</i> , and <i>eaten</i> ; following \l\, \m\, \r\, as in French <i>table</i> , <i>prisme</i> , <i>titre</i>	ŋ	<i>sing</i> \'siŋ\, <i>finger</i> \'fiŋ-gər\, <i>ink</i> \'iŋk\
ər	<i>further</i> , <i>merger</i> , <i>bird</i>	ō	<i>bone</i> , <i>know</i> , <i>beau</i>
a	<i>mat</i> , <i>gag</i> , <i>sap</i>	ò	<i>saw</i> , <i>all</i> , <i>caught</i>
ā	<i>day</i> , <i>fade</i> , <i>aorta</i>	oi	<i>coin</i> , <i>destroy</i>
ä	<i>bother</i> , <i>cot</i> , <i>father</i>	p	<i>pepper</i> , <i>lip</i>
au	<i>now</i> , <i>loud</i> , <i>Faust</i>	r	<i>red</i> , <i>car</i> , <i>rarity</i>
b	<i>baby</i> , <i>rib</i>	s	<i>source</i> , <i>less</i>
ch	<i>chin</i> , <i>nature</i> \'nā-chər\	sh	<i>shy</i> , <i>mission</i> , <i>machine</i> , <i>special</i>
d	<i>did</i> , <i>adder</i>	t	<i>tie</i> , <i>attack</i> , <i>late</i>
e	<i>bet</i> , <i>peck</i> , <i>help</i>	th	<i>thin</i> , <i>ether</i>
ē	<i>fee</i> , <i>easy</i> , <i>media</i>	<u>th</u>	<i>then</i> , <i>either</i>
f	<i>fifty</i> , <i>phone</i> , <i>rough</i>	ü	<i>rule</i> , <i>fool</i> , <i>union</i> \'yün-yən\, <i>few</i> \'fyü\
g	<i>go</i> , <i>big</i>	ù	<i>pull</i> , <i>would</i> , <i>book</i>
h	<i>hat</i> , <i>ahead</i>	v	<i>vivid</i> , <i>give</i>
i	<i>tip</i> , <i>banish</i> , <i>active</i>	w	<i>we</i> , <i>away</i>
ī	<i>site</i> , <i>buy</i> , <i>deny</i>	y	<i>yard</i> , <i>cue</i> \'kyü\, <i>mute</i> \'myüt\
j	<i>job</i> , <i>gem</i> , <i>judge</i>	z	<i>zone</i> , <i>raise</i>
k	<i>kin</i> , <i>cook</i> , <i>ache</i>	zh	<i>vision</i> , <i>azure</i> \'a-zhər\
ƀ	German <i>ich</i> , <i>Buch</i>	\	slant line used in pairs to mark off pronunciations
l	<i>lily</i> , <i>pool</i>	'	precedes a syllable with primary (strongest) stress
m	<i>murmur</i> , <i>dim</i>	ˈ	precedes a syllable with secondary (medium) stress
n	<i>no</i> , <i>own</i>	-	mark of syllable division
ⁿ	preceding vowel or diphthong is pronounced with the nasal passages open, as in French		

A

a¹ \ä\ aah, ah, baa, bah, blah, bra, dah, droit, fa, Fra, ha, Jah, Kwa, la, ma, na, nah, pa, pas, qua, Ra, rah, schwa, shah, ska, spa

à bas, aba, Accra, aha, Allah, Armagh, blah-blah, Borgia, bourgeois, brava, Casbah, chamois, Chang-sha, Chita, Degas, Dumas, éclat, fa la, faux pas, fellah, fetah, foie gras, gaga, galah, Galois, grandma, grandpa, ha-ha, halvah, Hama, hoo-ha, hoopla, Hsia, hurrah, huzzah, isba, Issa, Luda, Marat, markka, mudra, Oita, opah, orgeat, Oujda, quinoa, pai-hua, paisa, Para, pasha, patois, pooh-bah, prutah, pya, San'a, sangfroid, selah, Shema, sola, supra, tola, Tonghua, Ufa, Utah, Valois, Vaudois, viva, voilà, whoopla
abaca, Adana, agora, ahimsa, Akita, aloha, assignat, Aymara, baccarat, baklava, Bogotá, brouhaha, cervelat, Chippewa, coup d'état, Cumanà, Delacroix, entrechat, feria, habdalah, haftarah, haniwa, Kashiwa, koruna, Kostroma, la-di-da, Libera, ma-and-pa, Machida, Malinois, Mardi Gras, Modena, moussaka, Omaha, Oshawa, Ottawa, pakeha, panama, Panama, Paraná, parashah, pas de trois, persona, picara, pietà, podesta, polenta, polynya, port de bras, Quebecois, reseda, rufiyaa, Shangri-la, tempura, ulema, usquebaugh

Ahvenanmaa, Alma-Ata, ayatollah, Baha' Allah, caracara, con anima, coureur de bois, hispanidad, hors de combat, je ne sais quoi, Karaganda, Makhachkala, ménage à trois, phenomena, res publica, sursum corda, tamandua

Alto Paraná, Haleakala, Katharevusa, mousseline de soie,

Nishinomiya, pâté de foie gras, Tokorozawa, Utsunomiya

Afars and the Isas, exempli gratia, Isthmus of Panama, Novaya Zemlya

a² \ā\ see ay¹

a³ \ò\ see aw¹

aa¹ \a\ see ah³

aa² \ä\ see a¹

aachen \ä-kən\ Aachen, lochan

aag \äg\ see og¹

aal¹ \āl\ see ail

aal² \ól\ see all

aal³ \äl\ see al¹

aam \äm\ see om¹

aan \an\ see an⁵

aans¹ \äns\ see ance²

aans² \änz\ see onze

aard \ärd\ see ard¹

aari \är-ē\ see ari¹

aaron \ar-ən\ see aron²

aarten \ärt-ən\ see arten

aas \äs\ see os¹

aatz \ätz\ see ots

ab¹ \äb\ see ob¹

ab² \äv\ see olve²

ab³ \ab\ blab, cab, crab, dab, drab, flab, gab, grab, jab, lab, Lab, Mab, nab, scab, slab, stab, tab

Ahab, baobab, Cantab, confab,
Moab, prefab, Rajab, rehab, smack-
dab
astrolabe, minilab, pedicab, taxicab

aba \äb-ə\ Kaaba, Labe, PABA,
Saba, Sabah
casaba, djellaba, indaba
Ali Baba, Orizaba, Sorocaba
jaboticaba
Pico de Orizaba

abah \äb-ə\ see aba

abala \ab-ə-lə\ cabala, cabbalah
parabola

abalist \ab-ə-ləst\ cabalist
diabolist

abard \ab-ərd\ clapboard, scabbard,
tabard
—also -ed forms of verbs listed at
abber²

abatis \ab-ət-əs\ abatis, habitus

abbalah \ab-ələ\ see abala

abbard \ab-ərd\ see abard

abbas \ab-əs\ see abbess

abbat \ab-ət\ see abit

abbed¹ \ab-əd\ crabbed, rabid

abbed² \abd\ blabbed, stabbed
—also -ed forms of verbs listed at
ab³

abber¹ \äb-ər\ see obber

abber² \ab-ər\ blabber, clabber,
crabber, dabber, drabber, gabber,
grabber, jabber, slabber, stabber,
yabber
rehabber
bonnyclabber

abbess \ab-əs\ abbess
Barabbas

abbet \ab-ət\ see abit

abbey \ab-ē\ see abby

abbie¹ \äb-ē\ see obby

abbie² \ab-ē\ see abby

abbin \ab-ən\ see abin

abbit \ab-ət\ see abit

abbitry \ab-ə-trē\ see abbitry

abbitt \ab-ət\ see abit

abbitry \ab-ə-trē\ Babbitry,
rabbitry

abble¹ \äb-əl\ bauble, bobble,
cobble, gobble, hobble, Kabul, nobble,
obol, squabble, wabble, wobble

abble² \ab-əl\ Babel, babble,
brabble, dabble, drabble, gabble,
grabble, habile, rabble, scrabble
bedabble, hardscrabble
psychobabble, technobabble

ablement \ab-əl-mənt\
babblement, rabblement

abber \ab-lər\ babbler, dabbler,
gabbler, grabbler, rabbler, scrabber

abbly \ab-lē\ see ably

abbot \ab-ət\ see abit

abby \ab-ē\ abbey, Abby, blabby,
cabbie, crabby, flabby, gabby, grabby,
scabby, shabby, tabby
kohlrabi, Panjabi, Punjabi

abe¹ \āb\ babe, mabe, nabe
astrolabe

abe² \ab\ see ab

abe³ \ä-bə\ see aba

abel \ā-bəl\ see able

aben \äb-ən\ see obin

aber¹ \ā-bər\ see abor

aber² \äb-ər\ see obber

abes \ā-bēz\ see abies

abi¹ \äb-ē\ see obby

abi² \əb-ē\ see ubby

abi³ \ab-ē\ see abby

- abia** \ā-bē-ə\ labia, Swabia
Arabia
Bessarabia
Saudi Arabia
- abian** \ā-bē-ən\ Fabian, gabion
Arabian
Bessarabian
- abid** \ab-əd\ see abbed
- abies** \ā-bēz\ rabies, scabies, tabes
—also -s, -'s, and -s' forms of nouns listed at aby
- abile** \ab-əl\ see abble²
- abilis** \äb-ə-ləs\ obelus
annus mirabilis
- abin** \ab-ən\ cabin, rabbin
- abion** \ā-bē-ən\ see abian
- abit** \ab-ət\ abbot, babbitt, Babbitt, Cabot, habit, rabbet, rabbit, sabbat
cohabit, inhabit, jackrabbit
- abitant** \ab-ət-ənt\ habitant
cohabitant, inhabitant
- abitus** \ab-ət-əs\ see abatis
- able** \ā-bəl\ Abel, able, Babel, cable, fable, Froebel, gable, label, Mabel, sable, stable, table
disable, enable, instable, pin-table, retable, round table, timetable, turntable, unable, unstable, worktable
- abled** \ā-bəld\ fabled, gabled
—also -ed forms of verbs listed at able
- ablis** \ab-lē\ see ably
- ably** \ab-lē\ chablis, drably, scrabbly
- abola** \ab-ə-lə\ see abala
- abolist** \ab-ə-ləst\ see abalist
- abor** \ā-bər\ caber, labor, neighbor, saber, tabor
belabor, von Weber, zeitgeber
- aborer** \ā-bər-ər\ laborer, taborer
- abot** \ab-ət\ see abit
- abra** \äb-rə\ sabra, Sabra
candelabra
- abre** \äb\ see ob¹
- abul** \äb-əl\ see abble¹
- abular** \ab-yə-lər\ fabular, tabular
vocabulary
acetabular
- abulous** \ab-yə-ləs\ fabulous
fantabulous
- abulum** \ab-yə-ləm\ pabulum
acetabulum, incunabulum
- aby** \ā-bē\ baby, gaby, maybe
crybaby, grandbaby
- ac¹** \ak\ see ack²
- ac²** \äk\ see ock¹
- ac³** \ò\ see aw¹
- aca¹** \äk-ə\ see aka¹
- aca²** \ak-ə\ Dacca, Dhaka, paca
alpaca, malacca, Malacca, sifaka
portulaca
Strait of Malacca
- acable** \ak-ə-bəl\ see ackable
- acao** \ō-kō\ see oco
- acas** \ak-əs\ Bacchus, fracas,
Gracchus
Caracas
- acca¹** \ak-ə\ see aca
- acca²** \äk-ə\ see aka¹
- accent** \ak-sənt\ accent
relaxant
- acchanal** \ak-ən-əl\ see aconal
- acchic** \ak-ik\ bacchic
halakic, stomachic, tribrachic
amphibrachic
- acchus** \ak-əs\ see acas
- accid** \as-əd\ see acid

accio \ä-chē-ō\ bocaccio, Bocaccio, carpaccio

acco¹ \ak-ə\ see aca

acco² \ak-ō\ see ako²

acculus \ak-yə-ləs\ sacculus
miraculous

ace¹ \ās\ ace, base, bass, brace, case, chase, dace, face, grace, Grace, lace, mace, Mace, pace, place, plaice, prase, race, res, space, Thrace, trace, vase
abase, airspace, Alsace, ambsace, apace, backspace, best-case, biface, birthplace, blackface, boldface, bookcase, bootlace, braincase, briefcase, crankcase, debase, deface, disgrace, displace, dogface, doughface, efface, embrace, emplace, encase, enchase, enlace, erase, firebase, fireplace, footpace, footrace, foreface, gyrace, half-space, hard case, headspace, Jerez, lightface, manes, millrace, milreis, misplace, notecase, null-space, outface, outpace, outrace, paleface, postface, Quilmes, replace, retrace, scapegrace, shoelace, showcase, showplace, slipcase, smearcase, someplace, staircase, subbase, subspace, suitcase, surbase, tailrace, tenace, typeface, ukase, unbrace, unlace, watchcase, wheelbase, whey-face, whiteface, workplace, worst-case

about-face, aerospace, anyplace, boniface, bouillabaisse, carapace, commonplace, contrabass, double-space, everyplace, interface, interlace, kilobase, lemures, lowercase, marketplace, pillowcase, Samothrace, single-space, steeplechase, thoroughbass, thoroughbrace, triple-space, uppercase

rarae aves

beta-lactamase, in medias res

Aguascalientes

Goya y Lucientes, superoxide
dismutase

litterae humaniores

ace² \ā-sē\ see acy

ace³ \äs\ see os¹

ace⁴ \as\ see ass³

ace⁵ \äch-ē\ see otchy

ace⁶ \äs-ə\ see asa¹

aceable \ā-sə-bəl\ placeable, traceable

displaceable, effaceable, embraceable, erasable, persuasible, replaceable

ineffaceable, irreplaceable

acean \ā-shən\ see ation¹

aced \āst\ based, baste, chaste, faced, geest, haste, laced, mayest, paste, taste, waist, waste

bald-faced, barefaced, bold-faced, distaste, dough-faced, foretaste, impaste, lambaste, lightfaced, moonfaced, pie-faced, po-faced, posthaste, rad waste, self-paced, shamefaced, shirtwaist, snail-paced, slipcased, stone-faced, straight-faced, straitlaced, toothpaste, two-faced, unchaste, unplaced, white-faced

aftertaste, brazen-faced, double-faced, Janus-faced, hatchet-faced, pantywaist, poker-faced, thorough-paced

—also -ed forms of verbs listed at ace¹

aceless \ā-sləs\ baseless, faceless, graceless, laceless, placeless, spaceless, traceless

aceman \ā-smən\ baseman, placeman, spaceman

acement \ā-smənt\ basement, casement, placement

abatement, debasement, defacement, displacement, effacement, embracement, emplacement, encasement, enlacement, misplacement, outplacement, replacement

self-effacement

acence \ās-əns\ see ascence¹

acency \ās-ə-n-sē\ adjacency,
complacency, subjacency

acent \ās-ə-nt\ nascent
adjacent, complacent, complaisant,
subjacent
circumjacent, superjacent

aceor \ā-sər\ see acer¹

aceous \ā-shəs\ see acious

acer¹ \ā-sər\ baser, bracer, chaser,
facer, pacer, placer, racer, spacer,
tracer
defacer, disgracer, effacer,
embraceor, embracer, eraser, replacer,
subchaser
steepchaser

acer² \as-ər\ see asser

acery \ās-rē\ tracery
embracery

acet¹ \ā-sət\ hic jacet, non placet

acet² \as-ət\ asset, facet, tacet, tacit

acewalking \ās-wó-kiŋ\
racewalking, spacewalking

acey \ā-sē\ see acy

ach¹ \äk\ Bach, saugh
Pesach, pibroch
Offenbach
Mönchengladbach

ach² \äk\ see ock¹

ach³ \ak\ see ack²

ach⁴ \ach\ see atch⁴

acha \äch-ə\ cha-cha, dacha,
kwacha
viscacha

achary \ak-ə-r-ē\ see ackery²

ache¹ \āk\ see ake¹

ache² \ash\ see ash³

ache³ \äch-ē\ see otchy

ache⁴ \ach-ē\ see atchy

acheal \ā-kē-əl\ brachial, tracheal

ached \acht\ attached, detached
unattached
semidetached
—also -ed forms of verbs listed at
atch⁴

acher \ā-kər\ see aker¹

achet \ach-ət\ see atchet

achi \äch-ē\ see otchy

achial \ā-kē-əl\ see acheal

achian \ā-shən\ see ation¹

achic \ak-ik\ see acchic

aching \ā-kiŋ\ see aking¹

achio¹ \ash-ō\ mustachio, pistachio

achio² \ash-ē-ō\ mustachio,
pistachio

achm \am\ see am²

achment \ach-mənt\ see atachment

achne \ak-nē\ see acne

acho \äch-ō\ muchacho, quebracho

achou \ash-ü\ see ashew

achsen \äk-sən\ see oxen

acht \ät\ see ot¹

achtsman \ät-smən\ see otsman

achy \ā-kē\ see aky

acia \ā-shə\ Dacia, fascia, geisha
acacia, Croatia, Dalmatia, ex gratia,
Galatia
prima facie
exempli gratia

acial \ā-shəl\ facial, glacial, racial,
spatial
abbatial, bifacial, biracial, englacial,
palatial, primatial, subglacial
interfacial, interglacial, interracial,
multiracial

acian \ā-shən\ see ation¹

acias \ā-shəs\ see acious

acid \as-əd\ acid, Chasid, flaccid, Hasid, jassid, placid
Abbasid, antacid

acie \ā-shə\ see acia

acient \ā-shənt\ see atient

acier¹ \ā-shər\ see asure¹

acier² \ā-zhər\ see azier

acile \as-əl\ see assel²

acing \ā-siŋ\ bracing, casing, facing, lacing, racing, spacing, tracing
catfacing, effacing
all-embracing, interfacing,
letterspacing, self-effacing
—also -ing forms of verbs listed at ace¹

acious \ā-shəs\ gracious, spacious
audacious, bodacious, capacious, ceraceous, cretaceous, crustaceous, curvaceous, edacious, fallacious, flirtatious, fugacious, herbaceous, Horatius, Ignatius, loquacious, mendacious, mordacious, pomaceous, predaceous, pugnacious, rapacious, sagacious, salacious, sebaceous, sequacious, setaceous, tenacious, testaceous, ungracious, veracious, vexacious, vinaceous, vivacious, voracious

alliaceous, arenaceous, argillaceous, carbonaceous, contumacious, coriaceous, disputatious, efficacious, farinaceous, fieri facias, foliaceous, ostentatious, pectinaceous, perspicacious, pertinacious, saponaceous, scire facias, stercoraceous, violaceous
inefficacious

acis \as-ē\ see assy

acist \ā-səst\ see assist

acit \as-ət\ see acet²

acity¹ \as-tē\ see asty²

acity² \as-ət-ē\ audacity, capacity, fugacity, loquacity, mendacity,

opacity, rapacity, sagacity, tenacity, veracity, vivacity, voracity
efficacity, incapacity
overcapacity

acive \ā-siv\ see asive

ack¹ \äk\ see ock¹

ack² \ak\ back, black, clack, claque, crack, flack, flak, hack, jack, Jack, knack, lac, lack, mac, Mac, Mack, pack, plaque, quack, rack, sac, Sac, sack, sacque, shack, slack, smack, snack, stack, tach, tack, thwack, track, Wac, whack, wrack, yak
aback, ack-ack, alack, amtrac, Anzac, Arak, attack, backpack, backtrack, Balzac, bareback, blackjack, blue-black, bootblack, bootjack, brushback, bushwhack, buyback, callback, calpac, champac, cheapjack, Coalsack, coatrack, cognac, come back, comeback, cookshack, cossack, crackback, crookback, cut back, cutback, Dayak, dieback, draw back, drawback, fall back, fallback, fastback, fast-track, fatback, feedback, finback, fireback, flapjack, flareback, flashback, fullback, gimcrack, graywacke, greenback, gripsack, guaiac, halfback, half-track, hardback, hardhack, hardtack, hatchback, hayrack, haystack, hijack, hogback, hold back, holdback, hopsack, horseback, humpback, hunchback, Iraq, jam-pack, jet-black, kayak, Kazak, kickback, knapsack, knickknack, Kodak, kulak, kyack, laid-back, lampblack, leaseback, linac, macaque, man jack, manpack, Micmac, mossback, muntjac, Muzak, notchback, offtrack, outback, packsack, payback, pitch-black, play back, playback, plow back, plowback, pullback, quillback, racetrack, ransack, rickrack, roll back, rollback, roorback, rucksack, runback, scatback, serac, set back, setback, shellac, shellback, shoeblack, shoepac, sidetrack, six-pack, skewback,

skipjack, skyjack, slapjack, slotback, Slovak, smokejack, smokestack, snapback, snapback, snowpack, softback, sumac, swayback, sweepback, swept-back, switchback, tailback, tarmac, thornback, throw back, throwback, thumbtack, ticktack, tieback, tie tack, tombac, touchback, tow sack, trictrac, tripack, unpack, Welsbach, wetback, whaleback, wingback, wisecrack, woolpack, woolsack, yashmak, Yurak, zwieback

almanac, amberjack, anorak, antiblack, applejack, Arawak, Armagnac, birdyback, bivouac, bric-a-brac, camelback, canvasback, cardiac, carryback, celiac, coeliac, cornerback, Cousin Jack, crackerjack, cul-de-sac, diamondback, fiddleback, fishyback, Frontenac, gunnysack, hackmatack, haversack, high-low-jack, huckaback, hydrocrack, iliac, ipecac, Kodiak, ladder-back, leatherback, lumberjack, maniac, medevac, minitrack, moneyback, nunatak, otomac, paperback, Pasternak, pickaback, piggyback, Pontiac, portapak, quarterback, razorback, retropack, running back, sandarac, Sarawak, Sazerac, silverback, single-track, Skaggerak, snapper-back, solonchak, steeplejack, stickleback, supplejack, Syriac, tamarack, tenure-track, theriac, tokamak, turtleback, umiak, zodiac

Adirondack, ammoniac, amnesiac, Aniakchak, biofeedback, celeriac, counterattack, demoniac, elegiac, insomniac, Monterey Jack, paranoiac, simoniac, tacamahac

aphrodisiac, coprophiliac, Dionysiac, dipsomaniac, egomaniac, hemophiliac, hypochondriac, intracardiac, kleptomaniac, melancholiac, monomaniac, mythomaniac, necrophiliac, neophiliac, nymphomaniac, pedophiliac, pyromaniac, Rhodesian Ridgeback, sacroiliac, sal ammoniac megalomaniac
Cyrano de Bergerac

ackable \ak-ə-bəl\ packable, placable, stackable
implacable

ackage \ak-ij\ package, trackage
prepackage, repackage

ackal \ak-əl\ see ackle

acked \akt\ see act

acken \ak-ən\ blacken, bracken, flacon, slacken
Arawakan

ackened \ak-ənd\ blackened
—also -ed forms of verbs listed at acken

acker \ak-ər\ backer, clacker, cracker, hacker, jacker, knacker, lacquer, packer, sacker, slacker, smacker, stacker, tacker, tracker, whacker
attacker, backpacker, bushwhacker, firecracker, hijacker, kayaker, linebacker, nutcracker, racetracker, ransacker, safecracker, shellcracker, skyjacker, unpacker, wisecracker
simulacre
counterattacker

ackeray \ak-ə-rē\ see ackery

ackereel \ak-rəl\ see acral

ackery \ak-ə-rē\ flackery, quackery, Thackeray, Zachary
gimcrackery

acket \ak-ət\ bracket, jacket, packet, placket, racket
bluejacket, straitjacket
yellowjacket

ackey \ak-ē\ see acky

ackguard \ag-ərd\ see aggard

ackie \ak-ē\ see acky

acking \ak-ɪŋ\ backing, blacking, cracking, packing, sacking, smacking, tracking, whacking
bushwhacking, kayaking, linebacking, meatpacking,

nerve-racking, nerve-wracking,
safecracking, skyjacking
—*also -ing forms of verbs listed at*
ack²

ackish \ak-ish\ blackish, brackish,
quackish

ackle \ak-əl\ cackle, crackle,
grackle, hackle, jackal, macle, rackle,
shackle, spackle, tackle
debacle, gang-tackle, ramshackle,
unshackle
tabernacle

ackly \ak-lē\ blackly, crackly, hackly
abstractly, compactly, exactly
inexactly

ackman \ak-mən\ hackman,
packman, trackman

ackney \ak-nē\ see **acne**

ackneyed \ak-nēd\ see **acned**

acko \ak-ō\ see **ako**²

acksman \ak-smən\ see **axman**

ackson \ak-sən\ see **axon**

acky \ak-ē\ hackie, Jackie, Jacky,
khaki, lackey, tacky, wacky
ticky-tacky

acle¹ \ik-əl\ see **ickle**

acle² \äk\ see **ock**¹

acle³ \äk-əl\ see **ockle**

acle⁴ \ak-əl\ see **ackle**

acne \ak-nē\ acne, hackney,
Hackney
Arachne

acned \ak-nēd\ acned, hackneyed

aco \äk-ō\ see **occo**

acon¹ \ā-kən\ see **aken**¹

acon² \ak-ən\ see **acken**

aconal \ak-ən-əl\ bacchanal
diaconal
archidiaconal

acque¹ \ak\ see **ack**²

acque² \äk\ see **ock**¹

acquer \ak-ər\ see **acker**

acquies \äk\ see **ock**¹

acral \ak-rəl\ mackerel, sacral

acre¹ \ā-kər\ see **aker**¹

acre² \ak-ər\ see **acker**

acrum \ak-rəm\ sacrum
simulacrum

act \akt\ act, backed, bract, cracked,
fact, packed, pact, stacked, tact,
tracked, tract

abstract, attract, coact, compact,
contact, contract, crookbacked,
detract, didact, diffract, distract, enact,
entr'acte, epact, exact, extract, half-
tracked, humpbacked, hunchbacked,
impact, infract, intact, mossbacked,
playact, protract, react, redact, refract,
subtract, swaybacked, transact,
unbacked

abreact, artifact, cataract, chain-
react, counteract, cross-react, inexact,
interact, overact, paperbacked,
precontact, razor-backed, reenact,
subcompact, subcontract, underact,
vacuum-packed, ventifact
autodidact, matter-of-fact, overreact,
semiabstract, underreact

— *also -ed forms of verbs listed at*
ack²

actable \ak-tə-bəl\ actable, tractable
abstractable, attractable,
compactible, contractible, distractable,
extractable, intractable

actance \ak-təns\ attractance,
reactance

actant \ak-tənt\ attractant, reactant,
surfactant
interactant

acte¹ \äkt\ see **ocked**

acte² \akt\ see **act**

acted \ak-təd\ fracted
abstracted, impacted
—also -ed forms of verbs listed at
act

acter \ak-tər\ see actor

actery \ak-trē\ see actory

actible \ak-tə-bəl\ see actable

actic \ak-tik\ lactic, tactic
atactic, climactic, didactic, galactic,
syntactic

ataractic, chiropractic, parallactic,
paratactic, prophylactic
anaphylactic, anticlimactic,
autodidactic, extragalactic,
intergalactic, intragalactic, stereotactic

actical \ak-ti-kəl\ practical, tactical
didactical, impractical, syntactical

actice \ak-təs\ cactus, practice
malpractice
cataractous

actics \ak-tiks\ tactics
didactics, syntactics
phonotactics
—also -s, -'s, and -s' forms of nouns
listed at actic

actile \ak-t^ə\ dactyl, tactile
contractile, protractile, refractile,
retractile
polydactyl, pterodactyl

acting \ak-tiŋ\ acting
exacting, self-acting
—also -ing forms of verbs listed at
act

action \ak-shən\ action, faction,
fraction, taction, traction
abstraction, attraction, bolt-action,
coaction, compaction, contraction,
detraction, diffraction, distraction,
exaction, extraction, impaction,
inaction, infraction, olfaction,
protraction, reaction, redaction,
refraction, retraction, subtraction,
transaction
benefaction, counteraction,
interaction, liquefaction, malefaction,

overaction, petrification, putrefaction,
rarefaction, retroaction, satisfaction,
single-action, stupefaction,
tumefaction

dissatisfaction, photoreaction, self-
satisfaction

actional \ak-shnəl\ factional,
fractional, tractional
abstractional, contractional,
redactional, transactional
interactional, rarefactional

actious \ak-shəs\ factious, fractious

active \ak-tiv\ active, tractive
abstractive, attractive, coactive,
contractive, detractive, distractive,
extractive, impactive, inactive,
proactive, reactive, refractive,
subtractive
bioactive, counteractive, hyperactive,
interactive, overactive, psychoactive,
putrefactive, retroactive, unattractive
radioactive

actly \ak-lē\ see ackly

actor \ak-tər\ actor, factor, tractor
abstractor, attractor, cofactor,
compactor, contractor, detractor,
enactor, exactor, extractor, g-factor,
impactor, infractor, protractor, reactor,
redactor, refractor, retractor,
subtractor, transactor
benefactor, chiropractor, malefactor,
subcontractor
bioreactor, campylobacter

actory \ak-trē\ factory
olfactory, phylactery, refractory
calefactory, manufactory,
satisfactory
dissatisfactory, unsatisfactory

actous \ak-təs\ see actice

actress \ak-trəs\ actress
benefactress

actual \ak-chəl\ actual, factual,
tactual
artifactual, counterfactual

acture \ak-chər\ facture, fracture
contracture