

Another Qualification in Spelling, is rightly to distinguish Words of the *same Sound*, though widely different in their Sense and Signification : Such as these that follow, *viz.*

A Bel, Cain's Brother
Able, to do a Thing
A Bell, to ring
Accidents, Chances
Accidence, a Book
Acre, of Land
Acorn, of an Oak
Acher, a Valley of that Name
Advick, Counsel
Advise, to counsel
Account, Esteem
Attempt, of Reckoning
Ale, a Drink
Alil, Trouble
All, every one
Awl, for Shoemakers
Alley, a narrow Place
Ally, a Friend or Confederate
Allay, to give Ease
Alloy, baser Metal
Altar, for Sacrifice
Alter, to change
Ale-boof, an Herb
Aloof, at a Distance
Allow'd, approv'd
Aloud, to speak so
Amiss, wrong
A Miss, or Mistress
Ant, a Pismire
Aunt, a Father's Sister
Anchor, of a Ship
Anker, a Rundlet

A Peal, of Bells
Appeal, to higher Powers
Appear, to be seen
A Peer, a Lord
Aray, good Order
Array, to cloth
A Rose, to smell to
Arose, did rise
Are, they be
Heir, to an Estate
Arrant, notorious
Errand, a Message
Arrows, to shoot
Arras, Hangings
A Scent, or Smell
Ascent, a going up
Assent, Agreement
Assistance, Help
Assistants, Helpers
Augur, a Soothsayer
Augre, to bore with
Ax, to cut with
Acts, of Parliament
Austere, severe
Oyster, a Shell Fish

B
Babel, the Tower
Babble, to prate
Bacon, Hog's Flesh
Baken, in the Oven
Beckon, to make a Sign
Bail, a Surety
Bale, of Goods

Bald,

The Young Man's Best Companion.

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<i>Bald</i> , without Hair	<i>Brute</i> , Beast
<i>Bawl'd</i> , cry'd out	<i>Burrow</i> , for Coneys
<i>Ball</i> , to play with	<i>Burrough</i> , a Corporation
<i>Bawl</i> , to cry aloud	<i>By</i> , near
<i>Barbara</i> , a Woman's Name	<i>Buy</i> , with Money
<i>Barbary</i> , in Africa	<i>Brews</i> , he breweth
<i>Barberry</i> , a Fruit	<i>Bruise</i> , a Hurt
<i>Bare</i> , naked	<i>Brewis</i> , of Fat and Bread
<i>Bear</i> , a Beast, or to bear	C
<i>Bays</i> , of Bay Trees	<i>Cain</i> , that kill'd his Brother
<i>Baize</i> , Cloth of Colchester	<i>Cane</i> , to walk with
<i>Base</i> , Vile	<i>Caen</i> , in Normandy
<i>Bais</i> , in Music	<i>Calais</i> , in France
<i>Belly</i> , Part of the Body	<i>Chalice</i> , a Cup
<i>Belie</i> , to speak falsely	<i>Call</i> , by Name
<i>Be</i> , they are	<i>Cawl</i> , or Suet
<i>Bee</i> , that makes Honey	<i>Cannon</i> , a great Gun
<i>Beer</i> , to drink	<i>Canon</i> , a Church Rule
<i>Bier</i> , to carry the Dead on	<i>Capital</i> , great or chief
<i>Bell</i> , to ring	<i>Capitol</i> , a Tower in Rome
<i>Bel</i> , an Idol	<i>Carrier</i> , full Speed
<i>Berry</i> , a small Fruit	<i>Carrier</i> , of Goods
<i>Bury</i> , the Dead	<i>Cellar</i> , for Liquors
<i>Blue</i> , a Colour	<i>Seller</i> , that selleth
<i>Blew</i> , as the Wind	<i>Censer</i> , for Incense
<i>Board</i> , a Plank	<i>Censor</i> , a Reformer
<i>Bor'd</i> , a Hole	<i>Censure</i> , to judge
<i>Boar</i> , a Beast	<i>Centaury</i> , an Herb
<i>Bore</i> , to bore	<i>Century</i> , an hundred Years
<i>Boor</i> , a Country Fellow	<i>Centry</i> or Sei tinel, a Soldier
<i>Bold</i> , Confident	on Guard
<i>Bowl'd</i> , at the Jack	<i>Chair</i> , to fit in
<i>Bolt</i> , the Door	<i>Chare</i> , a Job of Work
<i>Boult</i> , the Meal	<i>Champaine</i> , Wine of France
<i>Bow</i> , to bend, or the Bow	<i>Campaign</i> , a wide Field, or
<i>Bough</i> , of a Tree	Summer's Expedition
<i>Boy</i> , a Lad	<i>Choler</i> , Rage or Anger
<i>Buoy</i> , of an Anchor	<i>Collar</i> , of the Neck
<i>Bread</i> , to eat	<i>Coller</i> , of Beef or Brawn
<i>Bred</i> , brought up	<i>Cieling</i> , of a Room
<i>Breech's</i> , to wear	<i>Sealing</i> , with a Seal
<i>Breaches</i> , broken Places	<i>Cittern</i> , for Music
<i>Bruit</i> , a Report	<i>Citron</i> , a Fruit

Clerk

Clerk, a Clergyman
Clerk, of a Parish
Clause, Part of a Sentence
Claws, of a Beast or Bird
Coat, a Garment
Cote, for Sheep
Comb, for the Hair
Come, hither
Commit, to do
Comet, a blazing Star
Common, usual
Commune, or converse
Condemn, to Death
Contemn, to despise
Council, of the King
Counsel, Advice
Cou'd, or could
Cud, to chew as Beasts
Current, a passing or running Stream
Courant, a Messenger or News-paper
Currants, Fruit
Crick, in the Neck
Creek, of the Sea or River
Cousin, a Relation
Cozen, to cheat
Cymbal, a musical Instrument
Symbol, a Mark or Sign
Cypress, a Tree
Cyprus, an Island
Cruse, for Oil
Cruize, by the Sea Coast
Cygnit, a young Swan
Signet, a Seal

D

Dane, of Denmark
Deign, to vouchsafe
Dam, stopping Water
Damn, to condemn
Dame, a Mistress
Dear, of Price
Deer, in a Park

Deceased, dead
Diseased, sick
Decent, becoming
Descent, going down
Dissent, to disagree
Deep, low in the Earth
Diep, a Town in France
Defer, to put off
Differ, to disagree
Derbe, a City of Asia
Derby, a Town of England
Desert, Merit
Desart, a Wilderness
Dew, a falling Mist
Due, owing
Do, to make
Doe, a female Deer
Dough, Paste
Don, a Spanish Lord
Done, acted
Dun, of Colour
Dolphin, a Fish
Dauphine, the French King's eldest Son

Devices, Inventions
Devizes, in Wiltshire
Doer, that doeth
Door, of a House
Dragon, a Beast
Dragoon, a Soldier
Draught, of Drink
Drought, Dryness
Dolour, Grief or Pain
Dollar, a Piece of Money
Demure, Sober
Demur, a Stop or Doubt

E

Ear, of the Head
E'er, ever
Early, betimes
Yearly, every Year
Earth, the Ground
Hearth, of the Chimney

Eastern

Easter, the Festival
Esther, a Woman's Name
Enter, to go in
Inter, to bury
Elder, not the Younger
Eldern, a Tree
Eaten, or swallowed
Eton, a Town's Name
Eminent, famous
Imminent, over Head
Enow, in Number
Enough, in Quantity
Earn, to deserve
Yarn, Woollen Thread
Yearn, to pity
Envy, or Hatred
Envoy, a Messenger
Exercise, Labour or Practice
Exorcise, to conjure
Err, to mistake
Er, Brother to *Onan*, Sons of Judah
Extant, in being
Extent, Distance
 F
Fain, desirous
Feign, to dissemble
Fair, beautiful, or a Market
Fare, Victuals
Faint, weary
Feint, a false March
Fourth, in Number
Forth, to go out
Feed, to eat
Fee'd, rewarded
Fir, Wood
Fur, or Hair
Felon, a Criminal
Fellon, a Whitlow
File, of Steel
Foil, put to the worst
Fly, as a Bird
Fly, or Insect
Fillip, with the Fingers
Philip, a Man's Name
Flower, of the Field
Flour, Meal
Floor, of the Room
Follow, to come after
Fallow, Ground not plow'd
Find, to find any thing
Fin'd, amerced
Fiend, a Devil
Flea off the Skin, and also Vermin
Flee, to escape
Fowl, a Bird
Foul, dirty
Francis, a Man's Name
Frances, a Woman's Name
Frays, Quarrels
Froise, Pancake with Bacon
 G
Gall, of a Beast
Gaul, France
Garden, of Herbs
Guardian, an Overseer
Genteel, graceful
Gentile, a Heathen
Gentle, mild
Gesture, Carriage
Jester, a merry Fellow
Groan, with Grief
Grown, greater
Guilt, of Sin
Gilt, with Gold
Greater, bigger
Grater, for Nutmegs
Grave, for the Lead
Greave, Armour for the Leg
Guest, to imagin
Guest, one entertain'd
Gluttonous, greedy
Glutinous, sticking as Pitch
Great, large
Grate, for Coals, &c.
Graze,

Graze, to eat
 Grays, a Town
 Groat; Four pence
 Grot, a Cave.
 Gallies, Ships with Oars
 Gallows, for Criminals

H

Hare, of the Fields
 Hair, of the Head
 Harsh, severe
 Hash, minced Meat
 Haven, a Harbour
 Heaven, a large Place of
 Happiness
 Heart, of the Body
 Hart, of the Woods, or an
 over-grown Buck

Herd, of Cattle
 Heard, did hear
 Hard, not soft, or difficult
 Here, in this Place
 Hear, with the Ears
 High, lofty
 Hie, away, make haste
 Him, that Man

Hymn, to sing
 Hail, congeal'd Rain

Hale, the Ship
 Hall, in a House
 Haul, pull

Higher, taller
 Hire, Wages
 His, of him
 Hiss, as a Snake, or to deride
 Hoar, Frost
 Whore, a lewd Woman

Hole, or Hollowness

Whole, intire
 Ho! lo! to call
 Hallow, to make holy
 Holy, pious
 Wholly, intirely
 Home, one's House

Holm, Holly
 Hoop, for a Tub
 Whoop, or ho! lo!
 Hugh, a Man's Name
 Hue, of Colour
 Hew, with an Ax

I.

I, I myself
 Eye, to see with
 Idle, lazy
 Idol, an Image
 I'll, I will
 Ile, of a Church
 Isle, an Island
 Oil, of Olives
 Employ, in Work
 Imply, to signify
 In, within
 Inn, for Travellers
 Incite, to stir up
 Insight, Knowledge
 Ingenious, of quick Parts
 Ingenuous, candid
 Iron, Metal
 Ironie, speaking by Contraries

K

Ketch, a Ship
 Catch, to take
 Kill, to slay
 Kiln, for Lime
 Kind, good natur'd
 Coin'd, Money
 Knaves, dishonest
 Nave, of a Wheel
 Knight, by Honour
 Night, Darknes

L.

Laid, placed
 Lade, the Water
 Lane, not a Street
 Lain, did lie
 Latin, a Tongue
 Latten, Tin

Lattice

Lattice, of a Window
 Lettice, a Woman's Name
 Lettuce, Salad
 Lease, of a House
 Lease, three
 Lees, of Wine
 Lease, old Word for lose
 Leaper, that jumpeth
 Leper, one leprous
 Lessen, to make less
 Lesson, to read
 Least, smallest
 Left, for fear
 Letbarry, Sleepiness
 Liturgy, Church-service
 Lier, in wait
 Liar, that tells Lies
 Limb, a Member
 Limn, to paint
 Line, Length
 Loin, of Veal
 Low, humble
 Lo, behold
 Lose, to suffer Loss
 Loose, to let go
 Lower, to let down
 Lour, to frown

M.

Made, finished
 Maid, a young Woman
 Main, Chief
 Mane, of a Horse
 Male, the He
 Mail, Armour
 Manner, Custom
 Manor, a Lordship
 Market, to buy or sell in
 Mark it, note it
 Marsh, low Ground
 Mash, for a Horse, or of a Net
 Martin, a Man's Name
 Marten, a Bird
 Mead, a Meadow

Mede, one of Media
 Mean, of low Value
 Mien, Carriage or Aspect
 Meat, to eat
 Mete, to measure
 Message, Business
 Messuage, a House
 Mews, for Hawks
 Muse, to meditate
 Mighty, powerful
 Moiety, half
 Mile, Measure
 Moil, Labour
 Might, Strength
 Mite, in Cheese
 Moat, a Ditch
 Mote, in the Sun
 More, in Quantity
 Moor, a black
 Mower, that moweth
 Moore, barren Ground
 Mortar, made of Lime
 Mortar, to pound in
 Mole, Vermin
 Mould, to cast in
 N.

Nay, denial
 Neigh, as a Horse
 Neither, none of the two
 Nether, lower
 Naught, bad
 Nought, nothing
 Nigh, near
 Nye, a Man's Name
 Nice, curious
 Niece, a Brother's Daughter
 Not, denying
 Knot, to tye
 Note, mark
 Note, of one's Hand
 Nose, of the Face
 Noah's Ark

O.

Oar, of a Boat
Ore, crude Metal
O'er, over
Off, cast off
Of, belonging to
Our, belonging to us
Hour, of the Day
Obl alas!
Owe, in Debt
One, in Number
Own, to acknowledge
Order, Rule
Ordure, Durg

P.

Pair, a Couple
Pare, cut off
Pear, a Fruit
Pattin, for a Woman
Patent, a Grant
Peer, a Lord
Pier, of Dover
Peter, a Man's Name
Petre, Salt
Pail, for Water
Pale, of Countenance
Pale, a Fence
Place, Room
Plaife, a Fish
Parson, of the Parish
Person, any Man
Pole, for Hops
Poll, of the Head
Pool, of Water
Pore, with the Eyes, or of the Skin
Poor, necessitous
Palate, of the Mouth
Pallet, Bed
Posy, a Nofegay
Poefy, Poetry
Power, mighty
Pour, as Water

Prey, a Booty
Pray, beseech
Profit, Gain
Prphet, a Foreteller
Praice, Exercise
Praife, to exercise
Preience, being here
Present, Gifts
Princes, the King's Sons
Princesses, the King's Daughters

Please, to content
Pleas, Defences
Precedent, an Example
President, Chief
Principal, Chief
Principle, the first Rule

Q.

Quire, of Paper
Choir, of Singers
Queen, the King's Wife
Queen, an Harlot

R

Rack, to torment
Wreck, of a Ship
Rain, Water
Reign, of the King
Rein, of a Bridle
Rays, of the Sun
Raife, lift up
Race, to run
Rase, to demolish
Rise, Grain
Rife, to get up
Red, in Colour
Read, the Book
Reed, of the Water
Relick, a Remainder
Relict, a Widow
Roe, of a Fish, or a Female
Deer
Row, the Boat
Right, not wrong

Rite,

Rite, a Ceremony
Write, with a Pen
Wright, a Wheelwright
Reddish, of Colour
Radish, a Root
Rear, set up
Rere, behind
Ruff, for the Neck
Rough, not smooth
Rie, Corn
Rye, in Suffex
Wry, crooked
Ring, the Bells
Wring, the Hands
Rime, a Fog or Mist
Rhyme, Verse
Rind, of Cheese
Rode, did ride
Road, the Highway
Rote, got by Heart
Wrote, did write
Wrought, did work

S.

Savour, Taste or Smell
Saviour, that saves
Sheep, a Beast
Ship, for the Sea
Sight, View
Cite, to summons
Sail, of a Ship
Sale, of Goods
Sink, sink down
Cinque, Five
Slow, not quick
Sloe, Fruit
Sow, Seed
Sew, with a Needle
So, thus
Slight, neglected
Sleight, of Hand
Some, a Part
Sum, of Money
Soul, or Spirit

Sole, a Fish
Sole, of a Shoe
Son, of a Father
Sun, in the Firmament
Sore, painful
Soar, aloft
Swore, did swear
Stare, to look on earnestly
Stair, a Step
Stile, to get over
Style, of Writing
Sound, whole, firm; also
Noise
Swoon, to faint away
Straight, not crooked
Strait, narrow
Succour, Help
Sucker, a young Sprig
Spear, a Weapon
Sphere, a Globe

T

Then, at that Time
Than, in Comparison
Tame, gentle, not wild
Thame, in Oxfordshire
Tear, to rent
Tear, of the Eye
Tare, an Allowance in Weight
Tare, a Vetch
Tail of a Beast
Tale, a Story
Tiles, for the House
Toyls, Nets
Toil, to Labour
There, in that Place
Their, of them
Throne, of the King
Thrown, as a Stone
Tide, a flowing Water
Ty'd, made fast
Time of the Day
Thyme, an Herb
Team of Horses

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Teem, with Child

Twice, twice one

To, the Preposition

Too, likewise

Toe of the Foot

Tow, to draw

Tow, to spin

Told, as a Story

Toll'd, as a Bell

Tour, a Journey

Tower, of a Church

V.

Vacation, Leisure

Vocation, a Calling

Veil, a Covering

Vale, between two Hills

Vain, foolish

Vein, of the Body

Vane, or Weathercock

Value, Worth

Valley, a Vale

Vial, a Glass

Viol, a Fiddle

U.

Your, of you

Ever, a Bason

Use, Practice

Use, to be wont

Ewes, Sheep

W.

Wade, in the Water

Weigh'd, in the Scales

Whale, of the Sea

Wail, lament

Ware, Merchandize

Were, was

Where, what Place

Weigh to weigh

Wey, five Quarters

Weal, good

Wheel, from Scourging

Wield, a Sword

Weald, of *Sussex* in *Kent*

Wen, in the Neck

When, at what Time

White, of Colour

Wight, an Island

Wist, Silence

Wist, knew

Wood, of Trees

Wou'd, for Would

Y.

Yea, Yes

Ye, you

Ewe, a Sheep

Yew, a Tree

Yarn, made of Wool

Yearn, to weep