

# 'B' Words

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**b** 'be' & 'bee'

the 2nd letter of the alphabet.

**baa** 'bar' & 'barre'

the cry of sheep.

**baaed** 'bard' & 'barred'

the sound made by sheep.

**baas** 'bars'

many cries of sheep.

**babbling**

1. one who talks incessantly.
2. a bird like a thrush.

**babblers**

1. those who talk incessantly.
2. birds like thrushes.

**babe**

1. an infant; a baby; a young child.
2. a self-reflection in pupil of another's eye.

**babes**

1. infants; babies; young children.
2. self-reflections in the pupils of others' eyes.

**bach** 'batch'

(colloquial) a bachelor.

**bachelor**

1. an unmarried man.
2. a young knight following the banner of another.

**bachelors**

1. unmarried men.
2. young knights following the banner of another.

**back**

1. the hinder part of the body.
2. assist with money or argument.
3. move away from the front.
4. shallow vat used in brewing.

**backed**

1. assisted with money or argument.
2. moved away from the front.

**backing**

1. assisting with money or argument.
2. moving away from the front.

**backs**

1. assists with money or argument.
2. moves away from the front.
3. shallow vats used in brewing.
4. the hinder parts of bodies.

**bad** 'bade'

evil; not good.

**bade** 'bad'

beseech; ask; request.

**badger**

1. tease; worry; annoy.
2. gray-coated nocturnal animal.
3. hawkker of provisions.

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2. hawkers of provisions.
3. teases; worries; annoys.

**baffle**

1. perplex; confuse.
2. hinder/bar passage of/to.
3. a plate/grill used to deflect loose material/sound/light/gas etc

**baffled**

1. perplexed.
2. barred; hindered.

**baffles**

1. perplexes; confuses.
2. bars; hinders.
3. plates/grills used to deflect loose material/sound/light/gas etc.

**baffling**

1. perplexing; confusing.
2. hindering/blocking/barring passage.

**baft**

1. a coarse Oriental fabric.
2. (nautical) behind; astern.

**bag**

1. receptacle of flexible material with opening.
2. (nautical) drop away from course.
3. hang loosely.
4. steal.
5. (school slang) claim to be first.
6. cut wheat with hook.

**bagatelle**

1. a trifle/thing of little consequence.
2. a light piece of music.
3. a game using balls and a cue.

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1. trifles; things of little consequence.
2. light pieces of music.

**bagged**

1. (nautical) dropped away from a course.
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5. put into receptacles of flexible material.
6. stole.

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1. (nautical) dropping away from a course.
2. (school slang) claiming to be first.
3. cutting wheat with a hook.
4. hanging loosely.
5. putting into receptacles of flexible material.
6. stealing.

**bags**

1. (nautical) drops away from a course.
2. (school slang) claims to be first.
3. cuts wheat with a hook.
4. hangs loosely.
5. receptacles of flexible material with opening.
6. steals.

**baguette**

1. (architecture) a small rounded molding.
2. a gem cut into a long rectangular shape.

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1. (architecture) small rounded moldings.
2. gems cut into long rectangular shapes.

**bail** 'bale'

1. security for prisoner's appearance.
2. outer line of castle's fortification.
3. bar separating horses in open stable.
4. one of cross-pieces on stumps.
5. half-hoop handle of kettle.
6. (archaic) confine.
7. throw out water; jump out from a plane.

**bailed** 'baled'

1. (archaic) confined.
2. secured a prisoner's appearance.
3. thrown out liquid, usually from a boat; jumped from a plane with a parachute.

**bailer** 'bailor' & 'baler'

the ball that hits the bails at cricket.

**bailey** 'baille'

outer wall of castle.

**baille** 'bailey'

Scottish municipal magistrate.

**bailing** 'baling'

1. (archaic) confining.
2. securing a prisoner's appearance.
3. throwing out liquid, usually from a boat; jumping from plane with a parachute.

**bailor** 'bailer' & 'baler'

one who delivers goods to another.

**bails** 'bales'

1. securities for a prisoner's appearance.
2. the outer lines of a castle's fortification.
3. bars separating horses in an open stable.
4. the cross-pieces on the stumps in cricket..
5. half-hoop handles of a kettle.
6. (archaic) confines.
7. throws out water from a vessel/boat; jumps out from a plane with a parachute.

**bait** 'bate'

1. cause to bite.

2. an allurement; a temptation.
3. halt for rest/refreshment.

**baited** 'bated'

1. caused to bite.
2. halted for rest/refreshment.

**baiting** 'bating'

1. causing to bite.
2. halting for rest/refreshment.

**baits** 'bates'

1. causes to bite.
2. allurements; temptations.
3. halts for rest/refreshments.

**baize** 'bays' & 'beys'

a coarse woolen stuff used for coverings.

**balance**

1. weighing apparatus.
2. difference between debits and credits.

**balanced**

1. obtained differences between debits and credits.
2. used weighing apparatus.

**balances**

1. differences between debits and credits.
2. weighing apparatuses.

**balancing**

1. obtaining differences between debits and credits.
2. using weighing apparatus.

**bald** 'bawled' & 'balled'

smooth; lacking hair or fur.

**balderdash**

1. (obsolete) a mixed liquid.
2. idle/senseless talk.

**bale** 'bail'

1. evil; destruction; woe; pain.
2. make up into package with cord or metal hoop.
3. (archaic) a funeral pyre.

**baled** 'balled'

made up into package.

**baler** 'bailer' & 'bailor'

a machine for scooping up water.

**bales** 'bails'

1. evils; destructions; woes; pains.
2. makes up grass/hay/things into a package with a cord or metal hoop.

**baling** 'bailing'

making up into bundles.

**balk**

1. ridge left un-ploughed.
2. stumbling block.
3. sanctuary area on billiard table.
4. tie-beam of a house.
5. headline of fishing net.

**ball** 'bawl'

# 'M' Words

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## macaroni

1. wheaten formed into long strings/tubes.
2. an 18th-century fop affecting continental tastes.

## macaw

1. a kind of parrot.
2. a kind of palm tree.

## macaws

1. kind of palm trees.
2. kind of parrots.

## mace

1. a spiked club/weapon.
2. a kind of spice.

## mackle

 'macle'

a blurred ink impression, in printing.

## macle

 'mackle'

a twinned crystal; a dark spot in some minerals.

## macro

1. relating to macro-economics.
2. a computer command that starts another set of commands.

## mad

1. insane.
2. (colloquial) infatuated; wild with desire.
3. (colloquial) angry.
4. (colloquial) very good; excellent.

## madder

1. more angry/frantic/stupid/insane etc.
2. a plant whose root produces a red dye.

## made

 'maid'

past tense of 'make'.

## madge

1. a leaden hammer.
2. a barn owl; a magpie.

## madges

1. leaden hammers.
2. barn owls; magpies.

## mag

1. (slang) a half-penny.
2. chatter; tease.

## magazine

1. a store for arms/ordnance.
2. a periodical publication.

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## maggot

 'magot'

a legless grub of insects, especially the fly.

## maggots

 'magots'

legless grubs of insects, especially the fly.

## magot

 'maggot'

a Barbary ape.

## magots

 'maggots'

Barbary apes.

## magpie

1. a bird with black and white plumage.
2. a rifle shot that hits the outer part of a target.
3. (colloquial) a South Australian.

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3. (colloquial) South Australians.

## mags

1. (slang) half-pennies.
2. chatters; teases.

## mai

1. (Aboriginal English) food.
2. a coniferous tree of New Zealand.

## maid

 'made'

a girl/young unmarried woman/female servant.

## maiden

1. a girl/spinster.
2. untried; initial.

## mail

 'male'

1. chain-link armor.
2. a letter/bag of letters.

## mailed

1. cloaked with chain mail defensive armor.
2. sent/posted a letter/parcel and such like.

## mails

 'males'

sends letter.

## main

 'mane'

1. a cockfighting match/game of hazard.
2. strength; might.
3. (poetry) the high sea.
4. principal; largest; most.
5. a banker's shovel.
6. (Shakespeare) lame; maim.

## mains

 'manes'

1. cockfighting matches/games of hazard.
2. (poetry) the high seas.
3. banker's shovels.
4. (Shakespeare) lames/maims.
5. (Scottish) a home farm.

## maize

 'maze' & 'mase'

Indian corn.

**major**

1. (military) an officer rank.
2. greater; larger; most.
3. a person of full age.

**maker**

1. anyone who makes something.
2. (archaic) a poet.

**male** 'mail'

the masculine gender.

**males** 'mails'

many of masculine gender.

**malignant**

1. very virulent/infectious.
2. a supporter of Charles I against the parliament.

**mall** 'maul'

a sheltered walkway.

**mallet**

1. a hammer-like tool.
2. a type of Eucalyptus tree, mostly in Western Australia.

**manakin** 'mannequin' & 'manikin'

a small tropical American bird.

**manakins** 'mannequins' & 'manikins'

small tropical American birds.

**mandarin**

1. a Chinese official.
2. a party leader who lags behind the times.
3. a nodding toy figure in Chinese attire.
4. a small flattish orange fruit.
5. a liqueur.

**mandarins**

1. liqueurs.
2. Chinese officials.
3. nodding toy figures in Chinese attire.
4. party leaders who lag behind the times.
5. small flattish orange fruits.

**mandril** 'mandrill'

1. (in a lathe) the axis of work.
2. a miner's pick.

**mandrill** 'mandril'

a large/ferocious baboon.

**mandrills** 'mandrills'

large ferocious baboons.

**mandrils** 'mandrills'

1. (in lathes) the axes of work.
2. miners' picks.

**mane** 'main'

long hair.

**manes** 'mains'

many long hairs.

**manifest**

1. a list of cargo.
2. clear; patent; obvious.

**manifold**

1. having various forms.
2. (mechanics) a pipe/chamber with many openings.

**manikin** 'manakin' & 'mannequin'

an anatomical model/little man/dwarf.

**manikins** 'mannequins' & 'manakin'

anatomical models; little men; dwarfs.

**manila** 'manilla'

relating to paper/files/folders etc made from manila.

**manilla** 'manila'

a bracelet once used as currency in Africa.

**maniple**

1. a subdivision of a Roman legion.
2. a Eucharistic vestment.

**maniples**

1. Eucharistic vestments.
2. subdivisions of ancient Roman legions.

**manna**

1. divine or spiritual food.
2. an exudate of insects living in Eucalyptus trees.

**mannequin** 'manakin' & 'manikin'

a person employed to wear/show off costumes.

**mannequins** 'manikins' & 'manakins'

persons employed to wear/show off costumes.

**manner** 'manor'

an attitude/appearance; a way of behaving.

**manners** 'manors'

attitudes; appearances; ways of behaving.

**manor** 'manner'

a territorial unit/land/mansion.

**manors** 'manners'

territorial units/lands/mansions.

**mantel** 'mantle'

the shelf above a fireplace etc.

**mantels** 'mantles'

shelves above fireplaces etc.

**mantle** 'mantel'

a covering; an outer fold.

**mantles** 'mantels'

coverings; outer folds.

**manual**

1. of/done with the hands.
2. a book of instructions/procedures.

**manzanilla**

1. a dry Spanish sherry.
2. a kind of small green olive.

**maqui** 'maquis'

a Chinese evergreen shrub.

**maquis** 'maqui'

the French guerrilla bands of 1940-1945.

# 'W' Words

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- wad** 'wadd'  
a pad/bundle/small mass.
- wadd (wad)** 'wad'  
an earthy ore of manganese.
- waddies** 'wadies'  
Aboriginal heavy war clubs.
- waddy** 'wadi'  
an Aboriginal heavy war club.
- wade** 'weighed'  
walk through water.
- wadi (wady)** 'waddy'  
(Africa, Arabia) a channel or watercourse.
- wadies** 'waddies'  
(Africa, Arabia) channels or watercourses.
- wae** 'way', 'wey', 'whey' & 'weigh'  
sorrowful.
- waff**  
1. (Scottish) wandering; stray; listless.  
2. (Scottish) a signal/quick blow/hasty motion.  
3. the sound of barking.
- waffle**  
1. a small baked batter cake.  
2. twaddle; rapid chatter; equivocal speech or writing.
- waft**  
1. convey through the air/over water.  
2. a single sweep of a bird's wing.  
3. a whiff of an odor.  
4. a short sensation of peace/joy.  
5. (nautical) a distress signal.
- wafts**  
1. (nautical) distress signals.  
2. conveys through the air/over water.  
3. short sensations of peace/joy.  
4. many sweeps of a bird's wings.  
5. whiffs of odor.
- wag**  
1. shake/oscillate, as in 'wag a finger'.  
2. a facetious person.  
3. (slang) play truant from school.
- wage**  
1. a periodic payment for work done.  
2. carry on; pledge.
- wages**  
1. carries on; pledges.  
2. periodic payments for work done.
- wags**  
1. (slang) plays truant from school.  
2. facetious persons.
3. shakes; oscillates
- waif**  
1. something or a person abandoned/neglected.  
2. a streak/puff/waff.
- wail** 'wale' & 'whale'  
a lament/high-pitched cry.
- wailed** 'waled' & 'whaled'  
cried out loudly.
- wailing** 'waling' & 'whaling'  
crying out loudly.
- wails** 'wales' & 'whales'  
cries out loudly.
- wain** 'wane'  
a wagon.
- wains** 'wanes'  
wagons.
- waist** 'waste'  
the part of the body between hips and ribs.
- waisted** 'wasted'  
shaped like, or so as to form a waist.
- waists** 'wastes'  
many examples of that part of the body between the hips and ribs.
- wait** 'weight'  
1. abstain from action/decision.  
2. an official band of musicians/street singers.
- waited** 'weighted'  
abstained from action/decision.
- waiting** 'weighting'  
abstaining from action.
- waits** 'weights'  
1. abstains from action/decision.  
2. official bands of musicians/street singers.
- waive** 'wave'  
relinquish/forgo a right/claim/plea.
- waived** 'waved'  
relinquished/forwent a right/claim/plea.
- waiver** 'waver'  
release; absolve.
- waivers** 'wavers'  
releases; absolves.
- waives** 'waves'  
relinquishes/forgoes rights/claims/pleas.
- waiving** 'waving'  
relinquishing/forgoing a right/claim/plea.
- wake**  
1. arise from bed; cease to sleep.

2. the watch by a corpse before a burial.
3. the smooth water left behind a ship.

**wakes**

1. arises from bed; ceases to sleep.
2. smooth waters left behind ships.
3. watches by corpses before burial.

**wale** 'wail' & 'whale'

1. a ridge on flesh raised by a rod/whip.
2. (military) weave a hurdle/gabion.
3. the act of choosing; a choice.

**waled** 'wailed' & 'whaled'

1. a ridge on flesh raised by a rod; whipped.
2. (military) wove/constructed a hurdle/gabion.
3. chose; picked.

**wales** 'wails' & 'whales'

1. whips; causes welts on flesh.
2. (military) weaves/constructs a hurdle/gabion.
3. chooses; picks.

**waling** 'wailing' & 'whaling'

1. a ridge on flesh raised by whipping.
2. (military) weaving/constructing a hurdle/gabion.
3. choosing; picking.

**wall** 'waul'

one side of an enclosure; a rampart; an embankment.

**wallflower**

1. a European perennial, *Cheiranthus cheiri*.
2. (colloquial) generally, a woman who fails to find a partner.

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**wallop**

1. thrash; a heavy blow/strike.
2. (slang) beer.

**wallow**

1. roll about in mud/filth.
2. fade away.

**wallowed**

1. rolled about in mud/filth.
2. faded away.

**wallowing**

1. rolling about in mud/filth.
2. fading away.

**wallows**

1. rolls about in mud/filth.
2. fades away.

**walls** 'wauls'

sides of enclosures; ramparts; embankments.

**wane** 'wain'

decrease in size/splendor.

**wanes** 'wains'

fades; disappears.

**want**

1. a desire/need; expressing a desire or need
2. a lack; an absence.

**wanting**

1. without; minus; less.
2. needing; desiring.

**wanton**

1. an unchaste woman.
2. a playful/gamboling child.

**wants**

1. desires; needs.
2. lacks; absences.

**war** 'wore'

a quarrel between nations (usually).

**warble**

1. sing in a gentle trilling manner.
2. a hard lump on a horse's back from saddle wear.

**warbles**

1. hard lumps on a horse's back, from saddle wear.
2. sings in gentle trilling manner.

**ward** 'warred'

1. keep in custody; guard; look after.
2. a division in an army/hospital/prison/land area.

**warden**

1. a watchman/sentinel/guardian/governor.
2. a kind of cooking pear.

**warder**

1. a prison officer; one who guards others.
2. a truncheon/staff of authority.

**warders**

1. prison officers; those who guard others.
2. truncheons/staffs of authority.

**wards**

1. guards; defends.
2. administrative divisions of a city.
3. notches on a key/lock.

**ware** 'wear' & 'where'

1. manufactured things for sale.
2. (poetry) aware.
3. (Scottish) springtime.
4. (Scottish) seaweed.

**wares** 'wears'

manufactured things for sale.

**warn** 'worn'

give notice to; caution; advise.

**warp**

1. stretched thread on a loom.
2. a rope used in towing.
3. a crooked/bent state in timber.
4. a sediment; an alluvial deposit.

**warps**

1. crooked/bent states in timbers.