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They just can't seem to . . . They should try harder to . . . They ought to be more . . . We all wish they weren't so . . . They never . . . They always . . . Sometimes they . . . Once in a while they . . . However it is obvious that they . . . Their overall tendency has been . . . The consequences of which have been . . . They don't appear to understand that . . . If only they would make an effort to . . . But we know how difficult it is for them to . . . Many of them remain unaware of . . . Some who should know better simply refuse to . . . Of course, their perspective has been limited by . . . On the other hand, they obviously feel entitled to . . . Certainly we can't forget that they . . . Nor can it be denied that they . . . We know that this has had an enormous impact on their . . . Nevertheless their behavior strikes us as . . . Our interactions unfortunately have been . . .

Lutheran

Mantra for a Classless Society,  
or Mr. Roget's Neighborhood

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cozy comfortable homey homelike  
sheltered protected private concealed covered  
snug content relaxed restful sedate  
untroubled complacent placid serene calm undisturbed  
wealthy affluent prosperous substantial  
acceptable satisfied satisfactory adequate  
uncomfortable uneasy restless  
unsuitable indigent  
bothersome irritating painful  
troublesome discomfiting disturbing  
destitute impoverished needy  
penniless penurious poor  
poverty-stricken embarrassing  
upsetting awkward ill-at-ease  
nervous self-conscious tense

## Sleeping with the Dictionary

I beg to dicker with my silver-tongued companion, whose lips are ready to read my shining gloss. A versatile partner, conversant and well-versed in the verbal art, the dictionary is not averse to the solitary habits of the curiously wide-awake reader. In the dark night's insomnia, the book is a stimulating sedative, awakening my tired imagination to the hypnagogic trance of language. Retiring to the canopy of the bedroom, turning on the bedside light, taking the big dictionary to bed, clutching the unabridged bulk, heavy with the weight of all the meanings between these covers, smoothing the thin sheets, thick with accented syllables—all are exercises in the conscious regimen of dreamers, who toss words on their tongues while turning illuminated pages. To go through all these motions and procedures, groping in the dark for an alluring word, is the poet's nocturnal mission. Aroused by myriad possibilities, we try out the most perverse positions in the practice of our nightly act, the penetration of the denotative body of the work. Any exit from the logic of language might be an entry in a symptomatic dictionary. The alphabetical order of this ample block of knowledge might render a dense lexicon of lucid hallucinations. Beside the bed, a pad lies open to record the meandering of migratory words. In the rapid eye movement of the poet's night vision, this dictum can be decoded, like the secret acrostic of a lover's name.

## Jinglejangle

ab flab abracadabra Achy Breaky Action Jackson airy-fairy  
airfare

Asian contagion analysis paralysis Anna banana  
ants in your pants

Annie's Cranny Annie Fanny A-Okay ape drape argle-bargle  
artsy-fartsy awesome blossom

backpack backtrack Bahama Mama balls to the wall bam-a-lam  
bandstand

Battle in Seattle beat the meat bedspread bee's knees  
behani ghani best dressed

best in the West BestRest Best Western Betsy Wetsy  
Better Cheddar Big Dig bigwig

bird turd black don't crack blackjack blame game boho  
boiling oil

Bone Phone Bonton Bony Maroni boob tube boogie-woogie  
boohoo book nook

boon coon Bot's dots Boozy Suzy bowl of soul bow-wow  
boy toy brace face

brain drain bric-a-brac bug jug bump on the rump  
Busty Rusty

cachi-bachi caffe latte cake bake candy's dandy Care Bear  
cash for trash Cat in the Hat

chalk talk Chatty Cathy cheers & jeers cheaper to keep her  
cheat sheet Chester the molester

chewy gooey chick flick Chilly Willy chips & dips chitchat  
chock-a-block

Choco Taco chop shop chrome dome Chubby Hubby  
Chuck & Buck chugalug Chunky Monkey

cigar bar Cinni Mini claptrap Click & Clack clink-clank  
clipclop Coca-Cola cock block

cock doc cock sock cookbook Cool Yule Cracker Jack  
crack shack crack's wack creature feature

crick-crack crinkly wrinkly crisscross crop top crumb bum  
Crunch 'n Munch

culture vulture curly-whirly

date rape deadhead deep sleep dikes on bikes dilly-dally  
ding-a-ling ding-dang dingle-dangle

ding-dong dirty birdy Dizzy Lizzy dog log Don Juan  
Donut Hut double trouble downtown dramarama

drape shape dream team Dress for Success drill & kill  
drip-drop drunk skunk dry eye

eager beaver Earl the Pearl easy greasy Eat a Pita  
eenie-meenie Etch-a-Sketch

Evel Knievel Even Stephen Eye in the Sky

fag hag fair share Fakin' Bacon fancy pants Fast Gas fat cat

Fax Pax Fay Wray

fender bender fews & twos fiddle-faddle fight or flight Fiji

file or pile fill the bill fine line

finer diner fine wine Flavor Saver Fleet Street flim-flam

flip-flop Flirty Gerty Flo Jo

flower power flub-dub fly-by fly-by-night fly guy fogdog

four-door four-on-the-floor

Foxy Roxy frat rat Freaks & Geeks freaky-deaky free bee

frick & frack

fried, dyed, laid to the side fright night Froot Loops FuBu

fuck a duck fuddyduddy

fungus among us fun in the sun funny money fur burger

fuzzy wuzzy

gal pal gang bang gas grass or ass gator bait gay for pay

Geechee gender bender

Georgie Porgie gewgaw gherkin jerkin gibber-jabber glad pad

gloom & doom goof proof

googly-moogly Gorgeous George gory story Greeks & geeks

Greek Week green bean

Green Jeans grinning & skinning

Hackensack hackmatack hackysack hair care hairy fairy

Handy Andy

handy dandy hanky-panky hari-kari Happy to Be Nappy

harum-scarum

haunch & paunch haste makes waste heart smart

Heckle & Jeckle heebie-jeebies

Hegel's Bagels hell's bells helter-skelter Henny Penny

herky-jerky heyday hickory-dickory

hi-fi higgledy-piggledy high & dry hinky dinky hip hop

hippy dippy hobnob hobo

Hobson-Jobson hockey jockey hocus-pocus hodgepodge

hoi polloi hoity-toity

HoJo Hokey Pokey holy mole holy mole Home Alone

honey bunny Hong Kong honky-tonk

hoodoo hooked on books hook or crook hootchie-kootchie

hotch-potch Hotel No Tell hot pot

hot shot Hottentot How now brown cow hubbub

Hubba Bubba hubble-bubble Huckabuck

huff & puff hugger mugger Huey, Dewey, Louie Hully Gully

humdrum hump & dump

Humpty-Dumpty hurdy-gurdy hurly-burly Hurry Curry

hurry-scurry hustle & bustle

Icky Ricky I Like Ike ill pill ill will Increase the Peace  
inky-dinky  
ism jism I Spy itsy-bitsy itty-bitty  
jai alai Janet's Planet jeepers creepers Jeez Louise jelly belly  
jet set Jew canoe jig rig jimjams  
jinglejangle Joe Blow Joe Schmoe Juicy Lucy June gloom  
June moon junkie's monkey  
junk in the trunk junky punky  
killer-diller King Kong Kit Kat kiwi knickknack knob job  
Koo Koo Roo  
kowitz Krik? Krak! kudu Kundun  
Laffy Taffy lame brain large & in charge late great later gator  
Lazy Daisy  
Lean Cuisine lean & mean lean mean machine legal eagle  
Leggo my Eggo  
Lexis Nexus lick dick Lickin' Chicken licking stick  
Liddle Kiddle liquor's quicker  
lit crit liver quiver lizard's gizzard local yokel long dong  
Loony Toons Loopy Doopy  
loose screws loosey-goosey lovie-dovie low blow lucky duck  
lump sum lunch bunch  
lust in the dust Lynyrd Skynyrd

Mac Attack mad dad made in the shade Magilla Gorilla  
mainframe maitai Mango Tango  
Manila Thriller Mantan Mars bars master blaster Maui Wowie  
May Day Meal Deal  
Meals on Wheels mean green meet & greet mellow yellow  
Messy Bessy  
Micmac might makes right Mighty Aphrodite miles of smiles  
Milli Vanilli  
Mingus Among Us mishmash Missy-Pissy mock croc  
Mod Squad mojo moldy oldie  
Money Honey moose on the loose mop top Mork from Ork  
motor voter muckamuck  
muck chuck mukluk multi-culti mumbo jumbo mu shu  
mushy-gushy my guy  
namby-pamby name game nature nurture near beer nice price  
night light  
nig-nog niminy piminy nitty-gritty nitwit  
no finance, no romance  
no glove, no love no go no muss, no fuss no pain, no gain  
no show no way, Jose  
nudie cutie Nut Hut Nutter Butter Nutty Buddy

Ocean Potion odd jobs Oingo Boingo okey-dokey old gold  
ooga-booga  
Only the Lonely oodles of noodles Oshkosh B'gosh  
Paco's Tacos page gauge pale ale paranoid android  
Parappa the Rapper party hearty Patel hotel  
paunch & haunch payday pay & play pee & see peewee  
peg leg pell-mell peter beater  
Phantom Anthems phone home phony baloney Pick Up Sticks  
picnic pie in the sky, by & by  
Piggly Wiggly ping-pong pit-a-pat pitter-patter Plain Jane  
plaster caster plastic fantastic  
play as it lays pocket rocket poet don't know it pogo  
pooper scooper pot shot pope-soap-on-a-rope  
Pop Shop popstop Post Toasties powwow poxy doxy prime  
time pump & dump psychedelic relic Puff 'n Stuff  
Queen of Mean quest for the best Quick Pick quick trick  
quiet riot quirky quarky  
racket-jacket ragbag Ragin' Cajun ragtag ramble-scramble  
Randy Andy rape & scrape  
rat-a-tat razzle-dazzle razzmatazz real deal redhead  
Reese's Pieces reet pleat

retail detail Rhymin' Simon rich bitch rickety-tickety rickrack  
riffraff  
ring-a-ding ringer dinger rinky-dink Rin Tin Tin riprap  
roach coach  
Rock Around the Clock rocket pocket Rolled Gold roly-poly  
Ronald McDonald  
rooty-tooty rope-a-dope rough & tough rough stuff  
rub-a-dub Rufty Tufty rusty dusty  
saggy baggy Sally's Alley sandman sassafras scarlet harlot  
sci-fi scot & lot  
Scrapple from the Apple screen scene screwy Louie screw you  
Sea & Ski  
seedy tweedy seesaw self help sexy REXY shady lady  
shake it, don't break it  
Shake 'n Bake Shedd's Spread shilly-shally shipshape  
shirk work shit fit  
shit, grit, motherwit shock jock Shy Di sin-bin Sin Den  
singles mingle singsong  
skag hag skimble-scamble skinflint skinny mini skunk funk  
sky high slammer jammer  
Slice o' Rice slice & dice Slick Rick Slim Jim slo-mo  
SmarteCarte snack pack

snail mail snail trail Smothers Brothers smut-butt smut slut  
sneak peek snowblower  
snug as a bug in a rug soap-on-a-rope SoHo space is the place  
space race Spamarama  
Spam in a can SpecTech speed reader spit-spot splish-splash  
spring fling Spruce Goose  
squeegee Stan the Man stars & bars steam clean Stinky Pinky  
Stix Nix Hix Pix stranger danger  
Stormin' Norman street beat stun gun stupid Cupid Style File  
suck and tuck Suds Your Duds  
sugar booger sump pump super duper Superloopers sure cure  
surf & turf Swatch watch sweater weather sweetmeat  
Swiss Kriss Swiss Miss  
  
ta-da Tears for Fears tea tree teeny peeny teeny-weeny teepee  
teeter-totter telltale Temporary Contemporary tent event  
Texas Exes Tex-Mex thigh high think pink thinktank  
thin's in, but fat's where it's at  
thin skin thrill kill thrills & chills Throat Coat tib-fib Tictac  
ticky-tacky  
ticktock tie dye tin tan tan tiptop titbit tit for tat tittle-tattle  
ton of fun tough enough tough stuff town & gown  
Tragic Magic

treat and street Tricky Dicky true blue trust buster  
turkey jerky tussy-mussy tutti-frutti  
Twine Time  
  
ubble-gubble Ubbly Dubby Ugh Bug ugly-mugly  
undone unfun urge to purge use it or lose it  
  
Vanessa the Undresser vice price vomit comet voodoo  
  
Wacko Jacko wacky shack wacky tobacky walkie-talkie  
Wavy Gravy waylay  
wear & tear Weegee Whack Pack whale tale wham bam  
whammer-jammer  
wheeler dealer whimwham white flight white knight  
Wicked Pickett  
weird beard wild child willy-nilly Wilt the Stilt  
wining & dining  
wingding Winken & Blinken wishy-washy womb to tomb  
wonton  
Wooly Bully Writing Is Fighting  
  
X-sex  
  
Yak Pak yank the crank Yertle the Turtle ying-yang yoohoo  
  
zero to hero zigzag zip your lip Zoo Doo zoot suit Zulu