

A Close Look at the Illogic and Disorder of English Spelling

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING		ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
had (a)	a	had	e	met (e)	e	met
plaid (ai)		plad		many (a)		meny
have (a-e)		hav		burial (u)		berrial
half (al)		haf		said (ai)		sed
meringue (i-ue)		merang		aesthetic (ae)		esthetic
guarantee (ua)		garrantee		says (ay)		sez
laugh (au)		laf		head (ea)		hed
dahlia (ah)		dalia		helper (ei)		hefer
harangue (a-ue)		harang		friend (ie)		frend
				jeopardy (eo)		jeperdy
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maelstrom (ae)	ae	maelstrom	ee	foetid (oe)	ee	fetid
made (a-e)		maed		guest (ue)		gest
steak (ea)		staek		damage (a-e)		damej
rainy (ai)		raeny		cleanse (ea-e)		clenz
playing (ay)		plaeing		belle (e-e)		bel
sleigh (eigh)		slae		ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
straight (aigh)		straet		seen (ee)		seen
gauge (au-e)		gaej		key (ey)		kee
making (a)		macking		deceit (ei)		deseet
gaol (ao)		jael		field (ie)		feeld
veiled (ei)	vaeld	people (eo)	peepl			
they (ey)	thae	amoeba (oe)	ameeba			
raise (ai-e)	raez	team (ea)	teem			
plagueing (a-ue)	plaeing	aeon (ae)	eeon			
ballet (et)	balae	leave (ea-e)	leev			
seine (ei-e)	saen	ravine (i-e)	raveen			
matinee (ee)	matinae	these (e-e)	theez			
dossier (er)	dosyae	league (ea-ue)	leeg			
bouquet (uet)	boekae	cheese (ee-e)	cheez			
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father (a)	aa	faather	y	deceive (ei-e)	y	deseev
calm (al)		caam		believe (ie-e)		beleev
lingerie (i)		laanzheree		antique (i-ue)		anteek
eclat (at)		aeclaa		mosquito (ui)		moskeeto
pas (as)		paa		ski (i)		skee
genre (e)		zhaanra		squeak (uea)		sqeeq
hurrah (ah)		hooraa		receipt (eip)		reseet
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barn (ar)	ar	barn	y	debris (is)	y	debree
heart (ear)		hart		esprit (it)		espree
guardian (uar)		gardian		trustee (ee)		trustee
bazaar (aar)		bazar		trusty (y)		trusty
are (are)		ar		happy (y)		hapy
sergeant (er)		sarjent		happiest (i)		hapyest
starve (ar-e)		starv		archaeology (ae)		arkyolojy
catarrh (arrh)		catar		ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
bizarre (arre)		bizar		pin (i)		pin
memoir (ir)		memwar		women (o)		wimen
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chair (air)	air	chair	i	busy (u)	i	bizy
their (eir)		thair		pretty (e)		prity
swearing (ear)		swairing		lynch (y)		linch
where (ere)		whair		been (ee)		bin
cared (are)		caird		sieve (ie-e)		siv
prayer (ayer)		prair		guild (ui)		gild
square (uare)		sqair		anaesthesia (ae)		anistheezha
heir (heir)		air		exhibit (hi)		exibit
wary (ar)		wairy		give (i-e)		giv
doctrinaire (aire)		doctrinair		minute (u-e)		minit
		counterfeit (ei)	counterfit			
		bisque (i-ue)	bisk			
		apocalypse (y-e)	apocalips			
		mischief (ie)	mischif			