

FEW SAY SO

ANIL

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Polite, agreeable remarks are often insincere, hiding an opposite meaning. Here are some homophonic antonyms illuminating these poles, a **polite pole light** or a **sincere sin seer**. The latter two homophones are from a Willard R. Espy article on “sound charades” in the May 1973 *Word Ways*. The last nine items below are modified from the same article.

What You Hear

If you say so.

I know.

Of course.

No doubt.

Assuredly.

Indeed!

Right you are.

For cert.

Certainly.

Confirmed.

Beyond doubt.

Indubitable.

Irrefutable.

Sure thing.

Absolutely.

Guaranteed.

Reassuring.

By all means.

Very well.

I believe you.

I dare say.

Depend on it.

Foregone conclusion.

Convincing.

Persuasive.

Good reply.

Sensational!

Stupendous!

No question.

Definite [or] deaf in it.

Justifiable.

Commendable.

Deplorable.

Exceptional.

Noble--nobler idea!

Winsome neighbour.

Correct. Basic.

What's Really Being Said

Few say so.

I no.

Off course.

Note out.

Ass *your* head lee. [Your head is sheltering up your anus.]

End deed!

Wry-chew war.

Farce hurt.

“Cert” in lee. [Sure truth is sheltered from you.]

Con firmed!

“Beyond!”—out!

In doo bit (a bull).

Eerie, feudable.

It's *your* thing.

Apt? So lewdly.

Care un-teed.

Rear's urine. [*Not* calmed, I peed my pants.]

“Bile!” means. [Means bile.]

Vary will. [Will vary.]

I be-leave you.

“I'd airs!” eh?

(Deep-end o' “nit”.)

“For” gone, “Con” clues, shun. [You're no “Pro”.]

Convent scene! [Unbeliever speaking.]

Purse way's sieve. [Won't hold water, a money-loser.]

Good? Reap lie!

Sense saays “Shun all!”

“Stoop,” end us! [Stop, stupid!]

No quest, shun.

“Deafen” it [or] Deafen it! [Make me deaf to it, it hurts my ears!]

Just if I able. [a charade]

Come mend a “bull”.

Deep lore, able.

Except! Shun all.

Know bull, know blur idea.

Wince some—nay, bore!

Core wrecked, base, sick!