

LOSING OR GAINING A LETTER MAKES A PHRASE

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LOSING A ABUSES BUSES ALED LED AVENUE VENUE BEAT BET
DEAN'S DENS GINA'S GINS HEARD HERD HOARSE HORSE
LAID LID LEAN LEN MEAN MEN SEAT SET

GAINING A AID AIDA BEN'S BEANS BEST BEAST BIT BAIT BY BAY
DRY DRAY GAIN AGAIN GOT GOAT MY AM Y SID SAID
STEM (stop) STEAM

LOSING B BAD AD BARMY ARMY BEND END BILL'S ILLS BIT IT
BLAKE'S LAKES BLESS LESS BOIL OIL BORDER ORDER
BOTHERS OTHERS BROOM ROOM

GAINING B ARGY BARGY ED'S BEDS ILL BILL IN BIN LACKS BLACKS
LAST BLAST LEW BLEW RIGHT BRIGHT TOM'S TOMBS
USES BUSES

LOSING C CALL ALL CAPE APE CHIP HIP CHOSE HOSE COVER OVER
CRAVES RAVES CROSS ROSS CRUSHES RUSHES

GAINING C ART'S CARTS ENTER CENTER (stage) HAIR CHAIR OLD COLD
SAM'S SCAMS

LOSING D DAD'S ADS DALE'S ALES DONE ONE DRAKE'S RAKES
DREADING READING DROLE ROLE HEROD'S HEROS
LEND LEN MAD MA PRUDE PRUE

GAINING D ATE DATE AVID DAVID HER HERD I'M DIM OILY DOILY

LOSING E BEAN BAN CHEER CHER CLEAN CLAN DEAD DAD DEAN DAN
EASTER ASTER FINE FIN FREED FRED HEAD (of school) HAD
HEAVEN'S HAVENS HOPE (a first name)'S HOPS HUGE HUG
KEEN KEN LEAD LAD MADE MAD MATE'S MATS MEAN MAN
NEAT NAT PALE PAL PETE'S PETS SAME SAM STEEP STEP

GAINING E BARD'S BEARDS BERT'S BERETS BLOW BELOW BRAD'S BREADS
BRET'S BERETS DAN'S DEANS DEN'S DENSE FIND FIEND
HAD HEAD HAL'S HEALS HEARS HEARSE JAN'S JEANS LAD'S LEADS
MAL'S MEALS NED'S NEEDS ON ONE PIP'S PIPES SAL'S SEALS
SAM'S SEAMS TIM'S TIMES (in races) TOM'S TOMES
WHAT WHEAT? WIN WINE

LOSING F FACES ACES (tennis) FED ED FEEL EEL FETCHING ETCHING
FINN'S INNS FRANK'S RANKS FREES REES

GAINING F AIR FAIRY ALL FALL INLAND FINLAND LUKE'S FLUKES
OUR FOUR RED FRED USES FUSES

LOSING G GLEN'S LENS GONE ONE (time) GRACE'S RACES GRANT'S RANTS

GAINING G FINER FINGER IN GIN OLD GOLD ONE GONE OWNS GOWNS
ROUND GROUND

LOSING H BETH'S BETS HAD AD HANDY ANDY HARM ARM HEATS EATS
HIS IS HIT IT HOVER OVER LATHER LATER SHOWS SOWS
THIN TIN

GAINING H BATES BATHES I'M HIM IT HIT SAM'S SHAMS 'TIS THIS

LOSING I CAIN CAN DEBIT DEBT ERIN ERN FIRED FRED GAIL'S GALS
HAIL HAL IVAN'S VANS MAIN MAN MAIZE MAZE
PILOT PLOT RAIN RAN TIED TED

GAINING I ALED AILED BAT BAIT BRAD'S BRAIDS CAN CAIN? DES DIES
DENSE DENISE FRED FRIED GENUS GENIUS MARTIN'S MARTINIS
MOVES MOVIES NOSE NOISE PAL'S PAILS SAL'S SAILS TED TIED
WATER WAITER

LOSING J JILL'S ILLS

GAINING J ILL JILL I'M JIM

LOSING K DUKE'S DUES LUCKY LUCY

GAINING K BARS BARKS (no dogs allowed) I'D KID NOT KNOTS NOW KNOW

LOSING L BLACK BACK CAMEL CAME CLAN CAN FLEET FEET KILT KIT
LEDGE'S EDGES LEGO EGO LIMP IMP SLACK SACK SLIGHT SIGHT

GAINING L ATE LATE COVER CLOVER EAVES' LEAVES OVER LOVER
PAM'S PALMS PA'S PALS SAVE SLAVE WORD WORLD

LOSING M MARIA'S ARIAS MATE ATE MENDS ENDS MORE ORE
MORGAN'S ORGANS

GAINING M EAT MEAT HAS HAMS OTHER MOTHER TRAP TRAMP

LOSING N BROWN BROW DANTE'S DATES LONG LOG NEAR EAR
NEARLY EARLY NEVER EVER NICE ICE TONY'S TOYS

GAINING N AUSTRIA'S AUSTRIANS BAD BAND DINER'S DINNERS HAD HAND
LAD'S LANDS ONE NONE PAT'S PANTS

LOSING O FOUND FUND GOOD GOD OPEN PEN TORY TRY WOAD WAD

GAINING O BAR BOAR BUY BUOY CANE CANOE CAT'S COATS
GAL'S GOALS HER HERO JUST JOUST LAD'S LOADS SUP SOUP

LOSING P PALE ALE PART ART PASS ASS PINCHES INCHES PINK INK
PLOVER LOVER PLUGS LUGS (ears) PRICK RICK

GAINING P ANDY PANDY ARTY PARTY WAS WASP OURS POURS (the gutter)
RAM PRAM WAS WASP

LOSING R BARN BAN BREAK BEAK BRUSH BUSH (as go past it) DOVER DOVE
FIRST FIST GREEK GEEK MARRY MARY SHORT SHOT
TORE TOE TORY'S TOYS TRIM TIM TRY TY

GAINING R FED FRED FIGHT FRIGHT FONT FRONT GAVE GRAVE
MA'S MARS (chocolate bar) PASTY PASTRY TIP TRIP USES RUSES

LOSING S BEST BET LISTER'S LITERS LOST LOT POST POT SCOT'S COTS
SEND END SHARP HARP SHOOK HOOK SHOW HOW SHUT HUT
SLED LED SMACK MACK SOFTEN OFTEN SPINS PINS SPOTS POTS
STABLE TABLE STALE TALE STAN'S TANS STARTS TARTS (baking)
STOP TOP SUES SUE SUP UP SWING WING TAPS TAP
THAT'S THAT WHATS WHAT WHO'S WHO

GAINING S ALE SALE CAN SCAN CURE CURSE DOE DOES HAVE SHAVE
HOT SHOT MILES SMILES KATE'S SKATES LACKS SLACKS
LEIGH'S SLEIGHS MATER'S MASTERS MILES SMILES PA'S SPAS
PAT SPAT PAT'S SPATS PECKS SPECKS PET PEST RUES RUSES
TAKE STAKE TALL STALL (for horse) TANK STANK TORY STORY
URGES SURGES WATER WASTER WET WEST

LOSING T KENT KEN MAST'S MASS STACKS SACKS STEAM SEAM STIR SIR
STOCKS SOCKS STOLE SOLE TEARS EARS THANK HANK
THAT HAT THEIR HEIR THOSE HOSE (stockings) TURN URN

GAINING T ALL TALL BEN BENT HEAR HEART HIS HITS HUGS THUGS
I'M TIM IN TIN MISS MISTS OUR TOUR RAY'S TRAYS
RICK'S TRICKS RIPE TRIPE ROD TROD ROUBLE TROUBLE
SAVE STAVE SUE'S SUETS

LOSING U CLOUT CLOT DUO DO LAUD LAD LOUD LOT PAUL'S PALS
ROUSE ROSE TOURS TORS (hills)

GAINING U FOR FOUR GOT GOUT HOSE HOUSE LOSE LOUSE PAL PAUL
TOR (first name)'S TOURS

LOSING V LIVE LIE VALE'S ALES

GAINING V COE'S COVES DRIES DRIVES (for cars) RAE'S RAVES

LOSING W WARM ARM WED ED WHAT HAT? WHIT'S HITS WILL'S ILLS
WINCHES INCHES

GAINING W EAR WEAR (muff) ED WED ILL WILL

LOSING X MAXINE MAINE (a name)

GAINING X BOE(Alfie -singer)'S BOXES COE'S COXES (for rowing) DION DIXON
SEES SEXES

LOSING Y BURLY BURL EARLY EARL MARTY'S MARTS PAY PA
SANDY'S SANDS

GAINING Y DA'S DAYS HAS HAYS MA MAY

LOSING Z ZONE ONE

GAINING Z MAE'S MAZES ED'S ZEDS