

# SOUND REVERSALS

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A word is divided into letter groups... eg AIS LE S

The letter groups are then read in reverse order... S LE AIS

Their sounds make another word... S L Y

## 1. Single, non-palindromic words with a palindromic sound

The middle letter/s is/are treated as a single letter sound, either **soft** or **loud**.

middle

letter

sound

A    **soft**    F A FF  
         **loud**    B A BE    C A KE    M AI M    S AY S    T A TE    S T A TE S

B    **soft**    O B OE

E    **soft**    D EA D  
         **loud**    S EA S    T EA T    C EA SE    L I LLE

I    **soft**    K I CK    L I LL  
         **loud**    D IE D, F Y FFE, L Y LE, M I ME, N I NE, P I PE, S IGH S, T IGH T

L    **soft**    A LL AH    E L Y  
         **loud**    S ELL S

M    **soft**    AI M EE  
         **loud**    TEMPT (silent P)

N    **loud**    S EN SE    T EN T

O    **soft**    C O CK    D O DD (surname)    L O LL    N O NE  
         **loud**    C O KE    KN OW N    P O PE    S EW S    S OW S    T O TE    S T OA T S

R    **loud**    B AR B    M AR M    T AR T    S TART S

T    **soft**    EYE T IE

U    **soft**    C OO K    D U DE    L U LL    J U DGE    N U NN (surname)  
                 SH U SH    S UE S    S U SS    T U TT (surname)  
         **loud**    S UE S

V    **soft**    E V IE

Z    **soft**    EA S Y

## 2. One word changes into another

Transposals are not included.

A CHE = K AY, ARM S = PS ALM, AU K = C AW or C ORE, AU K S = S C ORE  
AZ TECS = TEX AS AN DY = DI ANNE A PE = P AY AI M = M AY  
AE S O P = P O SS E AR K S = S C AR A GE = J AY ANDE S = S ANDY  
A LE = L EY or L AY A TE = T AY A GE = J AY AR K S = S C AR  
AIS LE or IS LE = L IE AIS LE S = S L Y AN VIL = VILL AIN  
A LL Y = IS L A (a first name - pronounced EYE LA) A NN UL = UL N A  
AN CHOR = KOR AN ARK LE (Grand National Winner) = L ARK  
A NNO = NO AH AR SE = TS AR  
B LOW = LO BE B OW L = L O BE B ORE D or B OAR D = D AU B  
BUR M A = A M BER B U CK = C U B  
BL O B = B O BBLE BEA KER = KIR BY (place) BL O CK = C O BBLE  
B U CKLE = CL U B, B ORE = OR B, B ACK S = S C A B, BAN TER = TUR BAN  
BL I SS = S I BYL BEA TEN = TEN BY (place) B O SS = S O B  
B I FF = F I B BL O G = G O BBLE B A SK = SC A B  
C AUGH T = T AL K C OA CH = CH O KE C O PE = P O KE C UE = U KE  
C AR P = P AR K C AR L = L AR K C OA ST = ST O KE  
C AR S = S AR K (place) CE DAR = DAR CY C OR FE (castle) = F OR K  
C A ST = S T A CK C ASTLE = SL A CK C U P = P U CK  
C A SE = S A KE C O N = KN O CK C A SH = SH A CK CE DAR = DAR CY  
C OE S (people with the surname Coe) = S OA K CL O CK = C O CKLE  
C O T = T O CK C U LL = L OO K or L U CK C ER T AIN = EN T ER S  
CH U B = B U TCH CH U CKLE = CL U TCH CL I P = P I CKLE  
CL A CK = C A CKLE CRUI SE = S CREW CH AL K S = S C OR CH  
COMM U NE = N EW COMBE C O MM A = A M O K C LAN = LAN K  
C O BBLE = BL O CK C O S = S O CK C A RR Y or C A RR IE = I R A Q

C LI FF = F LI CK    C UR L = L UR K    C A ME = M A KE  
C A GE = J A KE    C A DGE = J A CK    CL U N(place) = KN U CKLE  
CL I P = P I CKLE    CA RRY = RI CA    C LAY = LA KE    C U SS = S U CK  
C A SH = SH A CK    CH O CK S = S CO TCH  
CHOR U S = S U CCOUR    C O ST = ST O CK    COWER S = S COUR  
C ULL S = S UL K    C AUGH T or C OUR T = T OR QUE or T AL K  
C UE = U KE    C URE = YOR K  
D ALE S = S AILE D    D A TE S = S T AI D or S T AYE D  
D EA N = KN EE D or N EE D    DI O NNE = N O DDY  
DAE MON = MON DAY    DAI RY = REA DER    D I CE = S IGH ED or S I DE  
D A LE = L AI D    D IA L S = S L I DE    DEL PHI = FI DEL  
D IA L = L IE D    D IR T = T UR D  
D O R MA = MA R AU D    D A NE = N EIGH ED    D A L ES = S L AY ED  
D RAIN = RAINE D    D E LL = L EA D  
D EA R = R EARE D    D EAR TH = TH IR D    D INE S = S IGNE D  
D I SC = SK I D    D A LL A S = S A L A D  
D EA F = F E D    D O LE = L OA D    D I LL = L I D  
D OLE = OL D    D OUGH = O DE    D ROO P = P RU DE    D EN SE = S EN D  
D AN CE = S AN D    D OWN S = S OUN D    D INE S = S IGNE D  
D OOR S = S WOR D    D O TE = T OA D    D WAYNE = WANE D  
D E S = Z E D    DE GREE = GREE DY    D A ME = M AI D    D OR M = M AU D  
D A TE S = S T AI D  
EIGH T or A TE = T AY    EAS T = T EASE    E M I T = T I MM Y  
EL MO'S = MOS ELLE    EDI T S = S T EADY    EA SE = S EA or SEE  
EARL S = S EARLE (surname)    EA GLE = GL EE    E KE S = S K I  
F LOW = LOA F    F LY = LI FE    FL A T = T A FFLE  
F OO T = T OU GH    F A ST = ST A FF    F I T S = S T I FF



M AI N or M AI NE = N A ME      M OA T = T O ME,      M I LL S = S L I M  
M A CE = S A ME      MU SE = S MEW      M AR S = PS AL M  
M O SS = S O MME      M I CK S = S K I M      M OW = OH M  
M OO T = T O MB      M A SS = S A M      M E SSED = ST E M  
N OUGH T = T OR N      N O = OW N      N O SE = Z O NE      N E REID = RIDD E N  
N OA KE S (surname) = S C O NE      N I CHE = SH EE N      N O SH = SH O NE  
N EIGH S = S A NE      NER Y S = S I NNER      N OO SE = S OO N  
N I CE = S IG N      N IGH T = T Y NE      N EA T = T EE N      N EW T = T U NE  
OUGH T = T ORE or T OUR or T OR      OA ST = ST OW or ST OWE (place)  
OWE S = S O or S EW or S OH or S OW, OA TH = TH OUGH, ONE S = S WAN  
OR CHID S = S KIDD AW (mountain)      OO ZE = Z OO  
P AI N = N A PE      P E ST = ST E PPE      PH A SE = S A FE      PIE S = S PY  
PUR SE = S PUR      P Y RE = R I PE      PAIR S = S PARE  
P RAY or P REY = RA PE      P IE CE or P EA CE = S EE P      P EA K = K EE P  
PL EA T S = S T EE PLE      P O SE = S OA P      PANE S = S PAIN  
QA TAR = TAR KA (the otter)  
RA TE = T RAY      RH Y ME = M I RE      RI TA = TA RRY  
S L OE S or S L OW S = S OU L S      S L I T = T I LL S      S TIR = TER SE  
S N OU T = T OW N S      S E T = T E SS      S L IGH T = T I LE S  
STO RY or STO REY = RE STORE      S Y KE S = S K Y S  
S L I T = T I LL S      ST EA K = C A SED      S OU L or S O LE = L OW S  
S UE = EWE S      S K I S = S I KH S or S EE KS      S T EE P = P EA T S  
S TORK = TALK S      S Q UALL = WAL K S      S T REE T = T REA T S  
S WIM = WHIM S      S PEAK = PEEK S      S TOW or S TOWE (in UK) = TOE S  
S WORE = WAR S      S L A TE = T AI L S      S TY = TIE S  
S IGH T = T IE S      S OUGH T = T OR S      S WEET = WHEAT S  
S EN T or SC EN T = T EN S      SA VVY = VI SA      S L A VE = V EI L S

S WINE = WHINE S

TH A ME = M A TE (a town) TH EIR or TH ERE = EAR TH T WEE = WHEA T

T AI L = L A TE T I ME or TH Y ME = M IGH T

T EA SE = S EA T T WILL = WIL T TH REE = WREA TH

R IGH T or R I TE or WR I TE = T Y RE

USE D = J EWS U KE = Q UEUE or K EW

V AI N or V EI N = KN A VE or N A VE

WAYNE S or WAN ES = S WAIN WEIGH S = S WAY

W OE S = S E W or S O or SOH or S O W

### 3. 2- word meaningful phrases

AUN T' S S T AN A LL L AW

B O MB M O B, B O DGE J O B, B RIGH T T RI BE, BEE FY PHOE BE

C AL M M AR K, C AN S S AN K, CH E CK K E TCH, C AI N' S S N A KE

C OO L L U KE, C A RT T R A CK, C A BLE BL A KE, C UR T T UR K

D AR K C AR D, D U KE Q UEU ED, D OU BLE BL OO D, D U CK C OULD

D AY AI D D A MN M A D DE LAY LA DY D ALE AIL ED

D AW N GN AW ED D E S S AI D

EL F F ELL E V EN E N VY

F I NE KN I FE, F U NN Y E N OU GH F EE L L EA F

G U LL' S S L U G

I' D D IE I' LL L IE I' VE V I

K I T' S S T I CK

L A CE S A LE, L EA VE V EA L, L IGH T T I LE, L I KE K Y LE

LL OY D D OY LE (a name) L U KE' S S CH OO L L ANK ANK LE

LEAVE S S LEEVE L AY S S AI L L A SS S A L

L AD ' S S ADD LE L ET S S ETT LE

M A CK ' S S C A M M AI N N A ME M EE T T EA M

NA TTY TI NA N I CE S I GN N I CK S S K I N N I E CE S EE N  
N A PE P AI N

OU R R OW

P LEA SE S LEE P P A CK C A P

P I CK S S K I P (for rubbish)

R IGH T T Y RE RA TE T RAY

RU DE D REW (a first name) R E V ER SE S ER V E R

S EE K S S K I S S E LL L E SS S LY LIE S S P AY A P ES

ST EE P P I STE S L OUGH (place) OW L S S U P P U SS

S EE K K EY S S N I FF F I N S S EE N KN EE S

S T U B B U TT S S OF T T OFF S S AWE D D OOR S

ST O CK C O ST S T O CK C O T S

S A ME MA CE S LA CK C LA SS S AW OAR S

S LIM LIMB S S L EIGH S S A LE S

T RUE ROU TE TO BY'S BIS TO T RY RIGH T TH E SE S EE TH

V AI N KN A VE VE TO TO VEY (name)

W E LL L E W ? (not ill I hope)

Y IEL D D EEL EY surname) YOU' VE V IEW

#### 4. A single word turns into a 2-word phrase

A CHING = KING EH! AR IE S = S EA AIR AL ONE = OWN AL

ALIS ON = ON ALICE ALI SON = SON ALI ANGLE SEY = SEAGULL 'ANNE'

ARK WRIGHT = RIGHT ARC AU R A = A R OAR

B A L KAN S = S CAN LAB, BAN TRY (place) = TREE BAN, BA SIC = SICK BAY

BILL I CAN = CANN Y BILL, BOA S TED = TED 'S BOW, BRETT ON = ON BRET

C A S EI N = KN EE S ACHE CHAU FFEUR = FUR SHOW

COX WAINS = WAYNE'S COX (in the boat) C UR L EW = YOU LURK

D AI R Y = EA R AID D AI S Y = EA SE AID DAT A = A DATE

DAY TIME = I'M DATE    D I S T A I N = A I N ' T S I D    D U T Y = T E A    D U E  
F O R E C O U R T = C A U G H T    F O U R , F O R E G O = G O F O R ,    F R I D A Y = A I D    R I F E  
G O R M L E S S = S E L L    M O R G U E

H U N D R E D S = D R E A D S    H U N

K A T Y D I D = D I D    K A T I E ?  
(a grasshopper)

L A T E S T = T E S T    A L E    L E N O = N O    E E L    L O U S Y = S E E    O W L

L U C Y = S E E    L E W

M A R L I N S = L Y N N ' S    A R M    M I L L I C E N T = S E N T    M I L L Y

N A S T Y = T E A S E    A N N

O V E R    D U E = Y O U    D R O V E

P A N T H E R S = T H E R E ' S    P A N ,    P A R E N T S = S E N T    P A I R ,    P L U T O = T O E    L O O P

P U L L E T = L E T    U P

R A T I N G S = S T I N G    R A Y    R O A S T E D = T E D ' S    R O E    R I G O U R = O R    R I G

S A L O N = O N    L A S S    S L A T E D = T E D    A I L S    S O D A = A    D O S E

S U N D A Y = A I D    S O N    S U R F E I T = F I T    S I R

T E A S E R S = S I R ' S    T E A ,    T E E N = N E A T ,    T E L L T A L E = L A T E    L E T

T E N O R S = S A W    N E T    T H E S E S = S E A ' S    H E A T

T I S S U E = Y O U    S I T    T O A S T E D = T E D ' S    T O E

T O B I N (surname) = I N    B O A T    T O G A = A    G O A T

V E N U S = S U N    E V E

**5. a single word turns into a 3-word phrase**

M E A N D E R S = S I R    A N D    M E

M A N    A T    E E = E A T    A    M A N

P I N    A    F O R E = F O R    A    P I N

**nb.** the reverse of the word S O U N D is D O W N S