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Words Alike in Sound, E to L

*Words nearly alike in sound, from Daniel Fenning, The Universal Spelling-Book (London, 1798),
his old words kept, as the pairs need them, in today's spelling.
Each word is given once with its meaning as a model: copy it on the line below.*

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Table XIX. Words nearly alike in Sound, but different in Spelling and Signification, E to L.

ear  to hear with

eer  ever

ere  before

earn  to get by work

yearn  to melt in pity

east  sun-rising

yeast ➞ harm

Easter ➞ Christ's

resurrection

Esther ➞ a woman's name

eaten ➞ swallowed

Eton ➞ a town

emerge  to pop up

immerge  to plunge or to
dip

eminent  noted

imminent  threatening

emit  to send forth

emmet  an ant

enter  to go in

inter  to bury

envoy  an ambassador

envy  ill will

Er  Judah's son

err ✎ *to mistake*

ewe ✎ *female sheep*

yew ✎ *tree*

you ✎ *yourself*

your ✎ *your own*

ewer ✎ a basin to wash
hands

ure ✎ custom, use

exercise ✎ employment

exorcise ✎ conjure

extant ✎ in being

extent ➡ *dimension*

eye ➡ *to see with*

I ➡ *myself*

eyes ➡ *to see with*

ice ➡ *frozen water*

fain ➡ *desirous*

feign ➞ dissemble

faint ➞ weary

feint ➞ a pretence

fair ➞ handsome

fare ➞ food

fat ➞ suet

vat  brewing vessel

favour  kindness

fever  distemper

feat  exploit

feet  our feet

file  of steel

fail  to overcome

vile  base, mean

vial  a fiddle

fillip  with the finger

Philip  a man's name

fir  deal tree

fur ➡ of wild beasts

flea ➡ an insect

flee ➡ to fly

flay ➡ to skin off

flew ➡ did fly

flue ➡ rabbit's down

flour  for bread

flower  of the field

fold  a plait

fouled  made dirty

foul  filthy

fowl  a bird

frays ➞ quarrels

phrase ➞ a sentence

Frances ➞ a woman's name

Francis ➞ a man's name

freeze ➞ to congeal

frieze ➤ a sort of coarse
cloth

furs ➤ the plural of fur

furze ➤ a prickly shrub

gallon ➤ four quarts

galloon ➤ narrow ribbon

gall ➤ bile

Gaul ➤ a Frenchman

gauntlet ➤ hand armour

gantelope ➤ punishment

gesture ➤ action

jester ➤ a joker

gilt ➞ *gilded*

guilt ➞ *sin*

glutinous ➞ *sticking*

gluttonous ➞ *greedy*

gnat ➞ *a stinging fly*

Nat ➞ *Nathaniel*

grain ➞ corn

Grane ➞ an island

grate ➞ for coals

great ➞ large

grater ➞ for nutmeg

greater ➞ larger

greaves  leg armour

grieves  he laments

groan  hard sigh

grown  increased

groat  fourpence

grot  a cave

guess  to think

quest  a visitor

hail  frozen rain

hale  draw after

hair  of the head

hare  animal of chase

hall  a great room

haul  to pull

hallow  to consecrate

hallow  empty

harass  to tire and fatigue

arras  tapestry

harsh ➞ severe

hash ➞ minced meat

hart ➞ deer

heart ➞ the seat of life

haven ➞ an harbour

heaven ➞ God's throne

heal  to cure

heel  of a shoe

he'll  he will

hear  hearken

here  in this place

heard  did hear

herd  of cattle

hew  to cut

hue  colour

Hugh  a man's name

hie  to haste

high  lofty

hay ✎ small ship

higher ✎ more high

hire ✎ for wages

him ✎ that man

hymn ✎ a godly song

his ✎ his own

hiss ➞ to deride

hoar ➞ frozen dew

hole ➞ a cavity

whole ➞ not broken

holm ➞ holly

home ➞ dwelling

whom → who

hoop → for a tub

whoop → to halloo

hour → of the day

our → our own

Hungary → a country

hungry  *wanting food*

idle  *lazy*

idol  *an image*

I'll  *I will*

aisle  *of a church*

isle  *an island*

oil  liquid fat

impastor  a cheat

impasture  deceit

in  within

inn  a public house

incite  to stir up

insight ➤ *knowledge*

indite ➤ *to compose*

indict ➤ *to impeach*

ingenious ➤ *of good parts*

ingenuous ➤ *candid, free*

innocence ➤ *harmlessness*

innocents ➞ *hakes*

intense ➞ *excessive*

intents ➞ *purposes*

kill ➞ *to murder*

kiln ➞ *to dry malt*

Kiss  or Kis, Saul's
father

kiss  with the lips

knap  on cloth

nap  short sleep

knave  a rogue

nave  of a wheel, or church

knead  to work dough

need  want

knell  passing bell

Nell  Eleanor

knew  did know

new ➡ *not worn or used*

knight ➡ *a title of honour*

night ➡ *darkness*

knit ➡ *to work stockings*

nit ➡ *a small louse*

knot ➡ *knob*

not  denying

know  to understand

no  nay

lade  to load

laid  placed

Latin ➤ a tongue or
language

latten ➤ tin

lattice ➤ a network window

Lettice ➤ a woman's name

lettuce ➤ salad

leak ➡ to run out

leek ➡ a kind of onion

lease ➡ kind of tenure

leash ➡ three

lead ➡ metal

led ➡ conducted

leaper ↗ jumper

leper ↗ one leprous

least ↗ smallest

lest ↗ for fear that

legislator ↗ lawgiver

legislature ↗ parliament

lessen ➡ *to make less*

lesson ➡ *in reading*

lesser ➡ *smaller*

lessor ➡ *that grants a lease*

liar ➡ *a false story-teller*

lier ➡ *in wait*

lyre  a harp

lien  having rested

lying  telling

lies  untruths

lice  vermin

limb  leg or arm

limn  to paint

limber  pliant

limner  painter

line  length

lain  of real

lo  behold

low  mean, humble

loath  unwilling

loathe  to nauseate

loose  slack

lose  not win

lower  more low

laur  *to* *frawn*