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## NOTES ON REDUPLICATIVE WORDS IN ENGLISH

### Introduction

Let us start this study with a few quotations showing the use of reduplicatives in informal English: 'Celia's got a funny way of talking.' 'Do you mean funny ha-ha or funny peculiar?' (SWAN, *Practical English usage*,<sup>2</sup> p.208), *The result is a ragbag of architectural terms, pseudo-sociological mumbo-jumbo and often frankly useless information* (from a review of a book on country houses, *Evening Standard*, 8 September, 1996, p. 26), *The jerry-red bus [the London Routemaster] was affectionately known as the jo-jo (jump on, jump off).* (*Evening Standard*, 8 September, 1996, p. 6).

The first book dealing with reduplication was written by August Friedrich POTT and published in 1862. Pott devoted 304 pages of his *Doppelung (Reduplikation, Gemmination) als eines der wichtigsten Bildungsmittel der Sprache* to reduplication in many languages, mostly non-Indo-European. He collected thousands of reduplicatives referring to sounds, colours, changes in property and also fulfilling grammatical functions, eg the weak preterite in Gothic and the Latin *mihi — tibi — sibi, nobis — vobis*. His English examples, scattered under various thematic headings, include *crinkum-crankum, dilly-dally, ding-dong, firry-farry, flim-flam, gee-gaw, griff-graff, habnab, hairum-scairum, helter-skelter, hiddy-giddy, hiltie-skiltie, hodge podge, hoity-toity, hubbub, hubble-bubble, hugger-mugger, hum drum, hurdy-gurdy, hurly-burly, hussle-bussle, jingle-jangle, knick-knack, riff-raff, shag bag, shim sham, slip slop, tag-rag, ting-tang, titter-totter, tow mow, tuzzy-muzzy, twittle-twattle, widdle-waddle*. Although Pott's English reduplicatives are not very numerous, they reveal features known from later studies based on higher numbers of cases, ie the high proportion of initial *h-* in rhymes (*hurly-burly*) and the preponderance of the *i — a* ablaut in alliterative pairs (*griff-graff*). Pott even draws on Dobrovský and gives a few Czech words: *kukačka, žežulka, hať mať, plesk třesk, tintidlo*. One of his examples from Austrian German, *dechtl mechtl*, is also known as a Czech borrowing.

The importance of Pott's study for modern research can be seen perhaps less in the relatively small number of English words, all of which appeared later in Wheatley 1866, but more in the large number of examples from non-European languages. It is in these languages that reduplication can be regarded as 'eines der wichtigsten Bildungsmittel der Sprache'. This is supported by a number of words taken over from these languages into European languages (*agar-agar*, *beriberi*, *tsetse*) and into Australian, New Zealand and other varieties of English in close contact with the non-European languages (*kaikai*, *lomo-lomi*, *miamia*).

The first, and the last dictionary of reduplicatives was compiled by Henry B. WHEATLEY and published in 1866. Wheatley claims that his dictionary contains more than six hundred words but his numbers are based on *eg dingle-dangle* being counted once as an adjective, then again as a verb, *etc.* If cases like that are counted only once, the number of reduplications in Wheatley is 557, out of which 305 words are rhymes (*hocus-pocus*) and 252 words are ablauts (*dingle-dangle*). Wheatley did not include pure reduplications, called echo-formations or echoes in the present paper, like *din-din* although he says that 'we have only to listen to the talk of nurses how natural is their construction' (1866.4). Both in the rhymes and in the ablauts we again meet with patterns described in more recent studies: more than one third of the rhyming compounds has *h-* in the first component and nearly all the ablaut formations have [i] in the first component. While 29 out of 35 Pott's English words (*ie* 83 percent) appear in the *SOD* corpus here, Wheatley's list contains a number of rare words or nonce words: only about 38 per cent of his reduplicatives are recorded in the *Shorter Oxford Dictionary*.

After Pott and Wheatly reduplication in English was treated in grammars (JESPERSEN 1942, QUIRK et al. 1985), in books on word formation (KOZIOL 1937, MARCHAND 1969, HANSEN et al. 1982, PEPRNÍK 1992), and in a number of studies published in periodicals (KIRCHNER 1956 and 1959, HANSEN 1964). Nils THUN published a monograph devoted to reduplicative words in 1963. His list contains more than 1,700 words, arranged under thematic headings, *eg* sound, motion, high degree, mental instability. About one half of this book is devoted to the meaning of English reduplicatives but he also discusses their form and origin. A study comparing reduplicatives in English, Czech and Russian was published by Renata BLATNÁ and Czech and English reduplicative words were compared in a paper by the present author.

With all the studies, books and chapters devoted to reduplicatives the question arises whether any other study is needed. The aim of the present notes is therefore very modest: (i) to make a list of all the reduplicatives quoted in all the available studies, and (ii) to define their stylistic meaning.

Not every word mentioned in a study by another scholar, however, has been included in the following lists. The missing words are those regarded as non-central, peripheral or borderline types of reduplication. The following types are regarded as central:

(a) exocentric compounds, *eg black-back* 'black-backed gull',

- (b) compounds with a semantic shift in one of the elements, *eg dry fly* 'artificial fly' (the opposite is not a *wet fly*), in contrast to non-central *night light, bed-stead*,
- (c) compounds with transferred meaning, *eg hot spot* 'night club' (the original meaning being 'an area of the human body'),
- (d) compounds with grammatical irregularities, *eg no-go*,
- (e) compounds with full rhymes, *eg brain drain*, as opposed to non-central compounds with partial rhymes, *eg hot rod, hitty missy, jiggery-pokery, whipper-snapper, handie-talkie*,
- (f) compounds with regular syllable patterns, *eg hip-hop, jeepers-creepers*, as opposed to *ricky-tick, clickety-click, hooey-balooley, chock-a-block, high and dry* (for the last type, see KLÉGR 1991),
- (g) compounds which are not based on alliteration only, as opposed to *blue blood, creepy-crawly, freeze frame, topsy-turvy*.

### Lists

Several lists of reduplicatives are to be used for the basic statistics, *ie* for the percentages of ablauts (A), rhymes (R) and pure reduplicatives (E for 'echo formations, or echoes'), and for the establishment of the main features of these three types. The central corpus is that based on the latest edition of the *Shorter Oxford Dictionary* (= *SOD, SO*). Although no page-by-page search has been made of the dictionary, it is hoped that nearly all cases of reduplications recorded there have been noticed. This kind of hope is based on the fact a list of more than two thousand words collected by scholars beginning with Pott has been checked in the *SOD* and also in the *OED*.

The five major lists to be presented here are the following:

List A: 2,418 reduplicatives collected by other scholars, with a few additions of my own.

List B: 1,283 „no-dictionary words“.

List C: 861 reduplicatives found in the *OED*.

List D: 591 reduplicatives found in the *SOD*.

List E: 215 slang expressions.

### List A

This list should serve as a directory to other lists. It contains only the words, and further information about their sources, meaning *etc* can be found in List B or in the *OED*, *SOD*, and *SLANG* lists. List A includes a number of spelling variants, *eg chimcham* is listed as a separate entry, with reference to *kimkam* on the *SOD* list. On the *SOD* list, however, only *kimkam* is listed and *chimcham* is mentioned in the same entry as a variant. Two reasons may be offered for this arrangement: to make List A as much complete as possible, and to make the sta-

tistical data for the other lists as precise as possible. This arrangement means that the sum of items on lists B to E is lower than the number of items on List A (2,356 and 2,418, respectively).

- a-ba B • abaa B • AC/DC SOD + SLANG • ack-ack SOD • agar-agar, agar SOD • airy-fairy SOD • aizam-jazam B • Ally Pally OEDA • ample trample SLANG • Andy-Wandy = Androcles B • anky-pranky B • Anny-Panny B • anting-anting OED • antsy-pantsy OED • apit-apat B • arf-arf B • argol-bargol = argy-bargy SOD • argy-bargy, ~ie~gie, argle-bargle SOD • arley-parley B • arsy-versy, ~ie~ie, ~y~ey SOD + SLANG • arty-crafty, artsy-craftsy SOD • arty-farty, artsy-fartsy SOD • asey-casey B • auly-auly B • auly-cauly B • auly-crauly B • aunty-paunty B • aunty-praunty B • aye-aye SOD •
- ba(a)-ba(a) B • baba<sup>1</sup> SOD • baba<sup>2</sup> OED • baba<sup>3</sup> OED • ba-ha B • back-crack B • back-rac(k) OED • back-tack OED • back-track SOD • bandstand SOD • bandy-bandy SOD • bang-jang B • bangswang B • barbar B • barmy-army SLANG • battle-rattle SLANG • baw-baw B • baw-waw OED • beanie-wienie B • beat feet SLANG • beddie-weddie B • beebee = peep<sup>1</sup> SOD • beezy-weezies B • bee's knees SLANG • beriberi SOD • bibbery-bobbery B • bibble-babble, pibble-pabble SOD • biddle-baddle B • biddy-biddy, bidgee-widgee SOD • bidgee-widgee SOD • bigwig SOD • bim-bom<sup>1</sup> B • bim-bom<sup>2</sup> B • bincum-bancum, -nk- B • bine-bine B • Bing-bang OED • bingle-bangle OED • bit-bat B • bitchen-twitchen SLANG • bitsy-witsy, bitty-witty OED • bittle-battle B • bitty-witty = bitsy-witsy OED • bizzy izzy B • blab-blab B • black-back SOD • black-jack SOD • black-mack OED • blahblah, blah SOD • blah-flah B • blamby-pamby B • blang-blang-blang B • blang-whang B • bleak-bleak B • blew-blaw B • blib-blab B • blibber-blabber B • blibber-blubber B • blink-blunk, plink-plonk B • blish-blash B • blitter-blatter B • bloop soup SLANG • blue-blaw, blew-blaw OED • bob flop SLANG • bob mop SLANG • bob pop SLANG • bob-bob B • bobshop SLANG • bobtop SLANG • bogey-bogey B • boho B • bolus-nolus B • bon-bon SOD • bong song B • bong-bong B • boo-boo SOD • boob tube SLANG • boogie-woogie SOD • boohoo SOD • book-gook B • boola-boola SLANG • boolo B • boom-boom B • boozy-woozy B • bopper-topper SLANG • boris noris B • borus-snorus B • boubou, bubu SOD • bouncy-bouncy SLANG • bow-row B • bow-tow B • bow-wow SOD • boz-woz B • brack-back B • brag rags SLANG • brain drain SOD • bribble-brabble OED • bringle-brangle B • brittle-brattle OED • broom-broom SLANG • brush mush SLANG • bubble-bubble B • bugger-lugger SLANG • buibui SOD • bulbul SOD • buln-buln, bullen-bullen SOD • bum chum SLANG • bum numb SLANG • bum-bum B • bump-bump B • bunch punch SLANG • bunya-bunya SOD • butt-shut B • buz fuz B • buzz-buzz B • bye-bye<sup>1</sup> SOD • bye-bye<sup>2</sup> SOD • byochy-byochy B • bzzzbzzz B •
- cagmag SOD • can-can SOD • cancer-schmancer SLANG • canny-nanny B • caracara SOD • carry-warry B • cat chat SLANG • cat flat SLANG • cat scat SLANG • cat-fat B • cat-frat B • catter-batter B • catty-watty B • caury-maury OED • cavie-davie B • caw-caw B • cawdaw B • cawdy-mawdy B • cellar-smeller SLANG • cha-cha, cha-cha-cha SOD • chac-chac OED • chack-chack OED • chalk talk SOD • charivari SOD • Charlie-parlie B • Charlie-Warlie B • chase-grace B • chatter-chitter OED • chatter-watter B • chaut-chaut B • chawdaw B • chawly-chowly B • cheapo-cheapo SLANG • chee-chee = chi-chi<sup>2</sup> SOD • cheep-cheep B • cheerful earful SLANG • cheezle-peeze B • chemp-champ B • cherry-churry B • cherry-derry B • cherry-merry OED • chi-chi<sup>2</sup>, chee-chee SOD • chichi<sup>1</sup> SOD • chick-chack B • chick-chick B • chick-chock B • chiff-chaff<sup>2</sup> B • chiffchaff<sup>1</sup> SOD • chiffer-chaffer B • chiller-diller B • chim-cham = kim-kam SOD •

chim–chim B • chinchin<sup>1</sup> SOD • chinchin<sup>2</sup> SLANG • chink–chink B • chip–chip B • chip–chop  
 OED • chit–chat SOD • chitter–chatter SOD • chitterie–chatterie B • chocho, choko SOD • choko  
 SOD • choo–choo SOD • chop–chop<sup>1</sup> SOD • chop–chop<sup>2</sup> B • chow–chow SOD • chu–chu = cho-  
 cho SOD • chuck–luck B • chucky–chucky B • chuff–chuff, chuff SOD • chuffe–chaffe OED •  
 chug–chug, chug SOD • chug–drug B • chunk–chunk OED • churchy–wurchy B • chut–chut B •  
 clack–clack(–clack) SOD • clamp–clamp B • clang–bang B • clang–clang OED • clank–clank B •  
 clap–clap B • clap–trap SOD • clarty farty B • clatter–clutter B • clatter–patter B • clever–clever  
 SOD • clichity–clachity B • click–clack SOD • click–click OED • click–clock OED • click–nick B  
 • cling–clang B • clink–clank SOD • clink–clink B • clinkum–clankum OED • clip–clip B • clip-  
 clop SOD • clipper–clapper OED • clippity–lippity B • cliquey–triquey B • clish–clash SOD • clit-  
 clat B • clitter–clatter SOD • clitterly–clatterly B • clittery–cluttery B • Clivy–pivy B • clock-  
 clock B • clomp–clomp OED • clop–clop, clop SOD • club–drub OED • cluck buck SLANG •  
 cluck cluck B • clump–clump B • clunk–clunk B • clush–clash OED • clutter–clutter OED • Clydie  
 Mydie B • cobble–nobble B • Cobby Nobby B • cobwob B • cock–clock B • cock–rock SLANG •  
 cocky–locky B • coddly–moddy OED • codge–bodge B • colli–molly, —mollie OED • come come  
 B • compus–bompus B • conny–shonie B • coo–coo OED • cookbook SOD • coothery–oothery B •  
 cop shop SOD + SLANG • copper dropper SLANG • cou–cou SOD • court short B • couscous<sup>1</sup>,  
 kouskous SOD • couscous<sup>2</sup> = cuscus<sup>2</sup> SOD • cow–bow B • cow–cow B • cow–how B • cow–ow B  
 • cow–sow B • cow–wow B • cowley–wowley B • coxy–loxy, coxy–roxy B • coxy–roxy = coxy-  
 loxy B • crack–rack OED • cram–jam SOD • cranie–wany, crannie–wannie B • crapple–mapple B •  
 crawl–crawl, kraw–kraw SOD • crawl–shaw B • crawly–mawly B • creature–feature SLANG •  
 creepie–peepie B • creesy–creesy B • crick–crack SOD • crickle–crackle SOD • crim–cram B •  
 cringle–crangle OED • crink–crank B • crinkely–crankely B • crinkie–winkie B • crinkle–crankle  
 SOD • crinkle–crunkle B • crinkley–crankley B • crinkum–crankum SOD • crish–crush B • criss-  
 cross, crisscross SOD • crow–row B • crowdly–mowdy OED • Crump Bump, the SLANG • crush-  
 crash OED • cuddle–duddle B • cuddle–muddle B • cugger–mugger B • culture vulture SOD •  
 cum–strum B • curl girl SLANG • curly–burly B • curly–merly B • curly–murly OED • curly-  
 wurly, ~ie–ie SOD • curnie–wurnie B • currie–wirrie B • currie–wurrie B • cuscus<sup>1</sup> SOD • cus-  
 cus<sup>2</sup>, couscous<sup>2</sup> SOD • cuscus<sup>3</sup>, khus–khus SOD • cush–cush SOD • cush–mush B • cushle–mushle  
 B •  
 da–da<sup>2</sup> SOD • dab–dab B • Dada<sup>1</sup> SOD • daily–daily SLANG • dame frame SLANG • damp lamp  
 SLANG • dandy–candy B • dang–swang B • dashy–trashy SLANG • date bait SLANG • date mate  
 SLANG • dauby–sauby B • dead–head SOD • deda B • dee–gee B • deedle–doddle B • deedle-  
 doodle B • deeshy–doshy B • deetle–dottle B • Delhi belly SOD + SLANG • demi–semi SOD •  
 des–res SOD • devoto–bloato B • dhirum–dharum B • dibber–dabber B • dabble–dabble OED •  
 didder–dadder B • didder–dodder B • diddery–doddery B • diddle–daddle OED • diddle–diddle  
 SOD • dik–dik SOD • dill–doll B • dilly–dally SOD • dim sim SOD • dimber–damber OED •  
 dimmy–simmy B • din–din, din–dins SOD • dindle–dandle OED • ding–dong, dingdong SOD •  
 ding–dang B • ding–ding<sup>1</sup> OED • ding–ding<sup>2</sup> B • dingle–dangle SOD • dingle–dongle OED •  
 dinglum–danglum B • dirdum–dardum B • dish–dash B • divi–divi SOD • dixie–fixie B • dizzy  
 Lizzie SLANG • dizzy–wizzy B • Doasey–Cosey B • doddle–doddle B • doh–doh B • dojo SOD •  
 Dolly–Poly B • doo–doo B • double–bubble (fuselage) OED • downtown SOD • drape shape  
 SLANG • drrazil–drozzle B • dream beam SLANG • dribble–drabble B • driggle–draggel OED •  
 drill–drolls B • drilly–drally B • drip–drip SOD • drip–drop SOD • drippity–droppity B • drizzle-  
 drazzle B • droolie schoolie SLANG • droop goop SLANG • dry–fly SOD • dub–dub B • duc–ducs

- SLANG • duckywucky B • duk–duk SOD • dum–dum<sup>2</sup> SOD + SLANG • dum–scum B • dumdum<sup>1</sup> SOD •
- easie–osie B • eastie–wastie B • easy–peasy SOD + SLANG • eat–meat B • eckle–feckle B • edley–medley B • eechie–ochie B • eedle–deedle B • eeksie–peeksie B • eelie–allie B • eendy–beendy B • eettle otle B • egg–peg OED • eggs–eggs B • equal–aqual B • ern–fern B • even Stephen(s) SOD • eyvy–keyvy B •
- fa–la SOD • face–case SLANG • face lace SLANG • fag drag SLANG • fag tag SLANG • fag–hag SLANG • fair–hair OED • fal–lal SOD • fan–dan B • fan–tan SOD • Fanny–Nanny B • fat cat SOD + SLANG • fave rave SOD + SLANG • faxwax B • feerie–fary, fiery–fary OED • feck–fack B • fed–bed B • fee–fue B • feeble greeble SLANG • feedle–faddle B • feghie–leghie B • fem–sem, femme–sem SLANG • fency–schmency SLANG • fender–bender SOD + SLANG • fexwex = faxwax B • fible–fable SOD • fick–fack B • fickie–fickie B • fid–fad SOD • fiddle–diddle B • fiddle–faddle SOD • fiddle–fuddle B • fiddy–faddy B • fidge–fadge B • fie–fie SOD • fiery–fary = feerie–fary OED • fifty–fifty SOD • fig–fag B • figgle–faggle B • fill mill SLANG • filly–folly OED • fimble–famble B • fing–fangs B • finger wringer SLANG • fingle–fangle SOD • finter–fanter OED • firly–farly B • firry–farry B • fish–fash B • fix–fax OED • fizz–fuzz B • flag–wag B • flak shack SLANG • flap–trap B • Flaver–Saver (Company) B • fleechie–fleechies B • fleery–flary B • fleet–feet SLANG • flibber–gibber OED • fliberty–gibbety SOD • flicflac SOD • flick–flock B • flicker–flicker B • flimflam, flim–flam SOD • flimmery–flammery B • flimsy–Wimzy B • fling wing SLANG • fling–strings B • flip quip SLANG • flip–flap SOD • flip–flop SOD • flipperty–flopperty OED • flish–flash OED • flitter–flutter SLANG • float–boat SOD • flop–flop B • flop–top B • flop–whop B • flubdub SOD • fluff–fuff SLANG • flum–flam B • flum–gum B • flurry–scurry B • flush–flash OED • fluster–bluster OED • flybie–skybie B • fol–lol B • Folly dolly SLANG • foo–foo, fufu SOD • footer–footer B • footsy–wootsy B • footy–footy SOD • forum–snorum B • foxy–woxy B • frame dame SLANG • frank bank OED • franky–panky B • freaky–deaky SLANG • freebie, freebee SLANG • freele–frailies B • fribble–frabble OED • frig pig B • frig–frog B • friggle–fraggles B • frigid midget SLANG • frim fram OED • frimple–frampl B • frimsy–framsy B • frincy–francy B • frip–fraps B • frish–frash B • frobly–mobly B • frou–frou SOD • fuck truck SLANG • fucky–fucky SLANG • fuddle–muddle B • fuddy–duddy SOD + SLANG • fufu = foo–foo SOD • fum–fum OED • funny money SOD • fusty–rusty B • fuzzy–guzzy B • fuzzy–wuzzy SOD • fyke–fack B • fyxfax B •
- ga–ga SOD + SLANG • gabbie–labbie B • gain–pain, gaynepayne OED • galegale OED • gang bang SOD + SLANG • gang–gang SOD • gaw–gaw B • gaw–haw B • gaw–maw B • geck–neck B • gee–gee SOD • geepie–gawpie B • gender–bender SLANG • gender–blender SLANG • Georgy–Porgy, ~ie–ie B • gewgaw SOD • gibber–gabby B • gibbie–gabbie, ~ge~ B • gibble–gabble SOD • gid–gad B • giddle–gaddle B • giddy–gaddy OED • giff–gaff SOD • giffle–gaffle B • giggle–gaggle B • gilgal B • gilly–gilly B • gilty galty B • gingle–gangle B • gip–gip B • girly–burly B • girly–girly SOD • glad lad SLANG • glairy–fairy B • glairy–flairy B • glibber–glabber B • glim–glam B • glim–glaum B • gluck–gluck OED • glug–glug OED • glut–glut OED • go–go<sup>1</sup> SOD • gob job SLANG • gobble–gobble B • gobo SOD • God squad SOD + SLANG • Goglefogle B • Gogo<sup>2</sup> SOD • gol–mol B • gol–pol OED • goldy–woldy B • gong–gong SOD • goo–goo SOD + SLANG • goody–goody SOD • goona–goona B • goosey–poosey B • greegree, gris–gris SOD • gri–gri = grugru SOD • griff–graff B • gris–gris = greegree SOD • groo–groo = grugru SOD • grougrou = grugru SOD • groupy–croupy B • gruesome twosome SLANG • grugru, groo–groo, gri–gri SOD • grumbly–grumbly B • grumpy frumpy B • gu–gu B • guch–guch B • gug–gug B • gug–mug B •

guidguid = huet-huet SOD • guk-guk OED • gul-gul B • gulli-gulli = gully-gully SOD • gullie-wullie B • gully-gully, gulli-gulli SOD • gum-gum SOD • gun[g]-gun[g] B • gurr-gurr B • gurry-wurry B • gweek-gwak B •

ha-ba B • ha-ha<sup>1</sup> SOD • ha-ha<sup>2</sup>, haw-haw<sup>2</sup> SOD • ha-ho B • habber-glabber B • habbie-gabbie B • habble-hobbie B • habdabs SOD + SLANG • habnab = hobnob<sup>2</sup> SOD • hack-back B • hack-jack B • hackum-plackum, ~nk~nk~ B • haddy-daddy B • haffle-caffle B • haffle-maffle B • hag-bag SLANG • haggarty-taggart, ~ger~ger~ B • haifty-kaifty B • haig-raig B • haihow B • haily-daily B • haily-gaily B • hair-care B • hala B • halloo-balloo OED • haly-caly B • ham-gam(s) B • ham-sam B • ham-scrum B • ham-stram B • hammer-glammer B • han-span B • hanchum-scranchum B • hand-band OED • handy-andy B • handy-bandy OED • handy-dandy SOD • handy-pandy OED • handy-spandy OED • hang-slang B • hangy-bangy B • hankum-plankum = hackum-plackum B • hanky-panky SOD • hanky-spanky B • hansy-janzies B • hapsher-hapsher B • hapsher-rapsher B • har-har B • hardy-dardy OED • hargle-bargle B • hari-kari OED • hark hark B • Harry Parry B • harry-carry OED • harum-scarum SOD • harum-starum B • hash-mash B • hash-smash B • hashie-bashie B • hasum-jasum B • Hau Hau<sup>1</sup> SOD • hau-hau<sup>2</sup> OED • hauchee-pauchee B • haukum-plaukum B • hauly-cauly B • haunk-haunk OED • hauvy-gauvy, ~ey~ey B • havey-cavey B • havey-quavey B • havey-scavey B • havy-gavy B • haw-baw B • haw-gaw B • haw-haw<sup>1</sup> SOD • haw-haw<sup>2</sup> = ha-ha<sup>2</sup> SOD • hawkery-pawkery B • hawley-auley B • hay-bay B • hayty-tayty B • haze-baze B • haze-gaze B • hazy-dazy B • hazy-gazy B • he, he B • he-haw = hee-haw SOD • he-he OED • hear-hear SOD • heavenly-kevely = havey-cavey B • heckam-peckam B • heckery-peckery B • heckum-peckum OED • hedley-medley OED • hee-haw SOD • hee-hee SLANG • heebie-jeebie, ~y~y, ~ie~ies SOD • heegle-haggle B • heetie-kneetie B • heevy-skeevy B • heezie-hosie, ~zie~zie B • Heezlum Peezlum B • hefty-kefty = havey-cavey B • heg-beg B • heg-peg B • heich-skeich B • heigh-ho, hey-ho SOD • heivy-keivy B • hell's bells SOD + SLANG • helter-belter B • helter-kelter B • helter-skelter SOD • hen pen B • henky-penky B • henny-penny B • heppy-peppy SLANG • herky-jerky SOD + SLANG • hi-fi SOD • hi-hi B • hi-how B • hi-spy = I-spy SOD • hi-yi B • hibber-gibber OED • hibbledy-hobbledy B • hiccup-snickup B • hick-pic SLANG • hickerty-pickerty B • hickery-pickery SOD • hickety-bickety B • hickety-crickety B • hickety-hackety B • hickety-hockety B • hickety-pickety B • hickle-hackle B • hickle-pickle B • hickledy-pickledy, ~by~by B • hicklety-picklety = higgledy-piggledy SOD • hickory-dickory B • hickup-snickup B • hicky-picky B • hicara-picra OED • hiddie-kiddie B • hiddlies-piddlies B • hiddy-giddy, ~ie~ie OED • hiffle-haffle B • higgie-haggle OED • higgie-piggie B • higgledy-piggledy SOD • higglety-pigglety = higgledy-piggledy SOD • high-spry B • higher-higher SLANG • highsty-tighsty B • highter-blighter B • highy-flighty B • highy-tighty = hoity-toity SOD • higly-pigly = higgledy-piggledy SOD • higr-y-pigr OED • hiho OED • hildie-gildie = hiddy-giddy OED • hildy-wildy B • hillgill B • hilter-skilter Scot. = helter-skelter SOD • hilter-wilter B • hiltie-skiltie B • himper-hemper B • hinch-pinch OED • hinchy-pinchy B • hingum-tringum B • hink-hank B • hink-pink B • hink-skink B • hinky-dinky B • hinter-tinter B • hinx-minx B • hip flip SLANG • hip-hip B • hip-hop<sup>1</sup> SOD • hip-hop<sup>2</sup> SOD • hip-zip B • hipathie-hapathie B • hipperly-tipperly B • hipperty-skipperly B • hipperty-tipperly B • hippety-happety B • hippety-hoppety SOD • hippety-pippity B • hippie-dippie B • hipsy-dipsy = hippie-dippie B • hirdie-girdie B • hirdum-dirdum B • hirdy-girdy SOD • hirrie-harrie OED • hisey-prisey = hizi-prizi B • hish-hash B • hish-hish B • hist-hast B • histy-fisty B • hitch-hatch B • hitherum-ditherum B • hithom-tithom B • Hitty Pitty B • hitty-titty B • hity-tity = hoity-toity SOD • hiver-hover B • hivie skivy OED • hixy-pixy B • hizey-pizey B • hizey-prizey B • ho! ho! B



• ho–ho<sup>1</sup> SOD • ho–ho<sup>2</sup> OED • hoad–road B • hob–gob B • hob–job OED • hob–lob B • hob–nob<sup>1</sup> SOD • hob–nob<sup>2</sup> SOD • hobber–nobber OED • hobbit–bobbity B • hobble–bobble = hubble–bubble SOD • hobble–gobble B • hobby–tobby B • hobnob SOD • hobo SOD • hobs–bobs B • Hobson–Jobson SOD • hocke–dock B • hocker–mocke = hugger–mugger SOD • hocker–poker B • hockerty–cockerty B • hockerty–crockerty = hockerty–cockerty B • hockery–pockery, haw–paw~ B • hockey–dockies B • hockler–ockler B • hocksy–vocksy B • hocos–pocos B • hocus–focus B • hocus–pocus SOD • hod–dod B • hod–rod B • hoddy–doddy SOD • hoddy–noddy SOD • hoder–moder = hudder–mudder SOD • hodgepodge = hotchpotch SOD • hodman–dodman B • Hogen Mogen, Hogan Mogan SOD • hogo SOD • hogry–mogry B • hoi hoy B • hoity–poity B • hoity–toity, highty–tighty SOD • hokee–pokee OED • hoker–moker = hugger–mugger SOD • hokey–cokey SOD • hokey–pokey SOD • hollis–bollis B • holly–golly B • holsie–jolsie B • holums–jolums B • holuns–boluns B • holus–bolus SOD • hommilty–jommelly B • homson B • honder–sponder B • honey–bunny SLANG • honk–honk, honk SOD • honka–donka B • hoo–floo B • hoo–ha SOD • hoo–hoo, hoo SOD • hoo–poo = hoopoe SOD • hoo–shoo B • hoobly–goobly B • hoodoo SOD • hooky–crooky OED • hoopie–scoopie B • hoopoe SOD • hoorikooris B • hooroo, hurroo SOD • hoot toot B • hootchy–kootchy, ~ie~ie, ~y–cootchy SOD • hoots–toots B • Hootsy–Tootsy B • hoozy–poozy B • hop–hop B • horner–scorner B • horny–dorney B • horrel–lorrel B • horum–scorum B • hossy–gossy B • hot spot SOD • hot squat OED + SLANG • hot–bot B • hotchie–potchie B • hotchpotch, hodgepodge SOD • hotpot SOD • hotshot SOD • hotsie–totsie SLANG • hotsy–totsy SOD • hottie–tottie<sup>1</sup> SOD + SLANG • hottie–tottie<sup>2</sup> B • hotty–totty = hoity–toity SOD • houchty–pouchty B • houghen–moughen B • houlder–moulder B • houncy–jouncy B • housey–housey, ~ie~ie SOD • hout–tout B • houtie–croutie B • houtou B • how–cow B • how–how B • how–row B • how–skrow B • how–strow B • howdy–dowdy B • howdy–towdy B • howk–chowk B • howthery–towthery B • hoxter–poxter B • hoylens–voylens B • hubba–hubba SOD + SLANG • hubble–bubble SOD • hubble–shubble OED • hubbub SOD • hucker–mucker = hugger–mugger SOD • huckie–buckie B • huckle–duckle B • huckmuck B • hudder–mudder SOD • huddle–duddle = hoddy–doddy SOD • huddle–duddle OED • huddle–muddle B • huddy–wuddy B • hudge–mudge B • hudgie–drudgie B • huet–huet, guidguid SOD • huff–duff SOD • huff–muff OED • huff–puff OED • huff–snuff OED • huff–stuff B • huffle–scuffle B • hutie–tutie, ~y~y OED • hugger–mugger, hucker–mucker SOD • hugger–smugger B • huggle–duggle B • huggry–muggry B • huhu SOD • hula–hula, hula SOD • hull–gull B • hullie–bullie B • hulloo hulloo B • hully gully<sup>1</sup> SOD • hully–gully<sup>2</sup> = holy–golly B • hum–trum OED • humble–jumble SOD • humdrum SOD • humhum SOD • hummel–bummel OED • hummel–drummel B • hummel–jummel B • humperdee clumperdee B • humph humph B • humpsy–crumpsy B • humpty dumpty SOD • Humpty Dumpty SOD • humpty–jumpety B • humpy–grumpy B • humstrum SOD • hun–pun B • hunchery–munchery B • hunge–plunĝe B • hunge–splunge B • hunker–chunker B • hunkum–bunkum B • hunky–munky B • hurdy–durdy B • hurdy–gurdy SOD • hurkle–durkle B • hurly–burly SOD • hurly–gurly B • hurr–burr OED • hurroo = hooroo SOD • hurry–burry OED • hurry–curry OED • hurry–durry OED • hurry–gurry B • hurry–scurry SOD • hush–cush B • hush–hush SOD • hush–mush B • hushel–bushel B • huschle–muschle B • hustle–bustle B • hut tut B • Hutent–truten = hutn–trutn B • huther–muther = hudder–mudder SOD • hutherie–tutherie B • hutie–cuittie B • hutn–trutn, Hutent–truten B • huzz–buzz B • hy–spy = I–spy SOD • hynd–wynd B • hynny–pynny B • hyssy–pyssy = hynny–pynny B • hyte–styte B • hyter–styter B •

I–spy, hi–spy, hy–spy SOD • ibsy–wibsy B • ickitty–pickitty B • ickle–ockle B • icky–dicky B • icky–Vicky B • iddy–oddy B • igsy–pigsy B • iky–piky B • ilang–ilang = ylang–ylang SOD • ill

- will SOD • imaky–amaky B • inchy–pinchy B • incey–wincey B • inker–pinker, inky–pinkie OED • inkum–jinkum B • inky–dinky SLANG • inky–pinkie = inker–pinker OED • ish–wish B • itsy–bitsy, itty–bitty SOD • itsy–witsy B • ixey–pixey B • izey–tizey B • izy–prizy B • izzum–wizzum B •
- jab–jab B • jack–back OED • jakesey–jooksey B • jam ham SLANG • jam–cram B • jammed–crammed B • jaracara B • jaw–jaw SLANG • jedderty–jidderty B • jeepers–creepers SOD + SLANG • jelly–belly SOD + SLANG • jeminy–creminy B • Jenny–Penny B • jet–set SOD • jibber–jabber SOD • jidderty–jadderty B • jiff–jaffs B • jiffle–jaffle B • jig–jig<sup>1</sup>, jig–jog SOD • jig–jig<sup>2</sup> = zig–zig SLANG • jig–jog = jig–jig<sup>1</sup> SOD • jiggety–joggety B • jiggle–juggle B • jiggy–joggy OED • jimjam(s) SOD • jingle–jangle SOD • jingle–jingle OED • jitty–jetty B • jo–jo<sup>1</sup> SOD • jo–jo<sup>2</sup> B • jo–jos SLANG • jobsie–wobsie B • Jodo SOD • Joe Blow<sup>1</sup> SOD • Joe blow<sup>2</sup> B • Joe Doe B • Joe Dough B • Joe Schmo SLANG • jog–jog SOD • john–john SOD • joint–joint SLANG • Jojo B • jolasy–wolasy B • Jorjy Porjy B • joukery–cookery OED • joukery–pawkery SOD • joy boy SLANG • ju–ju<sup>1</sup> SOD • ju–ju<sup>2</sup> SOD + SLANG • Jubb–Jubb B • Judy–pudy B • jug–jug<sup>1</sup> SOD • jug–jug<sup>2</sup> SOD • jumpy–wumpies B •
- kaa–waa B • kabbie–labby B • kai–kai, kai SOD • kaw–waw B • kawakawa<sup>1</sup> SOD • kawakawa<sup>2</sup> SOD • ke–hee B • kebbie–lebbie B • keckle–meckle OED • kee–gee B • kee–kaw B • kee–kee = kiekie SOD • keemo–kimo B • keen teen SLANG • keg–meg = cagmag SOD • kerimeri = kerry–merry • kerley–merley = curly–murly OED • kerly–berlys = curly–murly OED • kerry–merry(–buff), kyry–myry B • khaki–wacky B • khus khus = cuscus<sup>3</sup> SOD • ki–hi OED = ki–yi SOD • ki–ki SLANG • ki–yi SOD • kib–keb B • kibble–cobble B • kibble–kabble B • kibty–cobty B • kickie–wickie SOD • kicksy–wicksy = kickie–wickie SOD • kiddie–widdie B • kiddle–kaddle B • kiddle–kittle B • kidvid SLANG • kiekie SOD • kiggle–kaggle B • killer–diller SOD + SLANG • killum–callum B • kim–kam SOD • kinkin OED • kina–kina B • kinch–pinch B • kind–blind OED • King Kong SOD • kingle–kangle B • Kingy Wingy B • kiow–ow B • kissie–wissie B • kissy–kissy SLANG • Kit–cat SOD • kitch–witch B • kittle cattle SOD • kittle–wittly B • kitty–katty B • kiwi SOD • kiwi–kiwi B • klop–klop OED • knap–knap B • knapsap OED • knick–knack, nick–nack SOD • knicky–knacky B • kniff–knaff OED • knip–knap B • knit–knot OED • knock–knock OED • koodoo = kudu SOD • kouskous = couscous<sup>1</sup> SOD • kow–how, cow–how B • kowtow SOD • kraw–kraw = craw–craw SOD • kringlety–kranglety B • kudu, koodoo SOD • kurnur B • kyry–myry = kerry–merry B •
- la–la<sup>1</sup> SOD • la–la<sup>2</sup> SOD • lab–dab B • lablab SOD • lake–wake OED • lambsy–wamsy B • langie–spangie B • lap–clap B • lap–lap SOD • lap–tab B • lardy–dardy SOD • large charge SLANG • lattat B • lau–lau SOD • laughter–lifter B • lava–lava SOD • learbeer B • leet–lyte B • leggy–peggy B • leirichie–larichie B • leng–long B • lie–by B • Li–Lo, Lilo SOD • Lib–Lab SOD • lifre–lofre B • liglag B • lilly–pilly SOD • limo–limo B • limp’ scrimp B • lin–pin OED • ling–long OED • liony–piony B • lip–clap B • lip–clip OED • lippity–clippity B • liquorice–stickorice B • litter–latter B • little–little OED • Lizzie–Mizzie–Wizzie B • lock–lock B • locofoco SOD • lomi–lomi SOD • loosey–goosey OED • loshie–goshie B • lovey–dovey SOD • lulu SOD + SLANG • lumperdee–clumperdee OED • lumpy–gumpy–humpy B • lush mush SLANG • lush thrush SLANG • lusty–fusty B • lyke–wake = lake wake OED •
- mack–lack B • maimai, mai mai SOD • maisie–maisie B • makomako, mako–mako, mako SOD • mal–scral B • mamma SOD + SLANG • marly–scrarly = mal–scral B • mart–cart B • mata–mata<sup>1</sup> SOD • matamata<sup>2</sup> SOD • mau–mau SOD + SLANG • mawl–scrawl = mal–scral B • meachy–teachy B • mean bean SLANG • mean–green SLANG • meckle–keckle B • mee–maw B • meepy–moppy

- B • meeschle–maschle B • meesh–mash B • mel–pell OED • mell–well OED • mellow fellow SLANG • mellow yellow SLANG • mercy–percy B • merry–derry B • mew–mew B • mia–mia SOD • mick–mick B • midge–madge B • miff–maff B • miggie–maggie B • mike–mike SLANG • mil–mil B • mill–kill B • mim–mam B • miminy–piminy SOD • mimpsy–pimpsy B • mincing–pincing OED • ming–mang B • mingimingi, micky–mick SOD • mingle–mangle SOD • mingledy–pingle B • minikin–finikin B • mishmash, mish–mash SOD • mixty–maxty, ~ie–ie, ~er–er SOD • mixy–maxy = mixty–maxty SOD • mizmaze SOD • mizzy–mozzy B • moco–moco, mucka–mucka SOD • moddle–coddle, ~ey–ey B • mojo<sup>1</sup> SOD • mojo<sup>2</sup> SOD + SLANG • moko–moko, moki–moki SOD • mole–hole B • molly–dolly B • money honey SLANG • mooney–wooney B • mop–top SLANG • motmot SOD • mousey–pousey B • mu–mu = muu–muu SOD • mubble–fubble(s), mumble–fumble(s) OED • muckluck<sup>1</sup> = mukluk SOD • muck–luck<sup>2</sup> B • muck–struck B • mucka–mucka = moco–moco SOD • muffle–maffle B • mugbug SLANG • mukluk, muckluck<sup>1</sup> SOD • mulmull SOD • mum–mum B • mumble–fumble(s) = mubble–fubble(s) OED • mumble–jumble OED • mumblement–jumblement B • mumbo–jumbo SOD • mumsie–wumsie OED • munge–munge B • mush brush SLANG • muster–master SOD • musty–fusty B • muu–muu, mu–mu SOD • muxter–maxter B • myow–wow B •
- nag–drag B • nag–nag B • namby–pamby SOD • nasty–pasty B • nay–say SOD • near–beer SOD • neejee, nitchie, ~y OED • neek–nack B • nene SOD • never–never SOD • nibble–nabble B • nibby–gibby B • nicey–picey B • nick–nack = knick–knack SOD • nick–nick B • nick–stick SOD • nickety–nackety B • nickle–nackle B • nid–nod SOD • niddle–naddle B • niddle–noddle SOD • niddlety–noddlety B • niddy–noddy SOD • niff–naff SOD • niffle–naffle B • niffy–naffy SOD • nig pig B • nig–nag B • nig–nog<sup>1</sup> SOD + SLANG • nig–nog<sup>2</sup> SOD + SLANG • niggers–noggers OED • niggle–naggle B • niggly–naggly B • night–night OED • nilder–nalder B • nildy–wildy B • nilly–willy = willy–nilly SOD • nimble–wimble B • niminy–piminy SOD • nimmy–pimmy B • nimp–pimp = niminy–piminy SOD • nimp–primpy B • nincety–fincety OED • ning–nang OED • ning–nong SOD • ninny–nanny B • ninny–nonny B • niperty–tipperty B • nitchie = neejee OED • nitherty–notherty B • nitmit SLANG • nitty–gritty SOD • nitwit SOD • niz–priz B • nizy–prizy B • nizzle–nozzle B • no–go SOD • no–no SOD • noity–doity B • nolens volens SOD • nolum wolum B • nolus–bolus B • non–con SOD • nonny–nonny SOD • nosey–posey B • nosy–posy B • now now SOD • nulla–nulla SOD • num–num<sup>1</sup> SOD • num–num<sup>2</sup> SOD • numb–plump B • nut–cut SOD • nutty–nutty B •
- ockerdacker B • oddie–doddie B • offscroff B • oilins–boilins B • okey–dokey SOD • okey–pokey B • okle–dokle = okey–dokey SOD • oodle–doodle B • ooh–ooh OED • oojie–woojie B • ooly–drooly B • oompah–oompah OED • oompus–boompus B • ootsie–wootsie B • oozi–poozi B • ople–scopple B • orgy–porgy B • orny–gorny B • orty–warty B • othem–upothem B • otty–motty B •
- paalie–maalie B • pack–sack SOD • pack–wack B • pad–pad OED • pag–mag B • pag–rag B • paine–maine B • paise–waise B • pall–mall SOD • pallall OED • palsy–walsy SOD + SLANG • party–hearty SLANG • passe–passe OED • pat–pat OED • patchy–blatchy B • patha–patha SOD • patt–patt B • patter–patter B • pattle–pattle B • pattoo–pattoo B • paw–paw<sup>1</sup> SOD • paw–paw<sup>2</sup> SOD + SLANG • Pawpaw<sup>2</sup> SOD • paxwax, taxwax SOD • paxy–waxy B • pay–day SOD • pay–way OED • paynmayn B • pease–wease B • pech–pech B • pecker–checker B • pee–dee B • pee–hee B • pee–pee<sup>1</sup> SOD • pee–pee<sup>2</sup> SOD • pecky–wecky B • peep–peep B • peepie–creepie OED • peepie–weepie B • peer queer SLANG • peerie–weerie, ~y–y B • peesy–weesy B • peetweet SOD • pee–wee, peeweep SOD • peezy–weezies B • peggy–weggy B • pegleg OED • pell–mell<sup>1</sup> SOD • pell–

mell<sup>2</sup> = pall-mall SOD • pelly-melly OED • pelvis-elvis B • petsy-wetsy OED • petty-patty B • pey-swey B • pey-wey B • phut-phut = put-put SOD • pibble-pabble = bibble-babble SOD • pic(k) crick, pix crix SLANG • pick-pack OED • pickclick B • pickwick SOD • picnic SOD • pid-pad OED • piddle-paddle B • piff-paff, piff SOD • piggin-riggin B • piggedly-higgledy B • piggly-wiggly OED • piggy-wiggy, ~ie~ie SOD • pill-gill B • pimple-pamples B • pin-swin B • pinc-pinc OED • pindy-pandy B • pine-wine B • piney-whiney, ~y~y B • ping-ping OED • ping-pong SOD • ping-wing SOD • pink-pank B • pink-pink OED • pink-twink B • pinkie-pankie B • pinkie-winkie B • pinkle-pankle B • pinky-winky B • pinny-ninny B • pintle-pantle B • pintledy-pantledy B • piou-piou SOD • pip-pip SOD • pip-pop OED • pipple-papple B • piri-piri<sup>2</sup> SOD • pipiriri<sup>1</sup> SOD • pise-wise B • pish-pash, pish-posh SOD • pish-posh = pish-pash SOD • pisha paysha SOD • pishery-pashery OED • pishty-wishty B • piss-whiz B • pit-pat SOD • pit-pit B • pitch-patch B • pitchy-patchy B • pither-pather B • pitter-litter OED • pitter-patter SOD • pittle-pattle = pitter-patter SOD • pitty-patty = pit-pat SOD • piupiu SOD • pix-crix B • placket-racket B • pleck-pleck B • plick-plock B • plink-plonk = blink-blonk B • plish-plash B • plish-plosh B • plit-plat B • plitch-platch B • plod-plod OED • plop-plop SOD • plot-hot B • plotty-plotty B • plup-plup B • poa-poa B • pob-bob B • pock-tock B • pocketa-pocketa SOD • poco loco SLANG • pody cody OED • pog-wog B • pokenoke B • pokey-hokey B • pom-pom<sup>1</sup> SOD • pompom<sup>2</sup> SOD • pongy-bongy B • poo-poo, pooh-pooh SOD • poolsie-woolsie B • pooly-wool(ly) B • pooper-scooper SOD • poopsy-woopsy B • pop bop SLANG • poppa-stoppa SLANG • popshop SOD + SLANG • popsy-wopsy B • porps! porps! B • posy-wosy B • pot-shot SOD • pottle-bottle B • powwow SOD • Pragger-Wagger B • prap-prap B • pray-pray OED • preachy-preachy B • pretty-pretty SOD • pribble-prabble SOD • prid-prad B • priminy-miminy B • prinkum-prankum, -nc- SOD • prit-prat B • prittle-prattle SOD • prop shop B • pu-pu KIR = pooh-pooh SOD • pud-dud B • pudgy-wudgy B • pudu SOD • puff-puff SOD • pug bug SLANG • pum-jum B • pum-pum B • push-push OED • pussy posse SOD + SLANG • put-put SOD • py hy OED •

quack-quack SOD • quagger-pragger B • quark-quark B • quavery-mavery OED • quavery-wavery B • quee-quaw B • quhilly-billy B • quhilly-lilly B • quish-quash B • quick-stick(s) OED • quit-quit B • quius kius B •

rack-jack OED • racket jacket SLANG • rag-bag SOD + SLANG • rag-mag B • rag-snag B • rag-stag B • raggie-taggle SOD • rags-jags B • ragtag SOD • rah-rah, rah SOD • rail-trail B • ram-jam SOD + SLANG • ram-stam SOD • ram-stram B • ram-tam B • ramble-scrabble OED • rambling-gambling B • ramp-ramp B • ran-dan<sup>1</sup> SOD • ran-dan<sup>2</sup> SOD • ran-shan B • ran-tan SOD • randem-tandem B • Randy Mandy SLANG • Randy Pandly B • randy-dandy B • rantum-scantum SOD • ranty-tanty B • rap-tap OED • rasher-splasher B • raspy-gaspy B • rat-tat SOD • razzle-dazzle SOD • reavel-ravel OED • reco-reco SOD • red lead SOD • Red Ned, red ned SOD + SLANG • red-red B • redhead SOD • ree-raw, reel-rall SOD • reeble-rabble B • reel-rall = ree-raw SOD • reemle-ramble B • reet meet SLANG • ren-ten B • repple depple SOD + SLANG • rewa-rewa, rewarewa SOD • rhimery-chimery B • ribble-rabble SOD • ric-sic B • rich-rich OED • rick-stick OED • rickety-dickety B • rickety-rackety SOD • ricky-ticky, ~ie~ie SOD • rickrack, ricrac SOD • rictum-tictum B • riddlemy-riddlemy OED • riff-raff SOD • rim-ram OED • rible-ramble B • rible-ramble OED • Rimini-pimini B • ring-ding SLANG • ringat-rangat OED • rink-stink B • riprap, rip-rap SOD • rittle-rattle OED • riz-raz B • ro-ro SOD • road-coach SLANG • rob-dob B • robble-bobble B • robble-hobble B • Roddy-doddy B • Roger Dodger SLANG • rogom pogum E • Roister-Doister OED • roly-poly B • roly-volly B • roly-poly SOD

• rom–tom B • rongo–rongo SOD • roo–doo B • rooley–booley B • rootin’–tootin’ SLANG •  
 rooty–tooty B • roquet–croquet B • rory–tory OED • rosey–posey, ~y–y B • roucou SOD • rough  
 stuff SOD • rough–scruff, rough–scuff SOD • round–ground B • round–sound B • rout–out B •  
 routie–voutie B • rouzie–bouzie OED • row–chow B • row–dow<sup>1</sup>–dow) OED • row–dow<sup>2</sup> B •  
 rowdy–dowdy SOD + SLANG • rowley–powley = roly–poly SOD • royster–doyster B • rub–rub B  
 • rucklety–tucklety B • ruff–cuff B • ruff–raff B • ruffy–tuffy B • rufty–tufty, ~ie–ie OED • rug  
 bug SOD • rugger–bugger SLANG • ruggle–buggle B • ruggy–duggy B • rumbum SLANG • rum–  
 slum B • rum–strum OED • rum–tum SOD • rumble–bumble B • rumble–jumble B • rumble–  
 tumble B • rumdum, rumdumb SOD + SLANG • rumple–tumble B • rumpum–scrumpum B •  
 rumpy–pumpy SOD • rush–rush B • rusty–dusty B • rusty–fusty B • Ryukyu SOD •  
 sa–ha SOD • sacky–dacky B • sad bad B • sadly badly B • sahli–fahly B • sahli–pahli B • Sally Pally  
 B • sauby–dauby B • savory–flavory B • say–nay OED • scaff–raff OED • scale–quail OED • scat  
 cat SLANG • scope dopes SLANG • scouking–looking B • scratch–scratch B • screwton–  
 newton(s) B • scribble–scrabble SOD • scribble–scribble B • scribble–scobble B • scriff–scraff B •  
 scrimpum–scrampum B • scrip–scrap OED • scritch–scratch SOD • scrittle–scrattle B • scrow–row  
 B • scrummy–yummy B • scurrie–whurrie, skirry–whirry B • sea flea OED • sea–pea OED • see–  
 saw SOD • seesee, sisi SOD • seldesey–weldesey B • semi–demi SOD • set–net OED • shabu–  
 shabu SOD • shack–back B • shady lady SLANG • shag–bag SOD • shag–rag SOD • shallal OED •  
 shally–gallee B • shally–wally B • sham Abra(ha)m SLANG • sham–damn SOD • shape drapes  
 SLANG • shay–shay = shey–shey SOD • sheaffie–shaffy B • shey–shey, shay–shay SOD • shick–  
 shack OED • shiffle–shaffle B • shiffle–shuffle OED • shig–shag B • shig–shog B • shil–shal B •  
 shill–hill B • shilly–shally SOD • shim–sham SLANG • shine–shine B • shog–bog B • shog–shog  
 B • shoo–hoo B • shoogie–shagie B • shoop–choop B • short snort(er) SLANG • showdy–towdy B  
 • shoy–hoy OED • shrewd dude SLANG • shriek–shriek B • shuck–shack B • shush–shush OED •  
 shy–sly B • sicsac = ziczac SOD • siddle–siddle B • siggy–wiggy B • silly billy SOD • silly filly  
 SLANG • silly Willy B • sim–sim SOD • simsam B • sin bin SOD + SLANG • Sing Sing<sup>1</sup> SOD •  
 sing–sing<sup>2</sup> SOD • singsing<sup>3</sup> SOD • singsong SOD • sinny–fynnie B • sinter–santer B • sinter–  
 saunter B • sip–sap B • sisi = seesee SOD • sittie–fittie B • skelter–helter B • skerry–merry B •  
 skerry–werry B • skewgy–mewgy OED • sk(w)eegee B • skid–lid SLANG • skimble–skamble SOD  
 • skimper–skamper B • skirry–whirry = scurrie–whurrie B • skirt–nerts B • skirty–flirty SLANG •  
 skitwit B • skleet–sklyte B • skuil–bruil B • slab–dab B • slack–back B • slam–jam B • slam–slam  
 B • slambam SOD • slangwhang SOD • slawsy–gawsy OED • slibber–slabber B • slibbery–  
 slobbery B • slick chick SLANG • slick–stick B • slide–guide B • slightly–tightly B • slim jim  
 SLANG • slip–slap SOD • slip–slip B • slip–slop, slipslop SOD • slipper–slopper B • slippetty–  
 sloppetty B • slop–shop SOD • slitherum–slatherum B • slumgum OED • smick–smack B • smick–  
 smock B • smish–smash B • smit–smats B • smock–frock SOD • smoopoo B • smut slut SLANG •  
 smut–butt SLANG • snaily–baily B • snarly–barly B • snarly–yarly B • snatch–blatch B • sneak–  
 ins–meakins B • snick–snack B • sniffle–snuffle B • snip–snap SOD • snip–snip B • snipper–  
 snapper SOD • snob mob SLANG • snooksy–wooksy B • snootie cutie SLANG • snorus–vorus B •  
 snuggly–wuggly B • so–ho SOD • so–so OED • sock frock SLANG • softly–softly SOD • Soho  
 SOD • soogee–moogee SOD + SLANG • sou–sou, susu<sup>2</sup> SOD • souji–mouji = soogee–moogee  
 SOD • space–case SLANG • spigot bigot SLANG • spine–swine B • spink–wink B • spit kit  
 SLANG • spit–bit SLANG • spitter–spatter B • splash flash SLANG • splash–dash OED • splish–  
 splash SOD • splishy–splashy SOD • splitter–splatter B • splitter–splutter B • splotchy–blotchy B •  
 spoony–moony B • spruce goose B • spuly–spowly B • squawky–talkie B • squee–pee B • squee-

gee SOD • squeek-wèek B • squimble-squamble = skimble-skamble SOD • squirrly-wirly B • squish-squash SOD • stag-mag B • stag-rag B • stam-ram B • stark-dark B • starvie-warvie B • steiny-weiny B • stibber-gibber B • stick flick SLANG • stick-stock B • stickly-prickly B • stip-step B • stitty-stitty OED • stock-lock SOD • stoorie-woorie B • strim-stram SOD • strim-strum B • strumstrum SOD • stubble trouble SLANG • sump-pump B • super-duper SOD • susu<sup>1</sup> SOD • susu<sup>2</sup> = sou-sou SOD • swap shop, swop shop OED • sway-gay B • sway-swaw B • sway-sway B • swee-sway B • swee-swee OED • Sweetie-Weetie B • sweetmeat SOD • swig-swap B • swill-swal B • swing wing SOD • swing-swang SOD • swingledome-swangledome B • swinkum-swankum B • swish-swash SOD • swish-swish SOD • swishy-swashy B • switter-swatter OED • swoon goon SLANG • swooner-crooner B •

ta da(h) SOD • ta-ta<sup>1</sup> SOD • ta-ta<sup>2</sup> B • tabnab(s) SOD + SLANG • tacky-lacky B • tag-lag B • tag-mag B • tagrag SOD • taily-waily B • Taki-Taki SOD • talkee-talkee SOD • talky-talky SOD • tam rag SLANG • tam-tam SOD • tam-tram B • bamboo-bamboo SOD • tame dame SLANG • tan-tan OED • tan-tin OED • tang-rang B • tanty-ranty B • tap-lap B • tap-tap SOD • tappity-tappity SOD • tappy-lappy B • tar-mar B • tarsy-warsy B • tat-tat OED • tatesy-watesy B • tax-wax = paxwax SOD • taxy-waxy B • tck-tck OED • team cream SLANG • tee-hee SOD • tee-tee<sup>1</sup> SLANG • teensy-eensy B • teensy-weensy = teeny-tiny SOD • teenty-tointy, teenty-taunty OED • teeny-tiny, teeny-weeny SOD • teeny-weeny = teeny-tiny SOD • teepee SOD • teesty-tosty = tisty-tosty B • teetee<sup>2</sup> = titi<sup>1</sup> SOD • teeter-totter SOD • tehee = tee-hee SOD • tender-tinder OED • terry-rrery B • tersy-versy B • teuf-teuf SOD • teut-meut B • tew-taw OED • thax-wax B • thick Mick B • thick-dick B • thingum-thangum, ~nk~nk~ OED • thinskin B • thriller-diller B • thrilly-dilly B • throb-throb B • thrum-thrum B • thuk-thuk OEDA = tuk-tuk SOD • thump-thump B • thurgy-lurgy B • thuzzy-muzzy B • thwick-thwack SOD • tic-tac = tick-tack SOD • tick-tack, tic-tac SOD • tick-tick SOD • tick-tock SOD • ticksy-wicksy B • ticky-tacky SOD • tiddle taddle B • tiddle-toddle B • tiddy-iddy OED • tie-tie OED • tiffety-taffety OED • tiffle-taffle B • tiffy-taffy B • tig-rig(s) B • tig-tag OED • tiggie-taggle B • til-tha-lil-tha B • tilliwhillie B • tilly-willy, twilly-willy B • ting-tang SOD • ting-ting SOD • ting-tong B • tingle-tangle<sup>1</sup> SOD • tingle-tangle<sup>2</sup> SOD • tink-tank OED • tinkel-tankel B • tinkle-tankle SOD • tinkle-tinkle OED • tinny-winy B • tinsy-winsy B • tiny-winy B • tip-tap SOD • tipsy-tpsy B • tiptop SOD • tirlie-whirlie SOD • tirlly mirly B • tirr-whirr, tirr-wir B • tirra-lirra SOD • tirry-mirry B • tissy-wissy B • tisty-tosty, teesty-tosty B • tit-tat B • titbit SOD • titbo-tatbo, titbore-tatbore B • titbore-tatbore = titbo-tatbo B • titi<sup>1</sup>, teetee SOD • titi<sup>2</sup> SOD • titi<sup>3</sup> SOD • titter-tatter B • titter-totter SOD • titter-witter B • tittle-tattle SOD • tiitty-totty SOD • tock-tock, tock SOD • tod-brod B • toe-toe = toi-toi SOD • tohu-bohu SOD • toil-moil B • Toily Oily B • toitoi, toi-toi SOD • tol-lol SOD • toly-polly B • tom-tom SOD • tong-tong = tom-tom SOD • tongaree-wongaree B • too-hoo OED • too-too<sup>1</sup> SOD • too-too<sup>2</sup> SOD • too-too<sup>3</sup> SOD • too-whoa OED • too-zoo B • toodle-loodle OED • toodle-toodle OED • tooral-looral B • tooral-ooral B • toot-moot B • toot-toot OED • tootelus-bootelus B • toothy-froothy B • tootle-tootle OED • tootsums wootsums = tootsy-wootsy SOD • tootsy-wootsy SOD • top-shop B • tory-ory SOD • tosy-mosy, tozy-mozy B • tot-quot OED • toto<sup>1</sup> SOD • toto<sup>2</sup> SLANG • tough-gruff B • tousy-pousie B • tow-lowe B • tow-mow B • tow-pows B • tow-row SOD • towdy-mowdy B • town clown SOD + SLANG • towry-lowry OED • toy boy SOD • tozy-mozy = tosy-mosy B • tra-ra SOD • tramp-tramp B • tric-trac SOD • trick-flick SLANG • trick-track = tri-trac SOD • tricky Vicky SLANG • triddle-traddle B • triff-traff OED • trill-rill OED • trill-trill OED • trillill B • trim-tram SOD • trin tran B • tring-ham-trangham B • tringum-trangum B • trinkum-trankum SOD • trip-slip OED • trip-trap B •

trish–trash OED • trit–trot SOD • trittle–trattle OED • tro–tro SOD • trolloll OED • trolly–lolly SOD • trot–trot B • trush–trash OED • tsetse SOD • tsk–tsk SOD • tuco–tuco, tucutucu SOD • tuff–tuff SOD • tug–slug B • tuilyie–muilyie B • tuk–tuk SOD • tum–tum<sup>1</sup> SOD • tum–tum<sup>2</sup> SOD • tum–tum<sup>3</sup> SOD • tum–tum<sup>4</sup> SOD • tump–tump SOD • tun–dun OED • tunety–tinety B • turkey–lurkey B • turry–wurry = tirr–whirr B • turtle–wurtle B • turtur OED • tury–lury = towry–lowry OED • tush–tush B • tussie–mussie = tuzzy–muzzy SOD • tut–gut B • tut–mute B • tut–tut SOD • tutie–tatie B • tutti–frutti SOD • tutti–tatti B • tutu<sup>1</sup> SOD • tutu<sup>2</sup> SOD • tuzzy–muzzy, tussie–mussie SOD • twankle–twankle B • tweedle–tweedle B • tweet–tweet HAL B • twenty–twenty, 20/20 SOD • twiddle–diddles B • twiddle–twaddle SOD • twiddleum–twaddleum B • twilly–willy = tilly–willy B • twing–twang SOD • twingle–twangle SOD • twinkum–twankum OED • twirly–whirly B • twisty–wisty OED • twit–twat, twit–twot B • twit–twit SOD • twit–twot = twit–twat OED • twittle–twattle SOD • twitty–twatty B • tzing–tzing B •

ubble–gubble B • uggedy–muggledy B • uh–uh SOD • unh–unh B • uncanny Fanny SLANG • unky–dunky B •

very–very B • voodoo, voodoo SOD • vorus–snorus, vorlus–snorlus B • vroom–vroom OED •

wa–wa<sup>1</sup> = wah–wah<sup>1</sup> SOD • wa–wa<sup>2</sup> = wow–wow SOD • wagga wagga B • wagger pagger bagger SLANG • waggie–waggie B • wah–wah<sup>1</sup>, wa–wa<sup>1</sup> SOD • wah–wah<sup>2</sup> = wow–wow SOD • Wai–Wai SOD • wake–cake B • wake–snakes B • wakey–wakey SOD • waley–galey B • walkie–talkie, ~y–~y SOD • wampam OED • Wavy Navy SOD • waw–waw OED • wawa<sup>3</sup>, way–way OED • way–way = wawa<sup>3</sup> • waylay SOD • waynpain OED • weaverty–waverty B • wee–hee = wehee SOD • wee–jee B • wee–waw B • wee–wee<sup>1</sup> SOD • wee–wee<sup>2</sup> SOD • wee–wow B • weet–weet<sup>1</sup> SOD • weet–weet<sup>2</sup> SOD • wehee, wihy SOD • well well B • wey–hey B • whaap–whaup B • whack–smack B • whack–whack B • wham bam, wham–bang SOD + SLANG • whangee–tangee B • whee–whee B • wheegee B • wheeler–dealer SOD • wheetle–wheetle OED • whey–sey B • which–which B • whick–whack B • whiff–sniff B • whiffle–whaffle B • whiffo–whaffo B • whiffy–whaffy B • whigmig B • whillie–whallie B • whilly–billy B • whilly–lilly B • whilly–nilly B • whiltie–whaltie B • whim–wham SOD • whim–whom, whim–wom OED = whim–wham SOD • whimsy–whamsy SOD • whing–whang B • whining–pining B • whinny–whanny OED • whintin B • whiny–piny, ~ey–ey B • whir–whir B • whirly–birly B • whirly–whirly SOD • wish–wish, whisht–whisht B • whisky–frisky SLANG • whisky–whasky B • whist–whist = wish–wish B • whister–clister OED • whister–twister OED • whitter–whatter OED • whittie–whattie SOD • whitwhat B • whiz–whiz B • whizz–quizz B • whoosh–whoosh OED • whurlie–birlie B • wi–wi<sup>2</sup> SOD • wib–wob B • wibble–wobble OED • wibbledy–wobbledy B • wibblely–wobblely B • wibbety–wobbety OED • wibbly–wobbly SOD • widdle–waddle SOD • widdy–waddy B • wifey–pifey B • wiff–waff B • wiffle–waffle B • wiffle–waffle B • wig trig SLANG • wig–wag SOD • wigga–wigga B • wiggery–waggery B • wiggle–waggle, wiggle–woggle SOD • wiggle–woggle = wiggle–waggle SOD • wiggly–wagglety B • wiggly–waggly, wiggly–woggly SOD • wiggly–woggly = wiggly–waggly SOD • wihy = wehee SOD • will–gill, will–jill OED • will–jill = will–gill OED • willie–wellie SLANG • willy–nilly, nilly–willy SOD • willy–wally B • willy–whirly B • willy–willy SOD • wilsony–pilsony B • wim–wam = whim–wham SOD • wim–wom = whim–wham SOD • wimble–wamble SOD • wimbly–wambly SOD • wimmeny–pimmeny B • wims–wams SLANG • wing–wang B • wingding SOD + SLANG • wingle–wangle B • wink–spink B • winkely–binkely B • winky–pinky B • winky–spinky B • winky–wanky B • wippity–woppity B • wirrarr SOD • wirsle–warsle B • wish–wash SOD • wishy–washy SOD • wisky–frisky B • witch–stitch OED • wither–wather B • witsy–bitsy B • witty–bitty B • wiw–wow B • wiwi<sup>1</sup> SOD • wo ho B • wo–wo B • woa–woa =

wo-wo B • wobbly-pobbly B • wonga-wonga SOD • woo-poo B • woo-wah B • woo-woo OED • woofle-woofle B • woop woop SOD • wootsy-tootsy B • wop-wops, the SOD • wow-wow<sup>1</sup>, wah-wah<sup>2</sup>, wa-wa<sup>2</sup> SOD • wow-wow<sup>2</sup> OED • wow-wow<sup>3</sup> OED • woy-woy = wo-wo B • wraggle-taggle = raggle-taggle SOD • wrig-wrag OED • wriggle-wraggle B • wringle-wrangle OED • ya-ye B • yack-tack SOD • yackety-yackety OED • yalp-yalp B • yap-yap B • yari-yari OED • yatch-match B • yaw-haw SOD • yaw-yaw SOD • yay-nay B • yé-yé, yeah-yeah SOD • yeaffe-yaffe B • yen-yen SOD + SLANG • yickie-yawkie B • yiff-yaff B • ying-yang SLANG • yip-yap B • yip-yop B • ylang-ylang, ilang-ilang SOD • yo-ho SOD • yo-yo SOD • yoicks-yoicks B • yolp-yalp B • yoohoo SOD • yow-yow SOD • yum-yum SOD •

za-za B • zeenty-teenty B • ziczac, sicsac, ziczic SOD • ziczic = ziczac SOD • zig-zag SOD • zig-zig, jig-jig<sup>2</sup> SLANG • ziggety-zaggety B • zip-zip OED • zoo-zoo B • zoople-zoople B • zoot suit SOD •

### List B

This list contains reduplicatives which have not been found in standard dictionaries, starting from the OED and Third Webster or in dictionaries of slang. The list gives only the words, just as List A, and further information about them can be found in the studies by other scholars. The abbreviations refer to works quoted in the references.

a-ba THU • abaa THU • aizam-jazam THU • Andy-Wandy = Androcles JES HAZ 20 • anky-pranky THU • Anny-Panny HAZ • apit-apat THU • arf-arf THU • arley-parley KIR = argy-bargy SOD • asey-casey KIR • auly-auly THU • auly-cauly THU • auly-crauly THU • aunty-paunty THU • aunty-praunty THU •

ba(a)-ba(a-) THU • ba-ha KIR • back-crack KIR • bang-jang KIR • bang-swang KIR • barbar THU • baw-baw THU • beanie-wienie KIR • beddie-weddie HAZ 20 • beezy-weezies KIR • bibbery-bobbery HAZ • biddle-baddle THU • bim-bom<sup>1</sup> WHE THU • bim-bom<sup>2</sup> THU • bincum-bancum WHE THU, -nk- HAZ 18 • bine-bine THU • bit-bat THU • bittle-battle THU • bizzy izzy JES KIR • blab-blab KIR • blah-flah THU • blamby-pamby JES KIR • blang-blang(-blang) JES THU • blang-whang KIR 19 • bleak-bleak THU • blew-blaw THU • blib-blab THU • blibber-blabber THU • blibber-blubber THU • blink-blonk, plink-plonk HAZ THU 20 • blish-blash WHE THU 19 • blitter-blatter WHE THU • bob-bob KIR • bogey-bogey KIR • boho THU • bolus-nolus KIR • bong song KIR 20 • bong-bong • book-gook KIR • boolo KIR • boom-boom KIR • boozy-woozy KIR • boris noris, borus-snorus WHE KIR HAZ • borus-snorus = boris noris • bow-row KIR • bow-tow KIR • boz-woz KIR • brack-back KIR • bringle-brangle WHE THU • bubble-bubble JES • bum-bum MAR • bump-bump KIR • butt-shut KIR • buz fuz KIR 19 • buzz-buzz THU • byochy-byochy THU • bzzzbzzz THU •

canny-nanny JES KIR • carry-warry WHE THU • cat-fat KIR • cat-frat KIR THU • catter-batter WHE KIR THU • catty-watty KIR THU • cavie-davie THU • caw-caw KIR • cawdaw WHE KIR THU 15 • cawdy-mawdy WHE KIR THU • Charlie-parlie JES KIR THU • Charlie-Warlie HAZ • chase-grace KIR THU • chatter-watter WHE THU • chaut-chaut KIR • chawdaw KIR THU • chawly-chowly THU • cheep-cheep KIR • cheezle-peezele KIR • chemp-champ WHE THU • cherry-churry WHE THU • cherry-derry JES KIR • chick-chack THU • chick-chick KIR • chick-



chock THU • chiff-chaff<sup>2</sup> THU • chiffer-chaffer THU • chiller-diller KIR 20 • chim-chim THU •  
 chink-chink THU • chip-chip JES THU • chitterie-chatterie THU • chop-chop<sup>2</sup> THU • chuck-  
 luck, chuck-a-luck KIR THU 19 • chucky-chucky KIR • chug-drug THU HAZ 19 • churchy-  
 wurchy KIR • chut-chut JES 19 • clamp-clamp MAR • clang-bang KIR • clank-clank JES • clap-  
 clap THU • clarty farty KIR THU • clatter-clutter WHE THU • clatter-patter JES KIR • clichity-  
 clachity THU • click-nick HAZ • cling-clang WHE THU • clink-clink MAR • clip-clip THU •  
 clippity-lippity KIR • cliquey-triquey KIR HAZ • clit-clat WHE HAZ • clitterly-clatterly HAZ •  
 clitterty-clutterty WHE HAZ • Clivy-pivy THU • clock-clock JES • cluck cluck KIR • clump-  
 clump JES MAR • clunk-clunk JES MAR THU • Clydie Mydie JES THU 20 • cobble-nobble  
 KIR THU • Cobby Nobby KIR 17 • cobwob KIR • cock-clock KIR • cocky-locky BLA • codge-  
 bodge THU • come come KIR • compus-bompus HAZ • conny-shonie KIR • coothery-oothery  
 KIR THU • court short HAZ • cow-bow KIR • cow-cow THU • cow-how, kow-how WHE KIR  
 THU • cpw-ow KIR • cow-sow KIR • cow-wow KIR THU • cowley-wowley HAZ • coxy-loxy,  
 coxy-roxy WHE KIR THU • coxy-roxy = coxy-loxy • cranie-wany, crannie-wannie WHE KIR  
 THU • crapple-mapple KIR THU • crawl-shaw KIR • crawly-mawly WHE KIR THU • creepie-  
 peepie MAR • creesy-creesy THU • crim-cram THU • crink-crank THU • crinkelty-crankelty  
 THU • crinkie-winkie WHE KIR THU • crinkle-crinkle WHE THU HAZ • crinkley-crankley  
 THU • crish-crush WHE THU HAZ • crow-row THU • cuddle-duddle WHE • cuddle-muddle  
 WHE KIR THU • cugger-mugger KIR THU • cum-strum KIR • curly-burly THU • curly-merly  
 THU • curnie-wurnie THU • currie-wirrie THU • currie-wurrie WHE KIR THU • cush-mush  
 THU • cushle-mushle WHE KIR THU •

dab-dab THU • dandy-candy KIR • dang-swang KIR THU • dauby-sauby KIR THU • deda THU •  
 dee-gee KIR • deedle-doddle THU • deedle-doodle THU • deeshy-doshy THU • deetle-dottle  
 THU • devoto-bloato HAZ • dhirum-dharum THU • dibber-dabber WHE THU • didder-dadder  
 THU • didder-dodder WHE THU HAZ • diddery-dodderly HAZ • dill-doll THU • dimmy-simmy  
 KIR • ding-dang WHE THU HAZ 20 • ding-ding<sup>2</sup> KIR • dinglum-danglum THU HAZ • dirdum-  
 dardum WHE THU HAZ • dish-dash THU • dixie-fixie WHE KIR THU • dizzy-wizzy HAZ 20 •  
 Doasey-Cosey KIR • doddle-doddle THU • doh-doh THU • Dolly-Poly HAZ • doo-doo THU •  
 drazil-drozzle WHE • dribble-drabble THU • drill-drolls THU • drilly-drally THU • drippy-  
 droppity THU HAZ • drizzle-drazzle MAR HAZ 20 • dub-dub KIR THU • duckywucky KIR •  
 dum-scum KIR THU •

easie-osie THU • eastie-wastie WHE KIR • eat-meat KIR • eckle-feckle WHE KIR THU • edley-  
 medley KIR • eechie-ochie THU • eedle-deedle THU • eeksie-peeksie WHE KIR • eelie-allie  
 THU • eendy-beendy THU • eetle otle THU • eggs-eggs THU • equal-aqual THU • ern-fern KIR  
 • eyvy-keyvy KIR = havey-cavey •

fan-dan THU • Fanny-Nanny THU HAZ 19 • faxwax = paxwax SOD • feck-fack THU • fed-bed  
 KIR 16 • fee-fue THU • feedle-faddle = fiddle-fuddle SOD • feghie-leghie WHE KIR THU •  
 fick-fack WHE THU • fickie-fickie THU • fiddle-diddle WHE KIR • fiddle-fuddle THU • fiddy-  
 faddy THU HAZ • fidge-fadge THU • fig-fag WHE THU • figgle-faggle WHE THU • fimble-  
 famble WHE THU • fing-fangs THU • firly-farly WHE THU • firry-farry POT • fish-fash THU •  
 fizz-fuzz HAZ 20 • flag-wag KIR 19 • flap-trap KIR 19 • Flaver-Saver Company KIR 20 •  
 fleechie-flechies THU • fleery-flary WHE • flick-flock JES • flicker-flicker KIR • flimmery-  
 flammery JES • flimsy-Wimzy BLA • fling-strings KIR THU • flop-flop JES • flop-top KIR THU  
 • flop-whop THU • flum-flam WHE THU • flum-gum THU • flurry-scurry KIR 19 • flybie-  
 skybie JES • fol-lol WHE • footer-footer THU • footsy-wootsy KIR • forum-snorum KIR • foxy-

woxy BLA • franky–panky HAZ • freele–frailies THU • frig pig WHE KIR THU • frig–frog WHE • friggle–fraggles WHE THU • frimble–frample THU • frimsy–framsy THU • frincy–francy THU • frip–fraps THU • frish–frash JES • frobly–mobly WHE KIR THU • fuddle–muddle WHE • fusty–rusty JES KIR • fuzzy–guzzy THU • fyke–fack THU • fyxfax THU •

gabbie–labbie WHE KIR • gaw–gaw THU • gaw–haw KIR THU • gaw–maw THU • geck–neck KIR • geepee–gawpie THU • Georgy–Porgy, ~ie~ie JES THU HAZ 19 • gibber–gabber WHE THU • gibbie–gabbie THU • gibbie–gebbie THU = gibbie–gabbie • gid–gad THU • giddle–gaddle THU • giffle–gaffle WHE THU • giggle–gaggle WHE THU HAZ • gilgal THU • gilly–gilly KIR • guilty galty THU • gingle–gangle WHE THU • gip–gip THU • girly–burly KIR • glairy–fairy KIR • glairy–flairy WHE THU • glibber–glabber WHE THU • glim–glam WHE THU • glim–glaum THU • gobble–gobble JES THU • Goglefogle KIR 20 • gol–mol WHE KIR THU • goldy–woldy HAZ • goona–goona THU • goosey–poosey BLA • griff–graff POT 17 • groupy–croupy KIR HAZ • grumbly–grumbly KIR • grumpy frumpy JES • gu–gu KIR • guch–guch THU • gug–gug THU • gug–mug KIR • gul–gul KIR • gullie–wullie THU • gun[g]–gun[g] THU • gurr–gurr THU • gurry–wurry THU • gweek–gwak THU •

ha–ba KIR THU • ha–ho THU • habber–glabber THU • habbie–gabbie KIR THU • habble–hobble THU • hack–back KIR • hack–jack KIR • hackum–plackum, ~nk~nk~ WHE KIR THU • haddy–daddy THU • haffle–caffle THU • haffle–maffle KIR THU • haggarty–taggarty, ~ger~ger~ WHE JES KIR THU • haifty–kaifty THU • haig–raig KIR THU • haihow THU • haily–daily WHE • haily–gaily WHE • hair–care KIR 20 • hala THU • haly–caly KIR THU • ham–gam(s) KIR THU • ham–sam WHE KIR THU • ham–scram THU • ham–stram WHE KIR THU • hammer–glammer THU • han–span KIR • hanchum–scranchum KIR THU • handy–andy W3 • hang–slang KIR • hangy–bangy KIR THU • hanky–spanky THU • hansy–janzies KIR THU • hapsher–hapsher THU • hapsher–rapsher THU • har–har THU • hargle–bargle THU • hark hark KIR • Harry Parry THU HAZ • harum–starum THU • hash–mash THU • hash–smash THU • hashie–bashie THU • hasum–jasum KIR THU • hauchee–pauchee WHE KIR THU • haukum–plaukum THU • hauly–cauly KIR THU • hauvy–gauvy, ~ey~ey WHE KIR THU 19 • havey–cavey, havey–quavey, havey–scavey, heavenly–keavey, hefty–kefty, eyvy–keyvy KIR • havey–quavey KIR = havey–cavey • havey–scavey WHE THU = havey–cavey • havy–gavy WHE • haw–baw KIR THU • haw–gaw KIR THU • hawkery–pawkerly THU • hawley–auley THU • hay–bay KIR THU • hayty–tayty WHE KIR • haze–baze KIR THU • haze–gaze KIR THU • hazy–dazy KIR THU • hazy–gazy KIR • he, he THU • heckam–peckam THU • heckery–peckery KIR THU • heegle–haggle THU • heetie–kneetie KIR THU • heevy–skeevy WHE THU • heezie–hosie, heezie–hozie THU • Heezlum Peezlum KIR THU • heg–beg KIR THU • heg–peg KIR • heich–skeich THU • heivy–keivy WHE THU • helter–belter KIR 20 • helter–kelter KIR THU • hen pen KIR THU 20 • henky–penky THU • henny–penny BLA • hi–hi KIR • hi–how THU • hi–yi KIR • hibly–hobbledy THU HAZ • hiccup–snickup KIR • hickerty–pickerty WHE KIR • hickety–bickety KIR THU • hickety–crickety KIR • hickety–hackety THU • hickety–hockety HAZ • hickety–pickety WHE • hickle–hackle THU • hickle–pickle THU • hickledy–pickledy, hickleby–pickleby WHE THU • hickory–dickory BLA • hickup–snickup WHE THU • hicky–picksy HAZ • hiddie–kiddie THU • hiddlies–piddlies THU • hiffle–haffle THU • higgie–piggle THU • high–spry KIR • highsty–tighsty THU • highter–blighter WHE • hightly–flighty WHE KIR THU • hildy–wildy WHE KIR THU • hillgill THU • hilter–wilter KIR THU • hiltie–skiltie POT • himper–hemper WHE 16 • hinchy–pinchy KIR THU • hingum–tringum KIR THU • hink–hank THU • hink–pink KIR 19 • hink–skink KIR THU • hinky–dinky KIR 20 • hinter–tinter THU • hinx–minx THU • hip–hip KIR • hip–zip KIR 20 • hipathie–hapathie

WHE 17 • hipperly–tipperly KIR • hipperty–skipperty, ~ie~ie WHE KIR THU • hipperty–tipperty WHE THU HAZ • hippety–happety THU • hippety–pippity KIR • hippie–dippie, hipsy–dipsy KIR THU • hirdie–girdie WHE • hirdum–dirdum KIR THU 18 • hish–hash THU • hish–hish JES THU • hist–hast WHE THU • histy–fisty KIR THU • hitch–hatch THU • hitherum–ditherum THU • hithom–tithom KIR • Hitty Pitty THU • hitty–titty WHE KIR • hiver–hover THU • hixy–pixy THU • hizey–pizey THU • hizey–prizey, hisey–prisey WHE KIR THU • ho! ho! THU • hoad–road THU • hob–gob KIR THU • hob–lob KIR THU 16 • hobbity–bobbity THU • hobble–gobble WHE KIR THU • hobby–tobby WHE KIR THU • hobs–bobs KIR • hocke–dock THU • hocker–poker THU • hockerty–cockerty, ~cro~ WHE JES KIR THU • hockerty–crockerty = hockerty–cockerty • hockery–pockery, hawkery–pawkery JES KIR • hockey–dockies HAZ 19 • hockler–ockler KIR THU • hocksy–vocksy KIR THU • hocos–pocos BLA • hocus–focus KIR • hod–dod WHE THU • hod–rod KIR THU 17 • hodman–dodman WHE 18 • hogry–mogry WHE • hoi hoy THU • hoity–poity KIR THU = hoity–toity SOD • hollis–bollis THU • holly–golly, hully–gully<sup>2</sup> KIR HAZ • holsie–jolsie WHE KIR THU • holums–jolums KIR THU = holus–bolus SOD • holuns–boluns THU • hommilty–jommelly, ~mel~ WHE THU LIR • homsom KIR • honder–sponder WHE KIR 17 • honka–donka KIR THU • hoo–floo KIR • hoo–shoo THU • hoobly–goobly KIR 20 • hoopie–scoopie HAZ 20 • hoorikooris KIR • hoot toot KIR THU • hoots–toots WHE 19 • Hootsy–Tootsy KIR 20 • hoozy–poozy THU • hop–hop HAL • horner–scorner KIR THU • horny–dorney THU • horrel–lorrel WHE KIR THU • horum–scorum WHE • hossy–gossy KIR = holsie–jolsie • hot–bot THU • hotchie–potchie THU • hottie–tottie<sup>2</sup> = hoddy–doddy SOD • houchty–pouchty KIR THU 18 • houghen–moughen THU • houlder–moulder KIR THU • houncy–jouncy WHE KIR THU • hout–tout WHE 19 • houtie–croutie KIR THU • houtou KIR • how–cow KIR • how–how THU • how–row THU • how–skrow KIR THU • how–strow WHE KIR THU • howdy–dowdy THU • howdy–towdy KIR THU • howk–chowk KIR THU • howthery–towthery KIR THU • hoxter–poxter KIR THU • hoylens–voylens KIR THU • huckie–buckie WHE KIR THU • huckle–duckle WHE THU HAZ • huckmuck WHE KIR THU 15 • huddle–muddle WHE KIR THU 16 • huddy–wuddy THU • hudge–mudge WHE KIR THU • hudge–drudgie KIR THU • huff–stuff KIR • huffle–scuffle WHE KIR THU • hugger–smugger THU • huggle–duggle WHE • huggry–muggry KIR THU • hull–gull KIR • hullie–bullie WHE KIR THU • hulloo hulloo KIR • hummel–drummel WHE KIR THU • hummel–jummel KIR 16 • humperdee clumperdee JES KIR 20 • humph humph KIR • humpy–crumpsy KIR • humpty–jumpety KIR THU • humpy–grumpy WHE KIR THU • hun–pun THU • hunchery–munchery KIR THU • hunge–plunge THU • hunge–splunge KIR THU • hunker–chunker KIR • hunkum–bunkum JES KIR • hunky–munky WHE • hurdy–durdy WHE THU • hurkle–durple WHE KIR THU • hurly–gurdy KIR THU • hurry–gurry THU • hush–cush KIR THU • hush–mus(c)h WHE KIR THU • hushel–bushel, hus(c)hle–mus(c)hle WHE KIR THU • hustle–bustle KIR • hut tut THU • hutherie–tutherie THU • hutie–cuittie WHE KIR THU • hutn–trutn, huden–truten KIR THU • huzz–buzz THU • hynd–wynd WHE KIR THU • hynny–pynny, hyssy–pyssy WHE KIR THU • hyte–styte KIR THU • hyter–styter KIR THU •

ibsy–wibsy KIR • ickitty–pickitty KIR THU • ickle–ockle THU • icky–dicky KIR • icky–Vicki KIR • iddy–oddy WHE • igsy–pigsy KIR THU • iky–piky KIR • imaky–amaky THU • inchy–pinchy KIR THU • incey–wincey BLA • inkum–jinkum KIR • ish–wish KIR THU • itsy–witsy KIR = itsy–bitsy SOD • ixey–pixey KIR • izey–tizey WHE KIR THU • izy–prizey THU • izzum–wizzum KIR THU •

jab–jab KIR • jakesey–jooksey HAZ 20 • jam–cram THU • jammed–crammed KIR 20 • jaracara THU • jedderty–jidderty THU • jeminy–creminy WHE THU • Jenny–Penny HAZ • jidderty–

- jadderty THU • jiff–jaffs THU • jiffle–jaffle THU • jiggety–joggety JES • jiggle–juggle THU HAZ • jitty–jetty THU • jo–jo<sup>2</sup> KIR • jobsie–wobsie HAZ 20 • Joe Dough KIR • Joe blow<sup>2</sup> KIR • Joe Doe KIR • Jojo THU • jolasy–wolasy HAZ • Jorjy Porjy JES • Jubb–Jubb KIR • Judy–pudy HAZ • jumpy–wumpies THU •
- kaa–waa THU • kabbie–labby THU • kaw–waw THU • ke–hee KIR • kebbie–lebbie WHE THU • kee–gee THU • kee–kaw WHE 19 • keemo–kimo WHE • kerly–berlys KIR THU = curly–murly OED • kerry–merry(–buff), kerimeri, kyry–myry WHE KIR THU 16 • khaki–wacky KIR THU • kib–keb THU • kibble–cobble WHE THU • kibble–kabble THU • kibty–cobty WHE THU • kid–die–widdie JES KIR 20 • kiddle–kaddle THU • kiddle–kittle WHE • kiggle–kaggle THU • killum–callum THU • kina–kina, kina–kin 17 • kinch–pinch KIR THU • kingle–kangle WHE THU • Kingy Wingy HAZ • kiow–ow KIR • kissie–wissie JES KIR • kitch–witch WHE KIR THU • kittlie–wittly JES KIR • kitty–katty HAZ • kiwi–kiwi KIR THU • knap–knap THU • knicky–knacky HAZ • knip–knap THU 16 • kringlety–kranglety THU • kurnur KIR •
- lab–dab KIR THU • lambsy–wamsy KIR THU • langie–spangie KIR THU • lap–clap KIR THU • lap–tab KIR • lattat KIR • laughter–lifter HAZ 19 • learbeer KIR • leet–lyte THU • leggy–peggy KOZ THU HAZ 19 • leirichie–larichie WHE THU • leng–long THU • lie–by KIT • lifre–lofre WHE • liglag WHE THU • limo–limo THU • limp' scrimp THU • liony–piony JES KIR 20 • lip–clap WHE • lippity–clippity KIR 20 • liquorice–stickorice THU • litter–latter THU • Lizzie–Mizzie–Wizzie HAZ • lock–lock THU • loshie–goshie WHE THU • lumpy–gumpy–humpy HAZ • lusty–fusty WHE •
- mack–lack WHE THU • maisie–maisie THU • mal–scral, mawl–scrawl, marly–scarly KIR THU • mart–cart KIR • meachy–teachy HAZ • meckle–keckle KIR THU • mee–maw THU • meepy–moppy THU • meeschle–maschle THU • meesh–mash THU • mercy–percy KIR • merry–derry WHE • mew–mew KIR • mick–mick THU • midge–madge THU • miff–maff WHE THU • miggie–maggie THU • mil–mil THU • mill–kill KIR • mim–mam WHE THU • mimpsey–pimpsey KIR THU • ming–mang THU • mingledy–pingledy KIR THU • minikin–finikin THU • mizzy–mozzy THU • moddle–coddle, ~ey–~ey KIR THU • mole–hole KIR 17 • molly–dolly JES KIR 20 • moeey–woeey KIR • mousey–pousey KIR THU • muck–luck<sup>2</sup> KIR • muck–struck WHE KIR • muffle–maffle WHE • mum–mum KIR • mumblement–jumblement KIR • munge–munge THU • musty–fusty KIR 19 • muxter–maxter THU • myow–wow THU •
- nag–drag KIR THU • nag–nag KIR • nasty–pasty THU • neek–nack THU • nibble–nabble THU • nibby–gibby KIR THU • nicey–picey HAZ • nick–nick JES • nickety–nackety WHE • nickle–nackle THU • niddle–naddle WHE THU • niddlety–noddlety WHE HAZ • niffle–naffle WHE THU • nig pig THU • nig–nag WHE THU • niggle–naggle WHE THU • niggly–naggly THU • nilder–nalder THU • nildy–wildy WHE THU • nimble–wimble WHE 18 • nimmy–pimmy JES KIR • nimpy–primpy THU • ninny–nanny THU HAZ • ninny–nonny WHE THU • nipperty–tipperty WHE KIR THU • nirtherty–notherty THU • niz–priz WHE THU • nizy–prizy THU • nizzle–nozzle THU • noity–doity WHE • nolum wolum THU • nolus–bolus WHE THU • noseyposey HAL • nosy–posy JES KIR HAZ • numb–plump JES KIR • nutty–nutty THU •
- ockerdocker KIR THU • oddie–doddie WHE THU • offscroff KIR • oilins–boilins THU • okey–pokey HAZ 20 • oodle–doodle KIR THU • oojie–woojie KIR 20 • ooly–drooly KIR THU • oompus–boompus HAZ 20 • ootsie–wootsie KIR THU • oozi–poozi KIR • opple–scopple KIR THU • orgy–porgy HAZ 20 • orny–gormy KIR THU • orty–warty THU • othem–upothem WHE • otty–motty KIR THU •
- paalie–maalie THU • pack–wack WHE THU • pag–mag KIR THU • pag–rag WHE THU • paine–maine WHE 16 • paise–waise THU • patchy–blatchy HAZ 20 • patt–patt KIR • patter–patter THU

- pattle–pattle THU • pattoo–pattoo 18 • paxy–waxy THU • paynmayn, payne mayne KIR 15 •  
 pease–wease WHE THU • pech–pech THU • pecker–checker KIR 20 • pee–dee KIR THU • pec-  
 hee THU HAZ 20 • pecky–wecky HAZ 19 • peep–peep KIR • peepie–weepie KIR THU • peerie-  
 weerie, ~y~y WHE KIR THU • peesy–weesy JES KIR • peezy–weezies THU • peggy–weggy  
 THU • pelvis–elvis KIR • petty–patty THU • pey–swey THU • pey–wey THU • picklick KIR THU  
 • piddle–paddle THU • piggin–riggin KIR THU • piggledy–higgledy KIR • pill–gill KIR THU •  
 pimple–pamples THU • pin–swin KIR 20 • pindy–pandy WHE JES • pine–wine KIR • piney-  
 whiney, ~y~y WHE KIR THU • pink–pank THU • pink–twink KIR THU • pinkie–pankie JES •  
 pinkie–winkie WHE JES THU • pinkle–pankle WHE THU • pinky–winky WHE THU • pinny-  
 ninny KIR THU • pintle–pantle THU • pintledy–pantledy WHE • pipple–papple THU HAZ • pise-  
 wise THU • pishty–wishty KIR THU • piss–whiz KIR • pit–pit W3 • pitch–patch THU • pitchy-  
 patchy THU • pither–pather THU • pix–crix THU • placket–racket WHE THU • pleck–pleck THU  
 • plick–plock THU • plish–plash WHE THU • plish–plosh THU • plit–plat THU • plitch–platch  
 THU • plot–hot KIR • plotty–plotty THU • plup–plup JES • poa–poa THU • pob–bob KIR THU •  
 pock–tock KIR • pog–wog THU HAZ 20 • pokenoke MAR • pokey–hokey KIR THU • pongy-  
 bongy WHE THU • poolsie–woolsie HAZ 20 • pooly–wool(ly) WHE KIR THU • poopsy–woopsy  
 KIR THU • popsy–wopsy JES THU 19 • porps! porps! KIR • posy–wosy KIR THU • pottle–bottle  
 KIR • Pragger–Wagger KIR HAZ 20 • prap–prap THU • preachy–preachy THU HAL • prid–prad  
 THU • priminy–miminy KIR THU • prit–prat THU • prop shop KIR • pud–dud KIR THU •  
 pudgy–wudgy KIR • pum–jum KIR THU • pum–pum KIR THU •  
 quagger–pragger HAZ 20 • quark–quark THU • quavery–wavery WHE KIR THU 18 • quee–quaw  
 THU • quhilly–billy WHE THU • quhilly–lilly THU • quish–quash WHE 17 • quit–quit THU •  
 quius kius THU HAZ •  
 rag–mag THU • rag–snag KIR • rag–stag THU • rags–jags WHE KIR THU • rail–trail KIR 20 •  
 ram–stram KIR THU = ram–stam SOD • ram–tam WHE KIR THU = ram–stam SOD • rambling-  
 gambling MAR • ramp–ramp JES THU • ran–shan KIR • randem–tandem WHE KIR THU •  
 Randy Pandy HAZ • randy–dandy WHE THU • ranty–tanty WHE JES KIR THU 18 • rasher-  
 splasher HAZ 20 • raspy–gaspasy HAZ 20 • red–red KIR • reeble–rabble HAZ = ribble–rabble SOD  
 • reemle–rammle THU • ren–ten THU • rhimery–chimery WHE THU • ric–sic KIR THU • rickety-  
 dickety WHE KIR THU • rictum–tictum WHE THU • rible–ramble THU • Rimini–pimini KIR  
 19 • rink–stink KIR 20 • riz–raz THU • rob–dob BLA • robble–bobble WHE KIR THU 19 • rob-  
 ble–hobble KIR 16 • Roddy–doddy HAZ 20 • rogum pogum WHE THU HAZ 18 • roly–polly  
 THU • roly–volly WHE • rom–tom KIR THU • roo–doo THU • rooley–booley THU • rooty–tooty  
 KIR THU • roquet–croquet KIR • rosey–posey, rosy–posy JES KIR HAZ 20 • round–ground KIR  
 • round–sound KIR • rout–out KIR • routie–voutie KIR • row–chow KIR • row–dow<sup>2</sup>, roo–doo  
 KIR THU • royster–doyster WHE 16 • rub–rub KIR • rucklety–tucklety KIR • ruff–cuff KIR •  
 ruff–raff WHE THU • ruffy–tuffy THU HAZ 19 • ruggle–buggle KIR THU • ruggy–duggy KIR  
 THU • rum–slum THU • rumble–bumble JES KIR THU 20 • rumble–jumble KIR THU 19 • rum-  
 ble–tumble KIR THU • rumple–turple KIR THU • rumpum–scrumpum KIR THU • rush–rush  
 KIR • rusty–dusty HAZ 16 • rusty–fusty HAZ 17 •  
 sacky–dacky KIR • sad bad WHE • sadly badly WHE • sahli–fahly KIR THU • sahli–pahli KIR THU  
 • Sally Pally HAZ 20 • sauby–dauby THU • savory–flavory KIR 20 • scouking–looking KIR •  
 scratch–scratch THU • screwton–newton(s) KIR THU HAZ • scribble–scribble KIR • scribble-  
 scobble WHE THU • scriff–scraff THU • scrimpum–scrampum WHE HAZ • scrittle–scratle THU  
 • scrow–row KIR • scrummy–yummy BLA • scurrie–whurrie, skirry–whirry WHE KIR THU •

seldesey–weldesey HAZ • shack–back THU • shally–gallee KIR THU • shally–wally WHE KIR THU • sheaffie–shaffy THU • shiffle–shaffle THU • shig–shag THU • shig–shog WHE THU • shil–shal THU • shill–hill KIR • shine–shine KIR • shog–bog KIR • shog–shog THU • shoo–hoo THU • shoogie–shagie THU • shoop–choop THU • showdy–towdy THU • shriek–shriek KIR • shuck–shack THU • shy–sly KIR 20 • siddle–siddle THU • siggy–wiggy KIR THU • silly Willy KIR THU 17 • simsam THU • sinny–fynnie WHE KIR THU • sinter–santer THU • sinter–saunter THU • sip–sap THU • sittie–fittie WHE KIR THU • sk(w)eegee KIR • skelter–helter KIR • skerry–merry KIR 17 • skerry–werry KIR THU • skimper–skamper WHE THU • skirt–nerts THU • skitwit THU • skleet–sklyte THU • skuil–bruil KIR • slab–dab KIR THU 18 • slack–back KIR • slam–jam KIR 20 • slam–slam THU • slibber–slabber WHE THU • slibbery–slobbery HAZ • slick–stīck KIR • slide–guide KIR • slightly–tightly THU HAZ • slip–slip KIR • slipper–slopper 19 • slippetty–sloppetty THU HAZ • slitherum–slatherum WHE THU • smick–smack WHE THU • smick–smock THU • smish–smash WHE • smit–smats THU • smoopoo KIR • snaily–baily THU HAZ • snarly–barly KIR THU • snarly–yarly KIR • snatch–blatch WHE • sneakins–meakins KIR • snick–snack 20 • sniffle–snuffle HAZ 19 • snip–snip JES • snooksy–wooksy KIR THU • snorus–vorus KIR • snuggly–wuggly KIR THU 20 • spine–swine KIR 20 • spink–wink THU • spitter–spatter WHE THU • splitter–splatter WHE THU HAZ • splitter–splutter WHE THU • splotchy–blotchy HAZ 20 • spoony–moony KIR THU • spruce goose KIR • spuly–spowly THU • squawky–talkie KIR HAZ • squee–pee HAZ 20 • squeeek–week KIR • squirrly–wirly KIR THU • stag–mag THU • stag–rag KIR • stam–ram KIR THU • stark–dark KIR • starvie–warvie HAZ 20 • steiny–weiny HAZ • stibber–gibber THU HAZ 16 • stick–stock WHE THU • stickly–prickly HAZ 20 • stip–step WHE THU • stoorie–woorie KIR THU • strim–strum THU • sump–pump KIR • sway–gay KIR THU • sway–swaw THU • sway–sway THU • swee–sway THU • Sweetie–Weetie JES KIR • swig–swag THU • swill–swal THU • swingledome–swangledome JES • swinkum–swankum THU HAZ • swishy–washy THU • swooner–crooner HAZ 20 •

ta–ta<sup>2</sup> KIR • tacky–lacky KIR THU • tag–lag KIR • tag–mag KIR • taily–waily HAZ • tam–tram KIR THU • tang–rang KIR THU • tany–ranty KIR THU 19 • tap–lap KIR • tappy–lappy WHE KIR THU • tar–mar KIR • tarsy–warsy THU • tatesy–watesy HAZ • taxy–waxy KIR THU • teensy–eensy KIR • teesty–tosty = tisty–tosty • terry–rerry WHE THU • tersy–versy KIR THU • teut–meut THU • thax–wax THU • thick Mick KIR 19 • thick–dick KIR • thinskin KIR • thriller–diller HAZ 20 • thrilly–dilly KIR 20 • throb–throb THU • thrum–thrum THU • THU 17 • thump–thump KIR JES MAR • thurgy–lurgy KIR THU • thuzzy–muzzy THU HAZ 19 • ticksy–wicksy WHE THU HAZ • tiddle taddle WHE JES • tiddle–toddle HAZ 19 • tiffle–taffle THU • tiffy–taffy WHE THU • tig–rig(s) KIR THU • tigger–taggle WHE THU • til–tha–lil–tha THU • tilliwhillie KIR • tilly–willy WHE THU, twilly–willy KIR • ting–tong WHE THU • tinkel–tinkel THU • tinny–winny THU • tinsy–winsy KIR THU • tiny–winy THU • tipsy–topsy THU HAZ • tirlly mirly WHE KIR THU • tirr–whirr, tirr–wir, turry–wurry WHE KIR THU • tiry–mirry KIR THU • tissy–wissy KIR THU • tisty–tosty, teesty–tosty WHE JES THU • tit–tat THU • titbo–tatbo, titbore–tatbore WHE THU • titter–tatter THU • titter–witter JES KIR • tod–brod KIR • toil–moil WHE • Toily Oily KIR 20 • toilly–polly WHE THU • tongaree–wongaree WHE • too–zoo KIR THU • tooral–looral THU • tooral–ooral KIR • toot–moot WHE KIR THU • tootelus–bootelus JES KIR • toothy–froothy KIR THU • top–shop KIR • tosy–mosy, tozy–mozy WHE JES KIR THU • tough–gruff KIR 20 • tousy–pousie KIR THU • tow–lowe KIR THU • tow–mow POT • tow–pows WHE KIR 19 • towdy–mowdy KIR • tramp–tramp KIR • triddle–traddle JES • trillill THU • trin tran THU • tringham–trangham WHE THU • tringum–trangum WHE JES THU • trip–trap WHE THU • trot–trot KIR •

tug–slug KIR THU • tuilyie–muilyie WHE KIR THU • tunety–tinety THU • turkey–lurkey BLA • turtle–wurtle THU • tush–tush KIR • tut–gut KIR THU • tut–mute WHE • tutie–tatie WHE THU • tutti–tatti WHE THU • twankle–twankle THU • tweedle–tweedle THU • tweet–tweet HAL • twiddle–diddles JES KIR THU 18 • twiddleum–twaddleum WHE THU • twilly–willy = tilly–willy WHE KIR • twirly–whirly KIR • twit–twat THU • twitty–twatty WHE • tzing–tzing KIR • ubble–gubble HAZ 20 • uggedly–muggledy KIR THU • unh–unh 20 • unky–dunky THU • very–very KIR • vorus–snorus, vorlus–snorlus KIR • wagga wagga KIR • waggie–waggie THU • wake–cake KIR • wake–snakes KIR • waley–galey KIR THU • weaverty–waverty THU • wee–jee THU • wee–waw THU • wee–wow THU • well well KIR • wey–hey THU • whaap–whaup THU • whack–smack THU • whack–whack KIR • whangee–tangee THU • whee–whee KIR • wheegee KIR THU • whey–sey KIR • which–which JES • whick–whack THU • whiff–sniff KIR 20 • whiffle–whaffle WHE THU • whiffo–whaffo WHE • whiffy–whaffy THU HAZ • whig–mig KIR • whillie–whallie WHE THU • whilly–billy KIR • whilly–lilly KIR THU • whilly–nilly THU • whiltie–whaltie WHE THU • whing–whang THU • whining–pining KIR 20 • whintin KIR • whiny–piny, ~ey–ey WHE KIR THU • whirl–whir KIR • whirly–birly KIR • w(h)ish–w(h)ish, whisht–whisht KIR THU • whisky–whasky WHE THU • whist–whist KIR = w(h)ish–w(h)ish • whitwhat THU • whiz–whiz KIR • whizz–quizz KIR 20 • whurlie–birlie WHE THU • wib–wob THU • wibbledy–wobbledy HAZ • wibblely–wobblely THU • widdy–waddy WHE THU • wifey–pifey JES KIR 20 • wiff–waff THU • wiffle–waffle THU • wiffle–woffle WHE JES THU • wigga–wigga THU • wiggery–waggery THU • wigglety–wagglety THU • willy–wally THU • willy–whirly THU • wilsony–pilsony HAZ • wimmeny–pimmeny JES KIR THU 19 • wing–wang WHE THU • wingle–wangle THU • wink–spink KIR THU • winkelty–binkelty KIR • winky–pinky WHE KIR THU • winky–spinky KIR THU • winky–wanky THU • wippity–woppity HAZ • wirsle–warsle THU HAZ • wisky–frisky WHE • wither–wather THU • witsy–bitsy KIR THU • witty–bitty THU • wiw–wow WHE • wo ho THU • wo–wo, woa–woa, woy–woy KIR • wobbly–pobbly JES KIR 20 • woo–poo KIR • woo–wah THU • woofle–woofle THU • wootsy–tootsy KIR • wriggle–wraggle WHE THU • ya–ye W3 • yalp–yalp THU • yap–yap THU HAL • yatch–match KIR • yay–nay WHE KIR • yeaaffe–yaffe WHE • yickie–yawkie WHE THU • yiff–yaff WHE THU • yip–yap THU • yip–yop THU • yoicks–yoicks KIR • yolp–yalp WHE THU • za–za THU • zeenty–teenty KIR THU • ziggety–zaggety 20 • zoo–zoo THU • zoople–zoople THU •

In List B the number of spelling variants entered as separate entries has been reduced to cases where the ablaut or the rhyme differ from the basic form of the word. Thus *feedle–faddle* and *coxy–roxy* are listed separately from *fiddle–faddle* and *coxy–loxy* while *plink–plonk* and *kyry–myry* are listed under *blink–blonk* and *kerry–merry*. (In List A, the directory, *plink–plonk* and *kyry–myry* have their own entries, of course.) In the statistics, *blink–blonk* and *plink–plonk* are counted as one case of the /i–o/ ablaut, and *kerry–merry* and *kyry–myry* as one case of the /k–m-/ type of rhyme.

List B also includes spelling variants to entries in the SOD and the OED, *eg holums–jolums* is quoted by Kirchner as a variant of *holus–bolus*, which is in the SOD. The first form, which is not in the SOD, then figures in the statistics for List B, and the second form is an item in List D (SOD).

Homonyms are treated as independent entries, *eg* there are two entries for *bim-bom*: *bim-bom*<sup>1</sup> 'bells' THU and *bim-bom*<sup>2</sup> 'kind of jest' THU.

There are 1,283 entries in List B, out of which 807 (62.9 per cent) are rhymes, 318 (24.8 per cent) ablauts, and 158 (12.3 per cent) echo-formations. The proportions of these three types will be discussed later when the percentages for other lists are known. Two features of the lists are not surprising because they were described in previous studies: the majority of the /i — é/ pattern in the ablauts and the high number of the /h-/ type of rhymes. In List B the /i — é/ pattern is present in 57 per cent of the words and all the different patterns with the initial /i/ form 89 per cent of the ablaut list. Among the rhymes, 27.6 per cent of the words have /h-/ in the first part of the word, followed by /k-, spelled either *c-* or *k-*, and by /s-, t-, p-, r-, ranging from 8.8 to 6.8 per cent each. Inside the /h-/ group, the most frequent combination is /h- p-, followed by /h- b-, /h- t-, /h- d-, /h- g-, and /h- k-. Thus more than a half of this group is based on the combination 'h- plus a plosive'. Initial /s-/ is also frequent, mostly in consonant clusters.

### List C

This is an auxiliary list because when the statistics for the OED are given later on, they will be based on the combination of this list and of the SOD list. Moreover, it is likely that there are still some reduplicative words in the OED not mentioned in any of the previous studies. No systematic search of the OED has been made.

- Ally Pally OEDA *colloq.* 20 • anting-anting THU OED 19 • antsy-pantsy OED *US colloq.* 19 • baba<sup>3</sup> „papa“ TU OED 19 • back-rac(k) THU OED 17 • back-tack KIR OED • baw-waw WHE OED 16 • bing-bang HAZ OED 20 • bingle-bangle THU OED *dial.* 19 • bitsy-witsy, bitty-witty KIR OED 20 • black-mack KIR OED *obs.* 16 • blue-blaw, blew-blaw WHE THU OED • bribble-brabble THU OED *obs.* 17 • brittle-brattle WHE THU OED *obs.* 16 • caury-maury THU KIR OED *obs.* 13 • chac-chac THU OED 19 • chack-chack KIR OED 20 • chatter-chitter • cherry-merry THU KIR OED *coll., slang* 18 • chip-chop WHE THU OED 17 • chuffe-chaffe WHE OED 16 • chunk-chunk KIR OED 19 • clang-clang THU OED 19 • click-click JES, MAR OED 18 • click-clock OED 20 • clinkum-clankum WHE JES HAZ OED 17 • clipper-clapper OED 19 • clomp-clomp OED • club-drub KIR OED 19 • clush-clash THU OED 16 • clutter-clutter THU OED 17 • cobby-moddy WHE THU KIR OED *dial.* 17 • colli-molly, ~mollie WHE THU KIR OED *obs., rare* 17 • coo-coo KIR OED 19 • crack-rack THU KIR OED *obs.* 16 • cringle-crangle OED 17 • crowdy-mowdy WHE THU KIR OED 16 • crush-crash OED 16 • curly-murly (+ KIR kerly-berly, kerley-merley) *obs.* 18 • dibble-dabble WHE THU OED *coll., dial.* • diddle-daddle WHE THU HAZ OED • dimber-damber WHE THU JES OED 17 • dindle-dandle THU OED 16 • ding-ding<sup>1</sup> KIR OED 16 • dingle-dongle THU OED 19 • double-bubble (fuselage) OED 20 • driggle-draggle WHE THU JES OED *obs., dial.* 16 • egg-peg THU OED •



- fair-hair KIR OED Sc. • feerie-fary, ferie-farie, fiery-fary WHE THU OED 16 • filly-folly WHE THU OED 16 • finter-fanter OED 14 • fix-fax OED 18 • flibber-gibber WHE THU JES KIR OED *obs.*, *rare* 16 • flipperty-flopperty WHE THU JES HAZ OED 19 • flish-flash OED 17 • flush-flash WHE THU OED *obs.*, *rare* 16 • fluster-bluster WHE KIR OED 17 • frank bank KIR OED 17 • fribble-frabble THU OED 19 • frim fram WHE THU OED 17 • fum-fum THU OED 17 •
- gain-pain, gaynepayne KIR OED *obs.* 15 • galegale THU OED *obs.* 13 • giddy-gaddy THU OED *obs.* 17 • gluck-gluck OED 19 • glug-glug THU OED 18 • glut-glut THU OED *obs.*, *rare* 17 • gol-pol THU OED *obs.* 16 • guk-guk THU OED •
- halloo-balloo WHE THU KIR OED 18 • hand-band KIR OED *obs.* 15 • handy-bandy WHE THU KIR OED = handy-dandy SOD • handy-pandy WHE THU OED = handy-dandy SOD • handyspandy WHE THU KIR OED = handy-dandy SOD, 16 • hardy-dardy THU KIR OED *obs.* 16 • hari-kari THU OED • harry-carry KIR OED *obs.* 15 • hau-hau<sup>2</sup> THU KIR OED 20 • haunk-haunk THU OED 19 • he-he OED 19 • heckum-peckum KIR OED 19 • hedley-medley WHE THU HAZ OED *obs.* 17 • hibber-gibber THU KIR OED *obs.* 16 • hicra-picra THU OED 19 • hiddy-giddy, hiddie-giddie, hildie-gildie WHE POT THU JES KIR OED Sc. 15 • higgie-haggle WHE THU KOZ OED 19 • higry-pigry THU KIR OED 18 • hiho THU OED 17 • hinch-pinch THU OED 17 • hirrie-harrie WHE THU OED 16 • hivio skivy WHE THU OED *obs.*, *rare* 17 • ho-ho<sup>2</sup> OED 20 • hob-job WHE THU JES KIR OED *dial.*, *slang* 19 • hobber-nobber THU OED 19 • hokee-pokee THU OED *rare* 19 • hooky-crooky THU KIR OED 19 • hot squat KIRUSSL 20 OED • hubble-shubble THU OED *obs.*, *rare* 16 • huddle-duddle WHE THU KIR OED *obs.*, *rare* 16 • huff-muff THU KIR OED *obs.* 17 • huff-puff WHE THU KIR OED *obs.* 16 • huff-snuff WHE THU KOZ OED *obs.* 16 • huftie-tuftie, hufty-tufty THU JES KIR OED *obs.* 16 • hummel-bummel WHE THU KIR OED *obs.* 16 • hum-trum = humdrum SOD • hurr-burr KIR OED 18 • hurty-burry WHE THU KIR OED 18 • hurry-curry THU KIR OED *obs.* 16 • hurry-durry THU KIR OED *obs.*, *rare* 17 •
- inker-pinker, inky-pinky, inkie-pinkie THU KIR OED 19 •
- jack-back THU KIR OED • jiggy-joggy THU JES HAZ OED 17 • jingle-jingle THU KIR OED 17 • joukery-cookery WHE THU OED = joukery-pawkery SOD •
- keckle-meckle WHE THU KIR OED *obs.* 18 • ki-hi THU OED (= ki-yi SOD) • kinkin 'small barrell', *Scot. obs.*, 16 • kind-blind KIR OED 17 • klop-klop THU KIR OED 19 • knapsap THU OED Sc., *obs.* 19 • kniff-knaff THU OED *obs.*, *slang* 17 • knit-knot OED 18 • knock-knock THU KIR OED 20 •
- lake-wake, lyke-wake WHE KIR OED 18 • lin-pin WHE KIR OED *obs.*, *dial.* 14 • ling-long THU OED 19 • lip-clip WHE OED • little-little OED • loosey-goosey W3 • lumperdee-clumperdee THU KIR OED 16 •
- mel-pell KIR THU 17 • mell-well KIR OED *obs.* 17 • mincing-pincing OED 19 • mubble-fubble(s), mumble-fumble(s) OED *obs.*, *slang* 16 • mumble-jumble WHE THU KIR OED 19 • mumsie-wumsie OED •
- neejee, nitchie, ~y OED • niggers-noggers THU OED *obs.*, *rare* • night-night KIR OED 19 • nin-cety-fincety THU KIR OED *obs.* 16 • ning-nang = ning-nong SOD •
- ooh-ooh OED • oompah-oompah OED •
- pad-pad JES MAR OED • pallall THU KIR OED Sc., *north. dial.* 19 • passe-passe THU OED *obs.* 17 • pat-pat OED 19 • pay-way THU OED Sc. • peepie-creepie MAR OED 20 • pegleg KIR OED 19 • pelly-melly THU OED *obs.*, *rare* 15 • petsy-wetsy HAZ OED 20 • pick-pack WHE THU

- JES OED 16 • pid–pad THU HAZ OED 20 • piggly–wiggly THU KIR OED 20 • pinc–pinc THU OED 19 • ping–ping THU OED • pink–pink THU OED • pip–pop THU OED 20 • pishery–pashery WHE THU JES OED *obs.* 17 • pitter–litter JES, KIR OED *rare* 20 • plod–plod JES OED 20 • pody cody WHE THU OED 17 • pray–pray THU OED *obs.* 18 • push–push THU KIR OED 20 • py hy THU OED *obs.* 16 •
- quavery–mavery THU KIR OED *rare* 19 • quick–stick(s) THU KIR OED 19 •
- rack–jack THU OED *obs.*, *rare* 16 • ramble–scramble THU KIR OED 19 • rap–tap WHE THU KIR OED 19 • reavel–ravel WHE THU OED *obs.* 17 • rich–rich OED 18 • rick–stick KIR OED 17 • riddlemly–riddlemly THU OED *obs.*, *rare* 17 • rim–ram WHE THU OED 16 • rible–ramble OED 16 • ringat–rangat THU OED *Sc.*, *obs.* 16 • rittle–rattle THU HAZ OED *rare* 16 • Roister–Doister THU KIR OED *obs.* 16 • rory–tory WHE THU KIR OED *dial.* 19 • rouzie–bouzie WHE THU OED *obs.* 17 • row–dow<sup>1</sup>(–dow) WHE THU KIR OED 19 • rufty–tufty THU KIR OED *obs.* 17 • rum–strum *v.*, *n* (= ram–stam SOD) THU KIR OED 19 •
- say–nay THU OED • scalf–raff WHE THU KIR OED *Sc.* 19 • scale–quail KIR OED • scrip–scrap WHE THU OED 19 • sea flea KIRUSSL OED 20 • sea pea • set–net KIR OED • shallal THU OED *dial.* 19 • shick–shack WHE THU OED 19 • shiffle–shuffle HAZ OED 19 • shoy–hoy KIR OED 19 • shush–shush OED • skewgy–mewgy (= soogee–moogee SOD) THU OED • slawsy–gawsy THU KIR OED 16 • slungum ‘residual wax’ US, 19 • so–so KIR OED 16 • splash–dash *adv.* ‘in a headlong manner’, 19 • stitty–stitty THU OED 17 • swap shop, swop shop • swee–swee THU OED 19 • switter–swatter WHE OED 17 •
- tan–tan THU KIR OED 17 • tan–tin THU OED *obs.* 18 • tat–tat THU OED 18 • tck–tck KIR OED 19 • teenty–tointy, teenty–taunty THU OED 19 • tender–tinder THU OED 16 • tew–taw WHE OED 17 • thingum–thangum, thinkum–thankum THU HAZ OED 17 • tiddy–iddy THU KIR OED 19 • tie–tie THU OED 19 • tiffety–taffety WHE THU OED 16 • tig–tag WHE THU JES OED 17 • tink–tank THU OED • tinkle–tinkle OED 17 • too–hoo KIR OED • too–whoo THU OED • toodle–loodle WHE THU HAZ OED 16 • toodle–toodle THU HAZ OED 16 • toot–toot OED 19 • tootle–tootle OED 19 • tot–quot KIR OED *obs.* 16 • towry–lowry, tury–lury THU KIR OED *dial.* • truff–traff OED 16 • trill–rill THU OED 19 • trill–trill THU OED 19 • trip–slip OED 20 • trish–trash WHE THU OED *obs.* 16 • trittle–trattle THU OED 16 • trolloll THU OED 18 • trush–trash OED 16 • tun–dun, turn–dun KIR OED 19 • turtur THU OED 9 • twinkum–twankum THU OED *obs.*, *rare* 18 • twisty–wisty THU JES KIR OED 19 • twit–twat, twit–twot OED *obs.*, *rare* 17 • twit–twot – twit–twat •
- vroom–vroom OED 20 •
- wampam THU OED • waw–waw KIR OED 19 • wawa<sup>3</sup>, way–way ‘goose’ KIR OED 18 • waynpain OED *obs.* 14 • wheetle–wheetle OED 19 • whim–whom, whim–wom = whimwham SOD • whinny–whanny THU OED *obs.* 17 • whister–clister WHE THU KIR OED *dial.*, *slang* • whister–twister WHE THU OED 19 • whitter–whatter WHE THU OED 19 • whoosh–whoosh OED • wibble–wobble OED *coll.* 19 • wibbety–wobbety THU OED 19 • will–gill, will–jill THU KIR OED *dial.* 17 • witch–stitch KIR OED 19 • woo–woo KIR THU OED 19 • wow–wow<sup>2</sup> ‘bird’ • wow–wow<sup>3</sup> ‘sauce’ • wrig–wrag THU OED *obs.*, *rare* 16 • wringle–wrangle THU OED *rare* 19 •
- yackety–yackety OED • yari–yari THU OED 19 •
- zip–zip THU OED •

## List D

The following list is based on the SOD. The first version of the SOD list was checked first in the *Collins English Dictionary* (= *CED*) and then again in five American collegiate dictionaries (*Merriam Webster*<sup>10</sup>, *Webster's new world dictionary*<sup>3</sup>, *Random House Webster's dictionary*, *The American heritage dictionary*, *Funk & Wagnall's standard college dictionary* (= *MW*, *WW*, *RH*, *AH*, *FW*, respectively) and in five British learner's dictionaries (*Cambridge international dictionary of English*, *Collins Cobuild English dictionary*, *Harraps's essential English dictionary*, *Longman dictionary of contemporary English*, *Oxford advanced learner's dictionary* (= *CI*, *CC*, *HE*, *LC*, *OA*), respectively); the search of the smaller dictionaries proved useful because there were a few reduplicatives in the *CED* which were not found in *SOD* (eg *boubou*, *buibui*, *coucou*) and there were a few reduplicatives in the learner's dictionaries which were not found in the *CED* (eg *hobo*, *Joe Blow*, *tsk-tsk*, *wakey-wakey*).

- AC/DC a.* 'bisexual' (slang SO), 20 • *ack-ack a.* 'antiaircraft, AA' (WWI syllable for *a*), 20 • *agar-agar, agar n.* 'a seaweed' (f. Malay), 19 • *airy-fairy a.* 'delicate, light' (based on Tennyson's *Lilian*, 1830, 'Airy, fairy Lilian'; *colloq.*), 19 • *argy-bargy, -ie--ie, argle-bargle*, (+ OED *argol-bargol*, + KIR *arley-parley*) *n.*, *v.* 'wrangle' (alt. & redupl. of *argue*; *dial.*, *colloq.*), 19 • *arsy-versy, -ie--ie, -ey-varsey adv.*, *a.* 'perversely' (*arse* + *versus*; *dial.*, *slang* SO), 16 • *arty-crafty, arty-and-crafty, artsy-craftsy, artsy-and-craftsy a.* 'characteristic of the *arts and crafts* movement), 19 • *arty-farty, artsy-fartsy a.* 'pretentiously artistic' (*colloq.*), 20 • *aye-aye n.* 'a rare primate of Madagascar' (f. Fr., f. Malagassy, prob. imit.), 18 •
- baba' n.* 'a rich sponge cake' (f. Fr., f. Polish *baba*), 19 • *Baba<sup>2</sup> n.* 'a Straights-born person of Chinese origin' (f. Malay), 19 • *back-track v.* 'return' (orig. US), 18 • *bandstand n.* 'covered outdoor platform', 19 • *bandy-bandy n.* 'an Australian snake' (Aborig.) 20 • *beriberi n.* 'a disease' (f. Sinhalese), 18 • *bibble-babble(+ pibble-pabble, pibble-babble, rare) n.* 'idle talk' (redupl. of *babble*), 16 • *biddy-biddy, bidibidi, biddy-bid, bidgee-widgee n.* '(the bur of) pipiripi' (alt. of Maori *piripiri*; NZ), 19 • *bidgee-widgee (Austr.) = biddy-biddy • bigwig n.* 'an important person' (*colloq.*), 18 • *black-back n.* 'greater black-backed gull', 19 • *black-jack n.* 'leather jug for beer *etc*' (*jack* 'vessel'), 16 • *blahblah, blah n.*, *v.*, *a.* 'meaningless talk' (redupl. of *blah*, imit.; *colloq.*), 20 • *bon-bon n.* 'a sweet' (f. Fr. *bon-bon* 'good-good'), 18 • *boo-boo n.* 'a prank, trick' (prob. f. *boob*; orig. US), 20 • *boogie-woogie n.* 'style of playing blues' (prob. redupl. of *boogie* 'party'), 20 • *boohoo int., n.*, *v.* 'weeping' (imit.), 16 • *boubou, bubu n.* 'a garment worn in Mali' (f. a native name in Mali), • *bow-wow int., n.*, *v.* 'sound of dog barking' (imit.), 16 • *brain drain n.* 'loss of qualified people by emigration' (*colloq.*), 20 • *buibui n.* 'a piece of black cloth worn by Muslim women in E. Africa' (f. Swahili), • *bulbul n.* 'an Asian or African song-bird' (imit., f. Persian), 17 • *buln-buln, bullen-bullen n.* 'the lyre-bird' (f. Aborig., imit.; *Austr.*), 19 • *bunya-bunya, bunya n.* 'a tall Australian tree' (f. Aborig.; *Austral.*), 19 • *bye-bye' int.* 'good-bye' (var. of *good-bye*; *colloq.*), 18 • *bye-bye<sup>2</sup>, bye-byes n.* 'sleep, a bed' (f. a refrain in lullabies), 16 •
- cagmag*, (+ OED *keg-meg*) *n.*, *v.* 'tough old goose' (origin unkn.; *dial.*), 18 • *cancan n.* 'a dance' (f. Fr.; redupl. of *canard* 'duck'), 19 • *caracara n.* 'a neotropical raptor related to the falcons' (f. Sp. or Port., f. Tupi-Guarani, imit.), 19 • *cha-cha, cha-cha-cha n.*, *v.* 'a type of dance' (f. Sp.), 20 • *chalk talk n.* 'lecture in which the speaker uses blackboard and chalk' (US), 19 • *charivari n.*

- 'mock serenade; noise' (f. Fr., origin. uncertain), 17 • **chichi<sup>1</sup>** *a., n.* 'fussy; stylish' (f. Fr.), 20 • **chi-chi<sup>2</sup>**, **chee-chee** *a.* 'half-caste' (perh. f. Hindi *chi-chi*; Anglo-Ind.), 18 • **chiffchaff<sup>1</sup>** *n.* 'common warbler' (imit.), 18 • **chin-chin<sup>1</sup>** *int., v.* 'greeting, toast' (f. Chinese *qing-qing* 'please-please'; *colloq.*) 18 • **chit-chat** *n., v.* 'light conversation' (redupl. of *chat*), 17 • **chitter-chatter** *n.* 'light gossip' (redupl. of *chatter*), 18 • **chocho**, (+ OED **chuchu**), Austr., NZ **choko** *n.* 'a chayote, a vine of tropical America' (Sp., of Amer. Indian origin), 18 • **choko** = **chocho** • **choo-choo** *n.* 'railway train or locomotive' (imit.; *nursery, colloq.*), 20 • **chop-chop<sup>1</sup>** *adv., int.* 'quick, quickly, hurry up!' (f. Chinese *kuai-kuai*; *Pidgin, colloq.*), 19 • **chow-chow**, **chow** *n.* 'a breed of dog; medley' (f. *Pidgin English*; ultim. origin unkn.), 19 • **chuff-chuff**, **chuff** *n., int., v.* 'steam engine' (imit.; *nursery, colloq.*), 20 • **chug-chug**, **chug** *n., int., v.* 'sound of an engine' (imit.), 19 • **clack-clack(-clack)**, **clack** *n., int.* 'loud talking etc' (redupl. of *clack*), 15 • **clap-trap** *n.* 'empty assertions, nonsense', 18 • **clever-clever** *a.* 'ostentatiously clever', 19 • **click-clack** *n., v.* 'repeated sound' (redupl. of *click*, imit.), 18 • **clink-clank** *n., v.* 'repeated sound' (*clink* + *clank*), 18 • **clip-clop** *n., v.* 'sound of hoofs' (imit.), 19 • **clish-clash** *n., int.* 'clash of weapons' (redupl. of *clash*), 16 • **clitter-clatter** *n.* 'repeated clatter' (redupl. of *clatter*), 16 • **clop-clop, clop** *n., v.* 'sound of heavy shoes or hoofs' (redupl. of *clop*), 20 • **cookbook** *n.* 'cookery book', 19 • **cop-shop** *n.* 'police station' (*slang, LC: informal*), 20 • **cou-cou** *n.* 'kind of food eaten in the West Indies' (origin unkn.), • **couscous<sup>1</sup>**, **kouskous**, **couscousou** *n.* 'a spicy N. African dish' (f. Fr., f. Arabic), 17 • **cram-jam** *v., adv.* 'fill' (*cram* + *jam*; *colloq., dial.*), 19 • **craw-craw, kraw-kraw** *n.* 'a skin disease in W. Africa' (f. Dutch *kraauwen*) 18 • **crick-crack** *n., int.* 'sharp noise' (redupl. of *crack*), 16 • **crickle-crackle** *n.* 'repeated crackling' (redupl. of *crackle*; *rare*), 17 • **crinkle-crankle** *n., a., adv.* 'zigzag' (redupl. of *crankle*; *dial.*), 16 • **crinkum-crankum** *n., a.* 'a convoluted thing' (redupl. of *crank*), 17 • **criss-cross, crisscross** *n., a., adv., v.* 'network, crosswise' (f. *Christ-cross*), 17 • **culture vulture** *n.* 'a person who devotes much time to culture' (*joc.*), 20 • **curly-wurly, -ie- -ie** *n., a.* 'curling ornament' (redupl. of *curly*), 18 • **cuscus<sup>1</sup>** *n.* 'a grain' (Arabic *kuskus*), 16 • **cuscus<sup>2</sup>**, **couscous<sup>2</sup>** *n.* 'a phalanger' (f. Moluccas), 17 • **cuscus<sup>3</sup>**, **khus-khus** *n.* 'a grass' (f. Urdu and Persian *kaskas*), 19 • **cush-cush** *n.* 'a yam' (perh. of African origin), 19 • **da-da<sup>2</sup>** *int.* 'goodbye' (origin unkn.; *obs.*), 17 • **Dada<sup>1</sup>** *n., a.* 'a movement in art and literature' (f. Fr., lit. 'hobby-horse'), 20 • **dead-head** *n., v.* 'unmoving mechanical part etc', 16 • **Delhi belly** *n.* 'upset stomach' (*slang SO, BL*), 20 • **demi-semi** *pref., a.* 'quarter' (often *derog.*), 19 • **des res** *n.* 'desirable residence', 20 • **diddle-diddle, diddle** *n., int.* 'sound of a fiddle', 16 • **dik-dik** *n.* 'a kind of antelope' (East African name of imit. origin), 19 • **dilly-dally** *n., v.* 'vacillate' (redupl. of *dally*), 17 • **dim sim, dim sum** *n.* 'dish of steam meat in dough' (f. Chinese; *Australian*), 20 • **din-din, din-dins** *n.* 'dinner' (redupl. of *dinner*; *nursery, colloq.*), 19 • **ding-dong, dingdong** *int., adv., n., a., v.* 'sound of a bell' (imit.), 16 • **dingle-dangle** *adv., n., v., a.* 'hanging loosely' (redupl. of *dangle*), 16 • **divi-divi** *n.* 'a flowering tree of tropical Africa' (f. Amer. Sp., f. Carib.), 19 • **dojo** *n.* 'a room for judo' (f. Jap.), 20 • **downtown** *adv., a., n.* 'town or city centre' (*US*), 19 • **drip-drip** *int., n.* 'continuous dripping', 20 • **drip-drop** *n., v.* 'continuous dripping', 19 • **dry-fly** *n., v.* 'artificial fly', 20 • **duk-duk** *n.* 'a secret society in Papua' (f. a local name), 19 • **dum-dum<sup>2</sup>**, **dumb-dumb** *n.* 'stupid person' (*slang SO*), 20 • **dumdum<sup>1</sup>**, **dum-dum** *n.* 'soft-nosed bullet' (after a town in India), 19 •
- easy-peasy** *a.* 'very simple' (*Sc. & north.; school slang SO*), 20 • **even Stephen(s)** *n., a.* 'an even chance' (f. *evens; colloq.*), 18 •
- fa-la** *n.* 'a kind of madrigal' (f. a meaningless refrain), 16 • **fal-lal** *n., a., v.* 'a piece of finery' (perhaps f. *falbala* 'trimming'; *arch.*), 18 • **fan-tan** *n.* 'Chinese gambling game' (f. Chinese), 19

- *fat cat* n. 'wealthy person' (*slang* BL SO, *inform.* OA), 20 • *fave rave* n., a. 'favourite person or thing' (abbr.; orig. US *slang* BL SO OXF), 20 • *fender-bender* n. 'minor collision' (chief. N. Amer. *slang* SO, BL), 20 • *fible-fable* n. 'nonsense' (redupl. of *fable*; *obs.*, *dial.*, *rare*), 16 • *fid-fad* n., a. 'fusspot; trifle' (abbrev. f. *fiddle-faddle*; *rare*), 18 • *fiddle-faddle* n., a., v., *int.* 'trifling matter' (redupl. of *fiddle*), 16 • *fie-fie* a., v. 'improper' (*arch.* or *joc.*), 19 • *fifty-fifty* a., *adv.* (*colloq.*), 20 • *single-fangle* n. 'trifle' (redupl. of *fangle*; *arch.*), 17 • *flibberty-gibbety* a. 'irresponsible' (f. *flibbertygibbet*; *rare*), 19 • *flicflac* n. 'a lashing movement of the legs' (f. Fr., *imit.*), 18 • *flimflam*, *flim-flam* n., a., v. 'trifle; frivolous' (symbolic redupl.), 16 • *flip-flap* n., *adv.*, v., a. 'somersault' (redupl. of *flap*), 16 • *flip-flop* n., v., *adv.* 'sandal; somersault' (redupl. of *flop*), 17 • *float-boat* n. 'a ship's long boat; raft' (*obs.*), 14 • *flubdub* n. 'nonsense' (origin unkn.; chiefly US), 19 • *foo-foo*, *fufu* n. 'dough made f. boiled plantain' (f. Twi *fufuu*; Ghana), 18 • *footy-footy*, *footy* n. 'amorous play with the feet' (dim. of *foot*; *colloq.*), 20 • *frou-frou* n., v. 'rustling of skirts' (f. Fr.), 19 • *fuddy-duddy*, *fuddydud* n., a. 'old-fashioned person' (origin unkn.; *slang* SO), 20 • *funny money* n. 'finances amassed by dubious methods etc', 20 • *fuzzy-wuzzy* n. 'a Black person' (redupl. of *fuzzy*), 19 •
- ga-ga*, *gaga* a., n. 'senile' (f. Fr.; *slang* SO BL), 20 • *gang bang* n., v. 'group sex' (*slang* CE SO BL), 20 • *gang-gang*, *gangan* n. 'a small grey cockatoo, native to SE Australia and Tasmania' (f. Aborig.), 19 • *gee-gee* n. 'horse' (*nursery*, *colloq.*), 19 • *gewgaw* n., a. 'plaything, ornament' (origin uncertain), 15 • *gibble-gabble* n. 'senseless chatter' (redupl. of *gabble*), 17 • *giff-gaff* n. 'mutual giving, help' (redupl. of *give*; Sc. & north.), 16 • *girly-girly* a., n. 'affectedly girlish', 19 • *go-go*<sup>1</sup> a. 'energetic' (redupl. of *go*; *colloq.*), 20 • *gobo* n. 'portable screen' (origin unkn.), 20 • *God squad*, *godsquad* n. 'evangelical Christian group' (*slang* SO OXF), 20 • *Gogo*<sup>2</sup> n., a. 'Bantu-speaking people in Tanzania' (perh. f. Nyamwezi), 19 • *gong-gong* n. 'a simple percussion instrument' (redupl. of Malay *gong*), 18 • *goo-goo* a., n. 'amorously adoring' (perhaps f. *goggle*; *slang* SO), 20 • *goody-goody* a., n. 'sentimentally virtuous person', 19 • *greegree*, *gris-gris* n. 'an African charm' (f. Fr. *grigri*, *grisgris*, of W. African origin), 17 • *grugru*, *groo-groo*, *gri-gri* (+ OED *grou-grou*) n. 'a kind of palm' (f. Amer. Sp. f. Carib. *grugru*), 18 • *gully-gully*, *gulli-gulli* *int.* 'conjuror's catch-word' (origin unkn.), 20 • *gum-gum* n. 'a musical instrument' (prob. f. Malay; *rare*), 18 •
- ha-ha*<sup>1</sup>, *ha-ha-ha* n. 'sound of laughter' (natural exclam.), 18 • *ha-ha*<sup>2</sup>, *haw-haw*<sup>2</sup> n. 'a ditch visible f. a close proximity' (f. Fr.), 18 • *habdabs* n. 'nervous anxiety' (origin unkn.; *slang* SO), 20 • *handy-dandy*, (+ OED *—bandy*, *—pandy*, *—spandy*) n., *adv.* 'children's game' (redupl. of *handy*), 15 • *hanky-panky* n. 'underhand dealing' (rel. to *hocus-pocus*), 19 • *harum-scarum* *adv.*, a., n. 'reckless, wild' (prob. *hare* + *scare*; *colloq.*), 17 • *Hau Hau*<sup>1</sup> n. 'a follower of the Pai-Marire religion' (f. Maori), 19 • *haw-haw*<sup>1</sup> n., a., v. 'sound expr. hesitation' (*imit.*), 19 • *hear-hear* n., v. 'cheer with cries of *hear! hear!*' (orig. *hearm him*), 18 • *hee-haw*, (+ OED *he-haw*) n., v. 'donkey's bray' (*imit.*), 19 • *heebie-jeebie*, *-y-y*, *-ie-ies* n. 'nervous fear' (SO: origin unkn.; CE: coined by William De Beck, 1890–1942, Amer. cartoonist), 20 • *heigh-ho*, *hey-ho* *int.*, n., v. 'boredom' (*heigh* + *ho*), 15 • *hell's bells* *int.* 'exclamation of anger' (*slang* SO OXF), 20 • *helter-skelter* (+ Scot. *hilter-skitter*) *adv.*, n., a. 'in disordered haste' (*imit.*), 16 • *herky-jerky* n. 'spasmodic' (redupl. of *jerky*; *slang* SO), 20 • *hi-fi* a., n. 'high fidelity sound', 20 • *hi-spy*, *hy-spy* = *l-spy* • *hickery-pickery* n. 'purgative' (f. med.L. *hiera picra*; *rare*), 19 • *higgledy-piggledy*, (+ OED *-ty-ty*, *hicklety-picklety*, *higly-pigly*) *adv.*, n., a. 'without any order' (prob. rhyming jingle on *pig*), 16 • *hip-hop*<sup>1</sup>, *hip hop* *adv.* 'with a hopping movement' (*hip* + *hop*), 17 • *hip-hop*<sup>2</sup>, *hip hop* n. 'young people's subculture' (redupl. of *hip*), 20 • *hippety-hoppety*, *hippity-hoppity*, *hip-*

*pety-hop* adv., n. 'with a hopping movement' (f. *hip-hop*<sup>1</sup>, 19 • *hirdy-girdy* n., adv. 'uproar, disorder' (imit.; Sc. & north.), 16 • *ho-ho*<sup>1</sup> int. 'expr. derision' (redupl. of *ho*), 16 • *hob-nob*<sup>2</sup>, *hab-nab*, *habs-nabs* adv. 'anyhow' (f. *hab*, f. OE *hæbbe*; obs., dial.), 16 • *hobnob*<sup>1</sup>, *hob-nob* v., n. 'drink to each other' (f. *hob* or *nob*), 18 • *hobo* n. 'wandering man' (origin unkn.; chiefly N. Amer.), 19 • *Hobson-Jobson*(+ KIR *hossy-gossy*, + OED *holsie-jolsie*) n. 'folk etymology.' (title of a dictionary, f. Arab *Y\_Hasan! Y\_Husayn!*), 17 • *hocus-pocus* n., a., v. 'conjurer etc.' (f. pseudo-L. formula *hax pax max deus adimax*), 17 • *hobby-doddy*(+ KIR *hottie-tottie*<sup>2</sup>, *huddle-duddie*) n., a. 'simpleton; drunk' (perhaps nursery redupl. of *dod* in *dodman*; obs., dial.), 16 • *hobby-noddy* n. 'fool' (redupl. of *noddy*; rare), 17 • *Hogen Mogen*, *Hogan Mogan* n., a. 'Dutch; strong' (f. Du. *Hoogmogendheiden* 'High Mightiness'), 17 • *hogo* n. 'strong favour; stink' (f. Fr. *haut-gout*), 17 • *hoity-toity*, *highty-tighty*(+ KIR THU *hoity-poity*, *hotty-totty*, + THU *hity-tity*) n., a., int. 'haughty behaviour' (redupl. of *hoit*), 17 • *hokey-cokey* n. 'a kind of dance' (origin unkn.), 20 • *hokey-pokey* n. 'trickery; cheap ice-cream' (alt. of *hocus-pocus*), 19 • *holus-bolus*(+ KIR *holums-jolums*) adv. 'all in a lump' (origin uncertain), 19 • *honk-honk*, *honk* n. 'sound of a motor horn', 20 • *hoo-ha* n. 'noisy commotion' (origin unkn.; colloq.), 20 • *hoo-hoo*, *hoo* int., v., n. 'expr. surprise' (imit. + natural exclamation; already in OE), 15 • *hoodoo* n., a., v. 'bad luck' (app. alt. of *voodoo*), 19 • *hoopoe* (+ OED *hoopoo*) n. 'a bird' (alter. of *hoop* + Lat *upula*), 17 • *hooroo*, *hurroo* int. 'goodbye' (alt. of *hooray*, *hurrah*; Austral. colloq.), 20 • *hootchy-kootchy*, *-ie-ie*, *-y-cootchy* n., a. 'erotic dance' (origin unkn.), 19 • *hot spot* n. 'a lively nightclub etc', 20 • *hotchpotch*, *hodgepodge* n., a., v. 'mixture' (f. *hotchpot* 'mixed stew'), 15 • *hotpot* n. 'hot drink; stew', 17 • *hotshot* v., a. n. 'reckless shooter etc', 16 • *hotsy-totsy* a. 'splendid, just fine' (formed f. *hot* by William de Beck, 1890–1942, American cartoonist), 20 • *hottie-tottie*<sup>1</sup> n. 'hot-water bottle' (nursery; slang BL), 20 • *housey-housey*, *-ie-ie* n. 'bingo, lotto' (f. the call 'house' announcing the prize), 20 • *hubba-hubba* int., n. 'nonsense' (origin unkn.; N. Amer. slang SO OXF), 20 • *hubble-bubble*(+ WHE KIR THU *hobble-bobble*) n. 'confused talk' (imit. redupl. of *bubble*), 17 • *hubbub* n. 'confused noise' (perh. f. Irish), 16 • *hudder-mudder* (+ OED *hoder-moder*, *huther-muther*) n. 'secrecy' (prob. redupl. of *hoder*; obs.), 15 • *huet-huet*, *guidguid* n. 'a South American bird' (imit.), 19 • *huff-duff* n. 'a type of radar' (f. *h.f.d.f.* = *high frequency direction finder*), 20 • *hugger-mugger*, *huggermugger*, *hucker-mucker* (+ OED *hocker-mocker*, *hoker-moker*) n., adv., a. 'secrecy' (prob. f. *huddle* + *mucker*), 16 • *huhu* n. 'a kind of beetle' (f. Maori; NZ), 19 • *hula-hula*, *hula* n. 'a Hawaiian dance' (f. Haw.), 19 • *hully gully* n. 'a dance' (origin unkn.), 20 • *humble-jumble* n. 'jumble' (rhyming formation on *jumble*; rare), 16 • *hum-drum*(+ OED *hum-trum*) a., n. v. 'monotonous' (prob. redupl. of *hum*), 16 • *humhum* n. 'coarse Indian cotton cloth' (origin unkn.; obs.), 17 • *humpty dumpty* n. 'a drink of ale and brandy' (origin unkn.), 17 • *Humpty Dumpty* n. 'short fat person' (perh. f. *humpy* + *dummy*), 18 • *humstrum* n. 'an out of tune musical instrument; hurdy-gurdy' (*hum* + *strum*; rare), 18 • *hurdy-gurdy* n. 'a barrel-organ' (prob. imit.), 18 • *hurly-burly* n., adv., v., a. 'commotion' (redupl. of *hurl*), 15 • *hurry-scurry* adv., a., n., v. 'disorderly haste' (redupl. of *hurry*), 18 • *hush-hush* a., v. 'highly secret' (redupl. of *hush*, int.; colloq.), 19 •

*I-spy*, *hi-spy*, *hy-spy* n. 'various children's games', 18 • *ill will* n. 'ill feeling', 14 • *itsy-bitsy*, *itty-bitty*(+ KIR *itsy-witsy*) a. 'small' (f. childish form of *little* + *bitsy*; colloq.), 20 •

*jeepers-creepers*, *jeepers* int. 'expr. enthusiasm' (f. *Jesus*; slang SO), 20 • *jelly-belly* n. 'fat person' (slang SO BL), 19 • *jetset* n., a. 'rich and fashionable people', 20 • *jibber-jabber* v., n. 'senseless talk' (redupl. of *jibber*, imit. *gibber*), 19 • *jig-jig*<sup>1</sup>, *jig-jog*, *jig-a-jig* a., adv., n., v. 'a jiggling or jogging motion' (*jig* + *jog*), 17 • *jig-jog* = *jig-jig*<sup>1</sup> • *jimjam(s)* n. 'trivial article, rare; nervous

- tension' (redupl. of *jam*; *colloq.*), 16 • *jingle-jangle* *n.*, *v.* 'alternating sound' (redupl. of *jingle*), 16 • *jo-jo*<sup>1</sup> *n.* 'London Routemaster bus' (abbr. of *jump on jump off*), 20 • *Jodo* *n.*, *a.* 'a Japanese Buddhist sect' (f. Jap. *j\_do* 'pure land'), 18 • *Joe Blow*<sup>1</sup> *n.* 'hypothetical average man' (SO: *US colloq.*, *slang* BL), 20 • *jog-jog* *adv.*, *a.* 'with a jogging motion', 18 • *John-John* *n.* 'car' (West Indian *slang* PEN), 20 • *joukery-pawkery*(+ OED *joukery-cookery*) *n.* 'clever trickery' (f. *pawk*; *northE & Scot.*), 19 • *ju-ju*<sup>1</sup>, *juju* *n.* 'an amulet of some W. African people' (prob. f. Fr. *joujou* 'plaything', redupl. of *jouer* 'to play'), 17 • *ju-ju*<sup>2</sup> *n.* 'marijuana cigarette' (redupl. abbrev. of *mari-ju-ana*; *slang* SO), 20 • *jug-jug*<sup>1</sup>, *jug* *int.*, *n.* 'the sound made by the nightingale' (imit.), 16 • *jug-jug*<sup>2</sup>, *jug* *n.* 'a savoury Barbadian dish' (origin unkn.), 20 •
- kai-kai*, *kai* *n.* 'food' (f. Maori; NZ *colloq.*), 19 • *kawakawa*<sup>1</sup> *n.* 'a NZ shrub; a variety of nephrite' (f. Maori), 19 • *kawakawa*<sup>2</sup> *n.* 'a kind of tuna' (Haw.), 19 • *ki-yi*, (+ OED *ki-hi*) *v.*, *n.* 'howl; dog' (imit.; *US colloq.*), 19 • *kickie-wickie*(+ WHE THU *kicksy-wicksy*) *n.* 'wife' (origin unkn.; only in Shakespeare; *rare*), 17 • *kiekie*,(+ OED *kee-kee*) *n.* 'a climbing plant' (f. Maori), 19 • *killer-diller* *n.*, *a.* 'impressive person' (redupl. of *killer*; *slang* SO), 20 • *kim-kam*, (+ OED *chim-cham*) *a.*, *adv.* 'crooked(ly)' (app. redupl. of *cam*; *dial.*), 16 • *King Kong* *n.* 20 • *Kit-cat*, *Kit-Cat*, *Kit-kat* *n.*, *a.* 'a club in London; a size of portrait' (f. *Kit Cating*), 18 • *kittle cattle*, *kittle* *n.*, *a.* 'capricious people, animals' (*kittle* + *cattle*), 19 • *kiwi* *n.* 'a bird; a fruit' (f. Maori, imit.), 19 • *knick-knack*, *nick-nack* *n.* 'trinket' (redupl. of *knack*), 16 • *kowtow*, *kotow* *n.*, *v.* 'touching the ground with the forehead' (f. Chin.), 19 • *kudu*, *koodoo* *n.* 'an antelope' (f. Afk. f. Xhosa), 18 •
- la-la*<sup>1</sup> *a.* 'so so, not very good' (redupl. of *la*; *rare*, *obs.*), 18 • *la-la*<sup>2</sup> *v.* 'sing or say *la*' (f. *la-la*, *a.*), 20 • *lablab* *n.* 'a plant' (f. Arab.), 19 • *lap-lap* *v.*, *n.* 'repeated lapping sound', 19 • *lardy-dardy* *a.* 'affected' (f. *la-di-da*; *colloq.*), 19 • *lau-lau* *n.* 'Hawaiian meal' (f. Haw.), 20 • *lava-lava* *n.* 'a garment worn by Polynesians' (f. Samoan), 19 • *Li-Lo*, *Lilo* *n.* 'inflatable mattress' (*lie* + *low*), 20 • *Lib-Lab* *a.*, *n.* 'Liberal-Labour', 20 • *lilly-pilly*, *lilli-pilli* *n.* 'an Australian evergreen tree' (origin unkn.), 19 • *locofoco* *n.*, *a.* 'member of the Democratic Party' (invented, prob. f. *loco* + It. *fuoco*SO, Sp. *fuogo* 'fire'; *US*), 19 • *lomi-lomi* *n.* 'a type of massage' (f. Haw.; *foreign*), 19 • *lovey-dovey* *n.*, *a.* 'sweetheart' (*lovely* + *dovey*), 19 • *lulu* *n.* 'a remarkable person or thing' (perh. f. *Lulu* = *Louise*; *slang* SO), 19 •
- maimai*, *mai mai* *n.* 'makeshift shelter' (f. Aborig. *miamia*), 19 • *makomako*, *mako-mako*, *mako* *n.* 'a tree' (fr. Maori; NZ), 19 • *mamma* *n.* 'mother, woman' (redupl. of infants' *ma*; *US slang* SO), 16 • *mata-mata*<sup>1</sup> *n.* 'police in Malaysia' (f. Malay), 20 • *matamata*<sup>2</sup> *n.* 'a S. American turtle' (prob. of S. American origin), 19 • *mau-mau* *v.* 'terrorize' (f. *Mau Mau*; *slang* SO), 20 • *mia-mia* *n.* 'an Aboriginal hut; a temporary shelter' (f. Aborig. *miam miam*; *Austral.*), 19 • *miminy-piminy* *a.* 'ridiculously affected' (f. *mim* a *niminy-piminy*), 19 • *mingimingi*, *micky-mick* *n.* 'a New Zealand evergreen shrub' (f. Maori), 19 • *mingle-mangle* *n.* 'confused mixture' (redupl. of *mingle*), 16 • *mishmash*, *mish-mash* *n.*, *v.* 'confused mixture' (redupl. of *mash*), 15 • *mixty-maxty*, *-ie-~ie*, *mixter-maxter*, (+ OED *mixy-maxy*) *n.*, *a.* 'incongruously mixed' (redupl. of *mixt*; *Sc. & dial.*), 18 • *mizmaze* *n.* 'labyrinth' (redupl. of *maze*), 16 • *moco-moco*, *mucka-mucka* *n.* 'a tall plant of Guyana' (f. Galibi), 18 • *mojo*<sup>1</sup> *n.* 'magic' (prob. of African orig.; *US local*), 20 • *mojo*<sup>2</sup> *n.* 'morphine' (origin unkn.; *US slang* SO), 20 • *moko-moko*, *moki-moki* *n.* 'a lizard' (f. Maori; NZ), 19 • *motmot* *n.* 'a bird' (f. Amer. Sp.; imit.), 19 • *mukluk*, *muckluck*<sup>1</sup> *n.* 'a high boot of seal-skin' (f. Eskimo *maklak*), 19 • *mulmull* *n.* 'a thin variety of muslin' (Hindi *malmal*), 17 • *mumbo-jumbo* *n.* 'idol; obscure talk, ritual' (prob. f. Mande *mama dyumbo*, name of a god in W. Africa), 18 • *muster-master* *n.* 'officer responsible for the muster-roll', 16 • *muu-muu*, *mu-mu* *n.* 'a dress worn by women in Hawaii' (f. Haw.), 20 •

*namby-pamby* *a., n.* 'sentimental' (nickname of Ambrose Philips, d. 1749), 18 • *nay-say* *n., v.* 'refusal' (*nay* + *say*), 17 • *near-beer* *n.* 'beverage resembling beer etc' (orig. *US*), 20 • *nene, néné, ne-ne* *n.* 'a goose native to Hawai' (f. *Haw.*), 20 • *never-never* *adv., n., a.* 'hire-purchase', 20 • *nick stick* *n.* 'tally, reckoning stick' (*nick* + *stick*; *obs.*), 17 • *nid-nod* *v., a.* 'nod repeatedly' (redupl. of *nod*), 18 • *niddle-noddle* *a., v.* 'unsteady' (redupl. of *nod*), 18 • *niddy-noddy* *n., v., a.* 'frame; unsteady' (redupl. of *nod*), 17 • *niff-naff* *v.* 'trifle' (origin unkn.; *Sc. & north.*), 18 • *niffy-naffy* *a.* 'trifling' (f. *niff-naff*), 18 • *nig-nog*<sup>1</sup> *n.* 'a Black' (f. *nig*, abbr. of *nigger*; *slang SO*), 20 • *nig-nog*<sup>2</sup> *n.* 'foolish person' (origin unkn.; *slang SO*), 20 • *nilly-willy = willy-nilly • niminy-piminy* (+ OED *nimpy-pimpy*) *a.* 'affected' (f. *namby-pamby*), 18 • *ning-nong*, (+ OED *ning-nang*) *n.* 'fool' (origin unkn.; *Austral. slang SO*), 19 • *nitty-gritty* *n.* 'basic facts' (origin unkn.; *colloq.*), 20 • *nitwit* *n.* 'silly person' (perh. f. *nit* + *wit*; *colloq.*), 20 • *no-go* *n., a.* 'impracticable situation; impossible; not functioning', 19 • *no-no* *n.* 'thing that must not be done' (redupl. of *no*; *colloq.*), 20 • *nolens volens* *adv.* 'whether willing or unwilling' (*Lat.*), 16 • *non-con, Non-Con* *n., a.* 'not a conformist' (*non* + *con*; *colloq.*), 17 • *nonny-nonny* *n., int.* 'words of a refrain' (origin unkn.; *obs.*), 16 • *now now* *int.* 'reprimanding, pacifying' (redupl. of *now*), 19 • *nulla-nulla, nullah-nullah* *n.* 'a club used as a weapon' (f. *Aborig.*; *Austral.*), 19 • *num-num*<sup>1</sup> *n.* 'a S. African shrub' (f. *Afk. noem-noem*, perh. f. *Nama*), 19 • *num-num*<sup>2</sup>, *num* *n., int.* 'expr. pleasure from eating' (var. of *yum*), 19 • *nut-cut* *a., n.* 'rascal' (f. *Hind. natkhat*; *Indian subcontinent, rare*), 19 •

*okey-dokey, okey-doke* (+ OED *okle-dokle*) *a., int.* 'OK' (*colloq.*), 20 •

*pack-sack* *n.* 'rucksack', 20 • *pall-mall, \_pell-mell*<sup>2</sup> *n.* 'a game played in a long alley' (f. *Fr. palle maille*), 16 • *palsy-walsy, -ie--ie* *n., a.* 'friend' (redupl. of *palsy = pal* + *-sy*; *slang SO*), 20 • *patha-patha* *n.* 'a Black African dance; sexual intercourse' (*S. Afr.*), 20 • *paw-paw*<sup>1</sup>, *papaw* *n.* 'a fruit, a shrub, a tree' (f. *Sp. & Port. f. Carib.*), 16 • *paw-paw*<sup>2</sup> *a.* 'improper' (redupl. of *paw*; *slang SO, rare*), 18 • *Pawpaw*<sup>2</sup>, *Papaw* *n.* 'a slave from what is now Benin' (f. the name of a region in *W. Africa*), 18 • *paxwax, taxwax* (+ *WHE KIR THU faxwax, fexwex*) *n.* 'a ligament in a domestic quadruped' (the older form *fix-fax* developed f. *OE feax* + *weax*; *dial.*), 15 • *pay-day* *n.* 'day on which wages are paid; wages', 16 • *pee-pee*<sup>1</sup> (+ *WEN beebie*) *n.* 'chicken' (perh. imit.; *US dial. & Jamaica*), 19 • *pee-pee*<sup>2</sup> *n.* 'an act of urinating' (redupl. of *pee*; *colloq. & nursery*), 20 • *peetweet* *n.* 'a spotted sandpiper' (imit.; *US*), 19 • *peewee, peewee* *n., a.* 'small marble, small child, small' (redupl. of *wee*), 19 • *pell-mell*<sup>1</sup> *adv., a., n., v.* 'medley' (f. *Fr. p̄le-m̄le*), 16 • *pickwick* *n.* 'device for pulling up the wick of an oil lamp' (*hist.*), 19 • *picnic* *n., v.* 'meal' (f. *Fr. pique-nique*), 18 • *piiff-paff, piiff* *int.* 'sound of a bullet' (imit.), 18 • *piggy-wiggy, -ie--ie* *n.* 'pig' (redupl. of *piggy*; *nursery & joc.*), 19 • *ping-pong* *n.* 'table tennis' (imit.; *US trade name*), 20 • *ping-wing* *n.* 'a W. Indian plant' (var. of *pinguin*; origin unkn.), 17 • *piou-piou* *n.* 'Fr. soldier' (f. *Fr.*; *foreign*), 19 • *pip-pip* *n., int.* 'short sound; goodbye' (imit), 20 • *piri-piri*<sup>2</sup> *n.* 'a sauce made with red peppers' (f. *Ronga*), 20 • *piripiri*<sup>1</sup> *n.* 'a marsh plant' (f. *Maori*; *NZ*), 19 • *pish-pash, pish-posh* *n.* 'an Indian soup or stew' (origin unkn.), 19 • *pish-posh = pish-pash • pisha paysha* *n.* 'a Jewish card game' (app. alt. of *pitch* or *peace* + *patience*), 20 • *pit-pat, pit-a-pat* (+ OED *pitty-patty*) *adv., n., v., a.* 'a series of light sounds' (imit.), 16 • *pitter-patter*, (+ OED *pittle-pattle, obs., rare*) *n., v., adv.* 'rapid succession of light sounds' (redupl. of *patter*), 15 • *piupiu* *n.* 'a Maori skirt' (f. *Maori*; *NZ*), 19 • *plop-plop, plop* *v., n., adv., int.* 'fall with a plop' (imit.), 19 • *pocketa-pocketa, pocketa* *int., adv.* 'sound of an engine' (imit.), 20 • *pom-pom*<sup>1</sup> *n., int.* 'Maxim gun; repetitive sound' (imit.), 19 • *pompom*<sup>2</sup>, *pompon* *n.* 'bunch of ribbon' (f. *Fr.*, origin unkn.), 18 • *pooh-pooh, pooh pooh, poo-poo* (+ *KIR pu-pu*) *n., int., v.* 'faeces' (natural exclamation; *colloq.*), 20 • *pooper-*



- scooper* n. 'implement for clearing up dog's faeces' (*poop* + *scoop*), 20 • *popshop* n. 'pawnshop' (*slang* SO), 18 • *pot-shot* n. 'shot taken to kill for food; chance shot', 19 • *powwow*, *pow-wow* n., v. 'conference etc.' (f. Algonquian), 17 • *pretty-pretty* adv., a., n. 'excessively pretty', 19 • *pribble-prabble* v. 'vain chatter' (alt. of *prabble*), 16 • *prinkum-prankum*(+ THU -nc-) n. 'trick' (redupl. of *prank*; *obs.*, *rare*), 16 • *prittle-prattle* n., v. 'idle talk' (redupl. of *prattle*; *rare*), 16 • *pudu* n. 'an Andean antelope' (f. Araucanian), 19 • *puff-puff* n. 'locomotive, train' (*nursery & colloq.*), 19 • *pussy posse* n. 'vice squad' (*pussy* 'vulva'; *slang* SO), 20 • *put-put*, *putt-putt*, (+ OED *phut-phut*) n., v. 'light sound of an engine' (*imit.*), 20 •
- quack-quack* v., *int.*, n. 'duck's quack; duck' (*nursery & joc.*), 19 •
- rag-bag* n. 'bag for rags; sloppily dressed woman' (*slang*), 19 • *raggle-taggle*, *wraggle-taggle* a., n. 'ragged; wanderer' (f. *ragtag*), 20 • *ragtag* n., a. 'disreputable person' (*rag* + *tag*; superseded earlier *tagrag*, 16), 19 • *rah-rah*, *rah* n., *int.*, a. 'hurrah' (*abbr.*), 20 • *ram-jam* adv. 'completely' (*ram* + *jam*; *dial.*, *slang* SO), 19 • *ram-stam* (+ OED *rum-strum*, + KIR THU *ram-stram*, *ram-tam*) adv., a., n. 'headlong' (origin unkn.; *Sc. & north.*), 18 • *ran-dan*<sup>1</sup> adv., n. 'with a pair of sculls and a pair of oars' (origin unkn.), 19 • *ran-dan*<sup>2</sup> n. 'riotous behaviour' (prob. f. Fr. *randon* 'random'; chiefly. *Sc.*), 18 • *ran-tan* n., v. 'banging noise; riot' (*imit.*), 17 • *rantum-scantum* *int.*, n., a. 'nonsense' (redupl., prob. f. *rant*; *obs.*), 17 • *rat-tat*, *ratatat*, *rat-a-tat* n., adv., *int.*, v. 'sharp rapping sound' (*imit.*), 17 • *razzle-dazzle* n., a., v. 'bustle' (redupl. of *razzle*), 19 • *reco-reco* n. 'a percussion instrument' (f. a native Brazilian language), 20 • *red lead* n., a., v. 'minium; red lead ore; tomato ketchup', 15 • *Red Ned*, *red ned* n. 'inferior red wine' (*Australian slang* SO), 20 • *redhead* n. 'red-headed bird; red-headed person', 17 • *ree-raw*, *reel-rall* n., a. 'drinking bout' (*imit.*; perh. assoc. with *reel*; *dial.*, *colloq.*), 18 • *repple deppele* n. 'replacement depot (where soldiers assemble)' (*US military slang* SO), 20 • *rewa-rewa*, *rewarewa* n. 'a tall New Zealand tree' (f. Maori), 19 • *ribble-rabble*(+ HAZ *reeble-rabble*) adv., n. 'in great confusion' (redupl. of *rabble*; *rare*, *arch.*), 15 • *rickety-rackety* a. 'unsteady' (redupl. of *rickety*), 19 • *ricky-ticky*, *-ie--ie* n. 'monotonous rhythm' (*imit.*), 20 • *ricrac*, *rickrack* n., v. 'braid used for trimming' (prob. redupl. of *rack*), 19 • *riff-raff*, *riffraff* n., a. 'disreputable people' (*riff* and *raff*), 15 • *riprap*, *riprap* n., v. 'blow; breakwater' (redupl. of *rap*), 16 • *ro-ro* a. 'roll-onroll-off', 20 • *roly-poly* (+ OED *rowley-powley*, *obs.*, *rare*) n., a. 'rascal; podgy' (redupl. of *roly* < *roll*), 17 • *rongo-rongo* n. 'hieroglyphic signs on Easter island' (f. the name of Easter island), 20 • *roucou* n. 'a tropical tree' (f. Fr. f. Galibi), 17 • *rough stuff* n. 'unruliness, violence' (*colloq.*), 20 • *rough-scruff*, *rough-scruff* n. 'rough fellow, rough people' (*rough* + *scruff*; *US*), 19 • *rough-scruff* = *rough-scruff* • *rowdy-dowdy* a. 'characterized by boisterous noise' (*rowdy* + *dowdy*; *slang* SO), 19 • *rug bug* n. 'child' (also *rug rat*, *carpet rat*; orig. *US slang* BL), 20 • *rum-tum* n., a. 'prank; light racing boat' (*fanciful*), 19 • *rumdum*, *rumdumb* a., n. 'drunkard' (*US slang* SO), 19 • *rumpy-pumpy* n. 'sexual intercourse' (f. *rump*; *joc.*), 20 • *Ryukyu*, *Riu-kiu* n., a. 'a native of the Ryukyu Islands' (f. Jap.), 19 •
- sa-ha* *int.* 'a cry used in coursing' (prob. f. *so-ho*), 17 • *scribble-scrabble* adv., n. 'reckless person' (redupl. of *scribble*; *colloq.*), 16 • *scratch-scratch* n. 'continual scratching' (redupl. of *scratch*), 19 • *see-saw* *int.*, n., a., adv., v. 'plank for swinging up and down' (redupl. of *saw*, v.), 17 • *see-see*, *see-see*, *sisi* n. 'a partridge' (*imit.*), 19 • *semi-demi* *pref.*, a. 'quarter' (often *derog.*), 17 • *shabu-shabu* n. 'a Japanese dish' (f. Jap.), 20 • *shag-bag* a., n. 'shabby' (alt. of *shag-rag*; *arch. colloq.*), 17 • *shag-rag* a., n. 'ragged' (alt. of *shake-rag*; *arch. & dial.*), 16 • *sham-damn* a. 'of inferior kind' (*rare*), 19 • *shey-shey*, *shay-shay* n. 'rhythmic shuffling dance' (prob. f. Fr. *chassé*; *W. Ind.*), 20 • *shilly-shally*, *shillyshally* adv., a., n., v. 'irresolute' (redupl. of *shall* I), 18 • *silly billy*

- n.* 'foolish person', 18 • *sim-sim, simsim n.* 'sesame' (Swahili, f. Arabic), 20 • *sin bin, sin-bin n.*, v. 'penalty box' (*slang* SO), 20 • *Sing Sing<sup>1</sup> n.* (var. of *Ossining*, where the prison is), 19 • *sing-sing<sup>2</sup> n.* 'a form of water-buck' (f. Malinke *si-nsing*), 19 • *singsing<sup>3</sup> n.* 'a festival in Papua' (f. Pidgin, ult. redupl. of *sing*), 19 • *singsong, sing-song n., a., v.* 'monotonous singing', 17 • *skid-lid n.* 'crash helmet' (*slang* SO), 20 • *skimble-skamble, skimble-scamble, (+ OED squimble-squamble) a., n., adv.* 'confused' (redupl. of *scamble*), 16 • *slambam, slam-bang, slambang a., adv., v., n.* 'noise', 19 • *slangwhang v.* 'use abusive language' (*slang* + *whang*; *colloq.*, chiefly US), 19 • *slip-slap n., v.* 'slipper; flapping sound' (redupl. of *slap*; *rare*), 17 • *slip-slop, slipslop n., a., v., adv.* 'sloppy substance; blunder; sandal' (redupl. of *slop*; *colloq.*), 17 • *slop-shop n.* 'where cheap clothing is sold' (*arch., hist.*), 18 • *smock-frock n.* 'outer garment' (*hist.*), 18 • *snip-snap n., a., v.* 'sound of snipping' (*snip* + *snap*), 16 • *snipper-snapper n.* 'young conceited man' (f. *snip-snap*; *dial.*), 16 • *so-ho, soho, so ho int., n., v.* 'hunters' call' (prob. natural exclam.; f. Anglo-Norman), 15 • *softly softly a., adv.* 'gradual(ly), cautious(ly)' (*softly, a. — dial.*), 20 • *Soho* 19 • *soogee-moogee (+ OED skewgy-mewgy, souji-mouji) n.* 'cleaning mixture' (origin unkn.; *naut. slang*), 19 • *sou-sou, susu<sup>2</sup> n.* 'arrangement among friends about a contribution to a fund' (prob. of W. African orig.; *Caribbean*), 20 • *splish-splash v., n.* 'splash repeatedly' (redupl. of *splash*; *colloq.*), 18 • *splishy-splashy a.* 'sloppy', 19 • *squeegee, squilgee n., v.* 'press' (f. *squeege* f. *squeeze*), 19 • *squish-squash adv., n., v.* '(with) a squishing sound' (redupl. of *squish*), 18 • *stock-lock n.* 'lock enclosed in a wooden case', 14 • *strim-stram n.* 'crude guitar' (*imit.; obs., dial.*), 18 • *strumstrum n.* 'simple stringed instrument' (redupl. of *strum*; *obs., rare*) 17 • *super-duper a.* 'excellent' (redupl. of *super*; US), 20 • *susu<sup>1</sup> n.* 'a river dolphin' (f. Bengali), 19 • *sweetmeat n.* 'a sweet' (*obs., lit.*), 9 • *swing wing n.* 'a type of aircraft', 20 • *swing-swang n.* 'a swinging to and fro' (redupl. of *swing*), 17 • *swish-swash n., adv.* 'weak drink; with repeated swishing movement' (redupl. of *imit. swish*), 16 • *swish-swish, swish int., adv.* 'hissing sound' (redupl. of *imit. swish*), 19 •
- ta-da, ta-dah int.* 'musical introduction' (*imit.*), 20 • *ta-ta<sup>1</sup> int., n., a.* 'goodbye; a walk' (origin unknow; *nursery, colloq.*), 19 • *tabnab n.* 'cake' (origin unkn.; *nautical slang* SO), 20 • *tag-rag adv., n., a.* 'rag; common people etc', 16 • *Taki-Taki n.* 'English-based creole language in Surinam' (f. *talkee-talkee*), 20 • *talkee-talkee n.* 'pidgin; small-talk' (redupl. of *talk* + *-ee*; *colloq.*), 19 • *talky-talky a., n.* 'full of talk; trivial conversation', 19 • *tam-tam n.* 'a gong' (perhaps f. Hind. *tam-tam*; musical term), 19 • *tamboo-bamboo n.* 'a small drum' (f. *tambour* + *bamboo*), 20 • *tap-tap n.* 'repeated tap', 19 • *tappity-tappity, tappity-tap int., adv., n.* 'succession of tapping sounds' (*imit.*), 20 • *taxwax = paxwax + tee-hee, te-hee v., int., n.* 'laugh derisively' (*imit.*), 15 • *teeny-tiny, teeny-weeny, teensy-weensy a.* 'very small' (*teeny* f. *tiny*, *ween(s)y* f. *wee*), 19 • *teeny-weeny, teensy-weensy = teeny-tiny + teepee, tepee, tipi n.* 'a conical tent' (f. Sioux *ti* + *pi*), 19 • *teeter-totter v., n.* 'see-saw' (redupl. of *teeter* or of *totter*; *dial. & N. Amer.*), 20 • *teuf-teuf n., int., v.* 'sound of gases f. an engine' (f. Fr., *imit.*), 20 • *thwick-thwack n.* 'exchange of thwacks' (redupl. of *thwack*; *obs.*), 16 • *tick-tack, tic-tac n., v.* 'sound of a clock' (*imit.*), 16 • *tick-tick v., n.* 'make a ticking sound' (*imit.*), 18 • *tick-tock n., v.* 'ticking of a large clock' (*imit.*), 19 • *ticky-tacky n., a.* 'inferior' (prob. redupl. of *tacky*; orig. US), 20 • *ting-tang n.* 'succession of two different ringing sounds; small bell' (*imit.*), 17 • *ting-ting, ting v., n., int.* 'thin high-pitched sound' (*imit.*), 17 • *tingle-tangle<sup>1</sup> n.* 'cheap disreputable night-club' (f. G.), 20 • *tingle-tangle<sup>2</sup> n.* 'confused tinkling of several bells' (redupl. of *tingle*, perh. var. of *tinkle* by assoc. with *ring*), 17 • *tinkle-tankle n., v.* 'tinkling with alternation of sound' (redupl. of *tinkle*), 17 • *tip-tap a., v., n.* 'tap repeatedly' (redupl. of *tap*), 17 • *tiptop, tip-top n., a., adv.* 'first-rate' (redupl. of *top*), 18 •

*tirlie-whirlie* *n.* 'a whirled figure, ornament' (f. *twirl* + *whirl*), 19 • *tirra-lirra* *v., n.* 'note of the skylark' (imit.), 16 • *tibbit*, US *tibbit* *n.* 'morsel' (16 perhaps *tyd* + *bit*), 16 • *titi<sup>1</sup>*, *teetee* *n.* 'a sooty shearwater' (f. Maori; NZ), 19 • *titi<sup>2</sup>* *n.* 'an evergreen tree and shrub of the south-east US' (prob. f. Indian language), 19 • *titi<sup>3</sup>* *n.* 'a small long-coated monkey of S. America' (f. Indian language Aymara in Bolivia and Peru), 18 • *titter-totter* *n., adv., v.* 'play see-saw' (redupl. of *titter* or *totter*; *dial.*), 16 • *tittle-tattle* *n., v., a.* 'idle talk' (redupl. of *tattle*), 16 • *titty-totty*, *titty* *a.* 'insignificant' (*dial.*), 19 • *tock-tock*, *tock* *n., v.* 'short hollow sound, deeper than a tick' (imit.) 19 • *tohu-bohu* *n.* 'chaos, utter confusion' (f. Heb.), 17 • *toitoi*, *toi-toi*, (+ OED *toetoe*) *n.* 'a reedlike grass' (f. Maori), 19 • *tol-lol*, *toll-lol*, *tol-loll* *a.* 'tolerable' (f. *tolerable*), 18 • *tom-tom*, (+ OED *tong-tong*) *n.* 'a drum (Amer. Indian etc., jazz, rock)' (f. Hindi), 17 • *too-too<sup>1</sup>*, *too* *adv.* 'exceedingly, very' (following and adj. or adv.), 20 • *too-too<sup>2</sup>* *adv.* 'very good', 15 • *too-too<sup>3</sup>* *v.* 'make a tooting sound' (imit.), 19 • *tootsy-wootsy*, *tootsy*(+ KIR *tootsum-wootsum*) *n.* 'foot' (dim. of *foot*), 19 • *tory-rory* *a., adv.* 'boisterously' (origin unkn.; *obs.*), 17 • *toto<sup>1</sup>* *n.* 'child, young animal' (f. Kiswahili *mtoto*; *E. Africa*), 20 • *tow-row* *a., v., n.* 'drunk; uproar' (redupl. of *row*), 18 • *town clown* *n.* 'village policeman' (*US slang*), 20 • *toy boy* *n.* 'a woman's young lover' (*colloq.*), 20 • *tra-ra* *int., n.* 'sound of a trumpet' (imit.), 19 • *tric-trac*(+ OED *trick-track*) *n.* 'a form of backgammon' (f. Fr.; imit.), 17 • *trim-tram* *n., int., a.* 'trifle' (redupl. of *trim*; *obs., dial.*), 16 • *trinkum-trankum* *n.* 'trifle' (redupl. of *trinkum*, alt. of *trinket*; *dial., colloq.*), 17 • *trit-trot* *a., n.* 'the sound of trotting feet or hoofs' (redupl. of *trot*), 19 • *tro-tro* *n.* 'minibus in Ghana' (prob. f. Akan *tro* 'threepence'), 20 • *trolly-lolly* *int.* 'meaningless refrain' (redupl. of *troll*; *rare*), 15 • *tsetse* *n.* 'fly' (f. Setswana), 19 • *tsk-tsk*, *tsk* *int.* 'expr. commiseration or disapproval' (imit.), 20 • *tuco-tuco*, *tucutucu* *n.* 'a S. American ratlike rodent' (of S. Amer. Indian origin; imit.), 19 • *tuff-tuff* *n.* 'a motor vehicle' (alt. of *teuf-teuf*; *colloq.*), 20 • *tuk-tuk*(OEDA + *thuk-thuk*, *tuk tuk*) *n.* 'a three-wheeled taxi in Thailand' (imit.; *joc.*), 20 • *tum-tum<sup>1</sup>*, *tum* *n.* 'tummy' (redupl. of *tum* = *tummy*), 19 • *tum-tum<sup>2</sup>* *n., v.* 'monotonous sound of a stringed instrument' (imit.), 19 • *tum-tum<sup>3</sup>* *n.* 'a West Indian vegetable dish' (origin unkn.), 19 • *tum-tum<sup>4</sup>* *n.* 'a light vehicle, dogcart' (origin unkn.; *Anglo-Ind.*), 19 • *tump-tump* *n.* 'sound of water or ball' (imit.), 20 • *tut-tut*, *tut* *int., n., v.* 'expr. impatience' (imit.), 16 • *tutti-frutti* *n.* 'confection, chewing-gum' (f. It.), 19 • *tutu<sup>1</sup>* *n.* 'ballet dancer's skirt' (f. Fr.), 20 • *tutu<sup>2</sup>* *n.* 'a shrub (f. Maori), 19 • *tuzzy-muzzy*, *tussie-mussie* *n.* 'bunch of flowers' (origin unkn.), 15 • *twenty-twenty*, *2020* *n., a.* 'good eyesight' (twenty feet in a test), 20 • *twiddle-twaddle* *n.* 'idle talk' (redupl. of *twaddle*), 18 • *twing-twang* *n.* 'repeated sound made by a harp' (redupl. of *twang*; *derog., rare*), 18 • *twingle-twangle* *n., v.* 'play a harp' (redupl. of *twangle*; *derog., rare*), 17 • *twit-twit*, *twit* *int., n.* 'the shrill chirp of a bird' (imit.), 16 • *twittle-twattle* *n.* 'idle talk' (app. alt. of *tittle-tattle*; *obs.*), 16 •

*uh-uh* *int., adv.* 'expr. a negative response' (chiefly *N. Amer.*), 20 •

*voodoo*, *vaoodoo* *n., v.* 'a cult' (f. Louisiana Fr. *voudou*), 19 •

*wah-wah<sup>1</sup>*, *wa-wa<sup>1</sup>* *n., v.* 'musical effect; baby crying' (imit.), 20 • *Wai-Wai* *n., a.* 'people inhabiting part of northern Brazil' (origin unkn.), 19 • *wakey-wakey*, (+ OED *-y-y*, *-ee-ee*) *n.* 'reveille' (orig. Mil.; *colloq.*), 20 • *walkie-talkie*, *-y-y* *n.* 'portable transmitter and receiver', 20 • *Wavy Navy* *n.* 'The Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve' (f. the wavy braid; *colloq.*), 20 • *waylay* *v.* 'lie in wait' (*way* + *lay*), 16 • *wee-wee<sup>1</sup>*, *wee* *int.* 'the squeal of a pig' (imit.), 20 • *wee-wee<sup>2</sup>*, *wee* *v., n.* 'urinate' (imit.; *nursery & colloq.*), 20 • *weet-weet<sup>1</sup>* *n.* 'an aboriginal weapon; an Australian toy' (f. Aborig. *wij wij*), 19 • *weet-weet<sup>2</sup>* *n.* 'the common sandpiper' (imit.; *obs., dial.*), 19 • *wehee*, *wihy* (+ OED *weehee*) *int., n., v.* 'sound of a horse' (imit.), 15 • *wham bam*, *wham bang* *int.* 'of intercourse done quickly' (*slang* SO), 20 • *wheeler-dealer* *n.* 'schemer' (*wheel* + *deal*), 20 •

*whim-wham* (+ OED *whim-whom*, *wim-wam*, *wim-wom*, *whim-wom*) *n.* 'fanciful object; trinket' (redupl., prob. of *whim*), 16 • *whimsy-whamsy n.* 'caprice' (after *whim-wham*), 19 • *whirly-whirly n.* 'whirling air current' (*Austral.*), 18 • *whittie-whattie n., v.* 'indecision; whisper' (perh. redupl. of *what*; *Sc. & north.*), 17 • *wi-wi<sup>2</sup> n.* 'French person' (f. Fr. *oui, oui*; *Austral. & NZ slang, rare, obs.*), 19 • *wibbly-wobbly a.* 'wobbling badly' (redupl. of *wobbly*; *colloq.*), 20 • *widdle-waddle v.* 'move slowly' (redupl. of *waddle*; *Scot. & north.*), 17 • *wig-wag a., v., n.* 'to wave a flag' (redupl. of *wag*), 16 • *wiggle-waggle, wiggle-woggle a., n., v.* 'vacillating' (*wiggle + waggle*; *dial., colloq.*), 18 • *wiggle-woggle = wiggle-waggle • wiggly-waggly, wiggly-woggly a.* 'that wiggles and waggles' (*wiggly + waggly*; *dial., colloq.*), 19 • *wiggly-woggly = wiggly-waggly • willy-nilly, nilly-willy adv., a.* 'willingly or unwillingly' (f. *will I, nill I*), 17 • *willy-willy n.* 'a cyclone, a dust storm in NW Australia' (f. Aborig.), 19 • *wimble-wamble adv., n.* 'mass of people' (redupl. of *wamble*; *dial.*), 19 • *wimbly-wambly a.* 'shaky' (redupl. of *wambly*; *dial.*), 17 • *wingding n.* 'spasm, wild party' (origin unkn.; *US slang SO*), 20 • *wirrwarr n.* 'turmoil' (f. German), 19 • *wish-wash n.* 'weak drink' (redupl. of *wash*), 18 • *wishy-washy a.* 'insipid' (redupl. of *washy*), 18 • *wiwi<sup>1</sup> n.* 'rushes' (f. Maori; *NZ, foreign*), 19 • *wonga-wonga, wonga n.* 'an Australian pigeon' (f. Aborig.; *Austral.*), 19 • *woop woop, woop woops n.* 'the outback' (mock Aborig.; *Austral. & NZ joc.*), 20 • *wop-wops, the n.* 'the back of beyond' (*NZ*), 20 • *wow-wow<sup>1</sup>, wah-wah<sup>2</sup>, wa-wa<sup>2</sup> n.* 'a gibbon' (f. Malay *wauwau*, Jav. *wawa*), 19 •

*yack-yack, yack n.* 'trivial talk' (imit.), 20 • *yaw-haw v., n.* 'laugh noisily' (imit.), 19 • *yaw-yaw, yaw v.* 'speak affectedly' (imit.), 19 • *yé-yé, yeah-yeah n.* 'a style in popular music etc. in France (f. *yeah*, common in songs of the 1960s), 20 • *yen-yen n.* 'craving for opium' (prob. f. Chinese; *US slang SO*), 19 • *ylang-ylang, ilang-ilang n.* 'a tree of tropical Asia' (f. Tagalog), 19 • *yo-ho, yo-ho-ho int., v., n.* 'attracting attention' (imit.; chiefly nautical), 18 • *yo-yo n., a., v.* 'a toy' (perhaps f. Philippine lang.), 20 • *yoohoo int., v., n.* 'attract attention' (natural exclam.), 20 • *yow-yow, yow v.* 'yelp, miaow' (imit.), 15 • *yum-yum, yum a., n.* 'expr. the sound of smacking the lips' (imit.), 19 •

*ziczac, sicsac, ziczic n.* 'a crocodile bird' (f. Arabic *zakzak, saksak*), 19 • *ziczic = ziczac • zig-zag n., a., adv., v.* 'alternate left and right turns' (f. Fr., f. Germ. *zickzack*), 18 • *zoot suit n.* 'style of man's suit' (rhyme on *suit*, coined by Harold C. Fox, Am. clothier and bandleader in 1942), 20 •

The basic distribution of the three types of reduplicative words in List D is similar to that in List C: 22.5 per cent of ablauts, 39.9 per cent of rhymes, and 37.6 per cent of echo formations.

As our aim is some kind of stylistic hierarchy, several types of words were left out from the 591-word list. The reduction may be called stylistic and regional because it removed rare, obsolete and dialectal words, and words found in New Zealand, Australian and other Englishes with borrowings from local non-Indo-European languages. For the stylistic reduction the labels in *SOD* were the decisive ones and for the regional reduction the criterion was whether the word referred to purely local extra-linguistic reality (*boubou* 'a garment worn in Mali', *kawakawa* 'a NZ shrub', *nene* 'a goose native to Hawaii') or to something generally known (*agar-agar*, *beriberi*).

Rare, obsolete, archaic, foreign

*crickle-crackle • da-da<sup>2</sup> • fible-fable • fid-fad • fingle-fangle • fliberty-gibbety • float-boat • hickery-pickery • hob-nob<sup>2</sup>, hab-nab, habs-nabs • hoddy-doddy • hoddy-noddy • hudder-*

*mudder* • *humble-jumble* • *humhum* • *humstrum* • *kickie-wickie* • *la-la<sup>1</sup>* • *nick stick* • *nolens volens* • *nonny-nonny* • *pickwick* • *piou-piou* • *prinkum-prankum* • *prittle-prattle* • *rantum-scantum* • *ribble-rabble* • *shag-rag* • *sham-damn* • *slip-slap* • *slop-shop* • *smock-frock* • *strim-stram* • *strumstrum* • *sweetmeat* • *thwick-thwack* • *tory-rory* • *trim-tram* • *trolley-lolly* • *twing-twang* • *twingle-twangle* • *twittle-twattle* • *weet-weet<sup>2</sup>* •

### Dialectal and US local:

*cagmag* • *crinkle-crankle* • *kim-kam* • *mojo<sup>1</sup>* • *paxwax, taxwax* • *snipper-snapper* • *taxwax* • *titter-totter* • *titty-totty* • *wimble-wamble* • *wimbly-wambly* •

### Regional:

*aye-aye* • *bandy-bandy* • *Baba<sup>2</sup>* • *biddy-biddy* • *bidgee-widgee* • *boubou, bubu* • *buibui* • *bulbul* • *buln-buln, bullen-bullen* • *bunya-bunya, bunya* • *caracara* • *chi-chi<sup>2</sup>*, *chee-chee* • *chocho* • *choko* • *cou-cou* • *couscous<sup>1</sup>* • *craw-craw* • *cuscus<sup>1</sup>* • *cuscus<sup>2</sup>* • *cuscus<sup>3</sup>* • *cush-cush* • *dik-dik* • *divi-divi* • *duk-duk* • *foo-foo* • *gang-gang* • *Gogo* • *gong-gong* • *greegrees* • *grugru* • *gum-gum* • *Hau Hau* • *hooroo* • *huet-huet* • *huhu* • *hula-hula* • *Jodo* • *john-john* • *jug-jug<sup>2</sup>* • *ju-ju<sup>1</sup>* • *kai-kai* • *kawakawa<sup>1</sup>* • *kawakawa<sup>2</sup>* • *kiekie* • *kudu* • *lablab* • *lau-lau* • *lava-lava* • *lilly-pilly* • *lomi-lomi* • *maimai* • *makomako* • *mata-mata<sup>1</sup>* • *matamata<sup>2</sup>* • *mia-mia* • *mingimingi* • *moco-moco* • *moko-moko* • *motmot* • *mukluk* • *mulmull* • *muu-muu* • *nene* • *ning-nong* • *nulla-nulla* • *num-num<sup>1</sup>* • *nut-cut* • *paw-paw<sup>1</sup>* • *Pawpaw<sup>2</sup>* • *pee-pee<sup>1</sup>* • *piri-piri<sup>2</sup>* • *piripiri<sup>1</sup>* • *pish-pash* • *pish-posh* • *piupiu* • *pudu* • *reco-reco* • *Red Ned* • *rewa-rewa* • *rongo-rongo* • *roucou* • *Ryukyu* • *shabu-shabu* • *shey-shey* • *sim-sim* • *sing-sing<sup>2</sup>* • *singsing<sup>3</sup>* • *sou-sou<sup>2</sup>* • *susu<sup>1</sup>* • *Taki-Taki* • *titi<sup>1</sup>* • *titi<sup>2</sup>* • *titi<sup>3</sup>* • *toitoi* • *toto<sup>1</sup>* • *tro-tro* • *tuco-tuco* • *tuk-tuk* • *tum-tum<sup>3</sup>* • *tum-tum<sup>4</sup>* • *tutu<sup>2</sup>* • *Wai-Wai* • *weet-weet<sup>1</sup>* • *whirly-whirly* • *wi-wi<sup>2</sup>* • *wily-willy* • *wiwi<sup>1</sup>* • *wonga-wonga* • *woop-woop* • *wop-wops* • *wow-wow* • *ylang-ylang* • *ziczac, ziczic, ziczic = ziczac* •

### Slang:

*AC/DC* • *arsy-versy* • *cop-shop* • *Delhi belly* • *dum-dum<sup>2</sup>* • *easy-peasy* • *fat cat* • *fave rave* • *fender-bender* • *fuddy-duddy* • *ga-ga* • *gang bang* • *God squad* • *goo-goo* • *habdabs* • *hell's bells* • *herky-jerky* • *hottie-tottie* • *hubba-hubba* • *jeepers-creepers* • *jelly-belly* • *ju-ju<sup>2</sup>* • *killer-diller* • *lulu* • *mamma* • *may-mau* • *mojo<sup>2</sup>* • *nig-nog<sup>1</sup>* • *nig-nog<sup>2</sup>* • *palsy-walsy* • *paw-paw<sup>3</sup>* • *popshop* • *pussy posse* • *rag-bag* • *ram-jam* • *repple depple* • *rowdy-dowdy* • *rumdum* • *sin bin* • *skid-lid* • *soogee-moogee* • *tabnab* • *town clown* • *wham bam* • *wingding* • *yen-yen* •

The resulting reduced *SOD* version of 379 words is regarded as the main list in this study and the discussion of the form, the meaning etc. of the ablauts, rhymes and echoes is based on this list (see further on). The following table summarizes the percentages for all lists and for a number of dictionaries.

	ABLAUTS	RHYMES	ECHOES	WORDS
NO DICT	24.8%	62.9%	12.3%	1,283
OED	23.9%	42.5%	33.6%	861
SOD	22.5%	39.9%	37.6%	591
Coll Engl	14.9%	47.2%	37.8%	288
COD	16.6%	48.2%	35.1%	222
SOD red	27.5%	43.9%	28.6%	379
SOD rare	13.7%	32.5%	53.8%	212

	ABLAUTS	RHYMES	ECHOES	WORDS
69 words	26.1%	49.3%	24.6%	69
slang	3.7%	81.9%	14.4%	215
LongCont	18.0%	52.1%	29.9%	167
CambrInt	20.3%	52.3%	27.4%	128
OxfAdvan	20.2%	52.6%	27.2%	114
ColCobui	17.6%	55.0%	27.4%	91
HarrEsse	19.4%	51.6%	29.0%	26
WorWebst	21.9%	54.6%	23.5%	187
MerWebst	21.2%	53.8%	25.0%	184
RandHous	19.8%	54.9%	25.3%	182
FunkWagn	22.3%	56.0%	21.7%	157
AmerHeri	22.4%	54.6%	23.0%	143

Table One

### The sixty-nine most current reduplicatives

As Table One shows, the smallest number of reduplicative words was found in *Harrap's essential dictionary*, only 31 words: *bandstand, bigwig, bye-bye* 'goodbye', *claptrap, criss-cross, downtown, fifty-fifty, ha-ha, hi-fi, hobnob, hobo, ho ho, hotchpotch/hodgepodge, humdrum, hush-hush, ill-will, knick-knack/knick-knacks, kowtow, now now, pawpaw* 'a fruit', *picnic, ping-pong, seesaw, singsong, titbit, tut-tut/tut, walkie-talkie, waylay, willy-nilly, yo-yo, zigzag*. This number, however, is far from being typical of the selected dictionaries and therefore the *Cambridge international dictionary* was used to create a list of the most frequent reduplicatives. The list from the *CIDE* was then checked against all the remaining dictionaries and if a word was mentioned in all but one of the learner's and college dictionaries, it was left on the list. The result are the following sixty-nine words:

*back-track, boo-boo, bow-wow, bye-bye, can-can, cha-cha, chit-chat, crisscross, dilly-dally, ding-dong, dum-dum, fifty-fifty, flip-flop, fuddy-duddy, ga-ga, goody-goody, ha-ha, hanky-panky, heebie-jeebies, hee-haw, helter-skelter, hi-fi, higgledy-piggledy, hobo, hocus-pocus, hoity-toity, hotchpotch, hubbub, humdrum, hurdy-gurdy, hurly-burly, knick-knack, kowtow, mamma, mishmash, mumbo-jumbo, namby-pamby, nitty-gritty, nitwit, paw-paw, pell-mell, picnic, ping-pong, pitter-patter, pom-pom, pooh-pooh, powwow, razzle-dazzle, riffraff, roly-poly, seesaw, shilly-shally, sing-song, squeegee, teepee, tiptop, titbit, tittle-tattle, tom-tom, tsetse, tutu, voodoo, walkie-talkie, waylay, wheeler-dealer, willy-nilly, wishy-washy, yo-yo, zig-zag.*

### List E

Slang words on this list are either words labelled as slang expressions in the SOD (Lists D and E then overlap), or entries from some dictionaries of slang, partly as quoted by Kirchner.

- AC/DC** *a.* 'bisexual' SO, 20 • **ample, trample** *n.* 'large feet' US, KIR, 20 • **arsy-versy, arsie-versie, arsey-versy** *adv., a.* 'perversely' (arse + versus; dial., slang), SO, 16 •
- barmy-army** *n.* 'group of young enthusiastic people' BL, 20 • **battle-rattle** *n.* 'combat fatigue' US, KIR, 20 • **beat feet** *v.* 'run' US, KIR, 20 • **bee's knees** *a.* 'sth good' (obs.) OXF, 20 • **bitchen-twitchen** *adj.* 'excellent' SP • **bloop soup** *v.* 'to sip soup' US, KIR, 20 • **bob flop** *n.* 'failure' US, KIR, 20 • **bob mop** *n.* 'beard in imitation of Dizzy Gillespie' US, KIR, 20 • **bob pop** *n.* 'bebop arrangement of a conventional piece of music' US, KIR, 20 • **bobshop** *n.* 'place featuring bebop' US, KIR, 20 • **bobtop** *n.* 'beret in imitation of Dizzy Gillespie' US, KIR, 20 • **boob tube** *n.* 'television set' SP • **boola-boola** *n.* 'talk' PEN, 20 • **bopper-topper** *n.* 'beret in imitation of Dizzy Gillespie' US, KIR, 20 • **bouncy-bouncy** *n.* 'sex' BL, 20 • **brag rags** *n.* 'service stripes and campaign ribbons' KIR HAZ, 20 • **broom-broom** *n.* 'car' (nursery term) BL, 20 • **brush mush** *n.* 'man with a moustache' US, KIR, 20 • **bugger-lugger** *n.* 'common labourer' US, KIR, 20 • **bum chum** *n.* 'male homosexual partner' BL, 20 • **bum numb** *a.* 'partially paralysed', school slang, HAZ, 20 • **bunch punch** *n.* 'group sex' PEN, 20 •
- cancer-schmancer** *n.* 'cancer' BN, US 20 • **cat chat** *n.* 'gossip' US, KIR, 20 • **cat flat** *n.* 'brothel' US, KIR, 20 • **cat scat** *n.* 'person vocalizing sounds in instrumental fashion' US, KIR, 20 • **cellar-smeller** *n.* 'liquor enforcement agent' US, KIR, 20 • **cheapo-cheapo** *a.* 'very cheap', 20 • **cheerful earful** *n.* 'good news' US, KIR, 20 • **chin-chin<sup>2</sup>, chin** *n.* 'talk, conversation' US, 19 • **cluck buck** *n.* 'homesick boy' US, KIR, 20 • **cock-rock** *n.* 'heavy metal' BL, 20 • **cop-shop** *n.* 'police station' SO, 20 • **copper dropper** *n.* 'gun' HAZ, 20 • **creature-feature** *n.* 'horror film' (showbusiness jargon) BL, 20 • **Crump Bump, the** *n.* 'the Ruhr' HAZ, 20 • **curl girl** *n.* 'cute girl' HAZ, 20 •
- daily-daily** *n.* 'anti-malaria pill' (US military) PEN, 20 • **dame frame** *n.* 'woman's figure' US, KIR, 20 • **damp lamp** *n.* 'social bore' US, KIR, 20 • **dashy-trashy** *a.* 'insignificant' US, KIR, 20 • **date bait** *n.* 'attractive young woman' HAZ, 20 • **date mate** *n.* 'sweetheart' HAZ, 20 • **Delhi belly** *n.* 'upset stomach' SO, BL, 20 • **dizzy Lizzie** *n.* 'stupid girl' US, KIR, 20 • **drape shape** *n.* 'shapely figure' THU HAZ, 20 • **dream beam** *n.* 'attractive young woman' US, THU KIR, 20 • **droolie schoolie** *n.* 'diligent student' US, KIR, 20 • **droop goop** *n.* 'gloomy or irritable person' US, KIR, 20 • **duc-ducs** *n.* 'money' SP • **dum-dum<sup>2</sup>, dumb-dumb** *n.* 'stupid person' SO, 20 •
- easy-peasy** *a.* 'very simple' (Sc. & north.; school slang) SO, 20 •
- face lace** *n.* 'false beard' KIR HAZ, 20 • **face-case** *n.* 'ugly person' (f. face-ache; teenager slang) BL, 20 • **fag drag** *n.* 'cigarette smoke' US, KIR, 20 • **fag tag** *n.* 'loop at the back of a shirt' US, BL, 20 • **fag-hag** *n.* 'woman preferring homosexual men' (f. faggot 'homosexual'; orig. US) BL, 20 • **fat cat** *n.* 'wealthy person' BL SO, 20 • **fave rave** *n., a.* 'favourite person or thing' (abbrev.; orig. US), BL SO OXF, 20 • **feeble greeble** *n.* 'social bore' US, KIR, 20 • **fem-sem, femme-sem** *n.* 'women's college' US, THU KIR, 20 • **fender-bender** *n.* 'minor collision' (chief. n. Amer.) SO BL, 20 • **fency-schmency** *a.* KIR, 20 • **fill mill** *n.* 'liquor establishment' US, KIR, 20 • **finger wringer** *n.* 'type of actor' HAZ 20 • **flak shack** *n.* 'rest home for soldiers' US, KIR, 20 • **fleet-feet** *n.* 'slippers' US, KIR, 20 • **fling wing** *n.* 'helicopter' SP • **flip quip** *n., v.* 'witticism, be witty' US, KIR • **flitter-flutter** *v.* 'move irregularly' PEN, 17 • **fluff-fuff** *n.* 'cute girl' US, KIR, 20 • **Folly dolly** *n.* 'member of the Follies' US, KIR, 20 • **frame dame** *n.* 'stupid sexy girl' THU HAZ, 20 • **freaky-deaky** *a.* 'unorthodox, amazing' BL, 20 • **freebie, freebee, freeby** *n.* 'something given away free' SP • **frigid midget** *n.* 'unresponsive woman' US, KIR, 20 • **fuck truck** *n.* 'car used for dating' BL, 20 • **fucky-fucky** *n.* 'intercourse' PEN, 20 • **fuddy-duddy, fuddydud** *n., a.* 'old-fashioned person' (origin unkn.) SO, 20 •

- ga-ga, gaga** *a.*, *n.* 'senile' (f. Fr.) SO BL, 20 • **gang bang** *n.*, *v.* 'group sex' CE SO BL, 20 • **gender-bender, gender-blender** *n.* 'a person wearing ambiguous clothing' OXF) 20 • **gender-blender = gender-bender • glad lad** *n.* 'cheerful person' US, KIR, 20 • **gob job** *n.* 'oral sex' (gob 'mouth') BL, 20 • **God squad, godsquad** *n.* 'evangelical Christian group' SO OXF, 20 • **goo-goo** *a.*, *n.* 'amorously adoring' (perhaps f. goggle) SO, 20 • **gruesome twosome** *n.* 'large shoes' US, KIR, 20 •
- habdabs** *n.* 'nervous anxiety' (origin unkn.) SO, 20 • **hag-bag** *n.* 'unattractive girl' US, KIR, 20 • **hee-hee** *v.* 'laugh' (imit.; PEN), 20 • **hell's bells** *int.* 'exclamation of anger' (SO OXF), 20 • **heppy-peppy** *a.* 'vivacious' US, KIR, 20 • **herky-jerky** *n.* 'spasmodic' (redupl. of jerky; SO), 20 • **hick-pic** *n.* 'western film' US, KIR, 20 • **Higher-Higher** *n.* 'high command' (US military use; PEN), 20 • **hip flip** *n.* 'kind of movement and dance' US, KIR, 20 • **honey-bunny** *n.* 'woman, girl' US, KIR, 20 • **hot squat** *n.* US, 20 • **hotsie-totsie** *n.* 'woman as potential sexual partner' (var. of totty, f. tot) BL, 20 • **hottie-tottie**<sup>1</sup> *n.* 'hot-water bottle' (nursery; BL SO), 20 • **hubba-hubba** *int.*, *n.* 'nonsense' (origin unkn.; N. Amer. slang) SO OXF, 20 •
- inky-dinky** *n.* 'black person' (by blacks) PEN, 20 •
- jam ham** *n.* 'person taking part in a jam session' US, KIR, 20 • **jaw-jaw** 'talk' PEN, 20 • **jeepers-creepers, jeepers** *int.* 'expr. enthusiasm' (f. Jesus) SO, 20 • **jelly-belly** *n.* 'fat person' KIR SO BL, 19 • **jig-jig**<sup>2</sup> = **zig-zig • jo-jos** *n.* 'overcoat' (Canadian prison slang) PEN, 20 • **Joe Schmo** *n.* 'average man' US, BL, 20 • **joint-joint** *a.* 'contented' US black slang, PEN, 20 • **joy boy** *n.* 'socially active man' US, KIR, 20 • **ju-ju**<sup>2</sup> *n.* 'marijuana cigarette' (redupl. abbrev. of mari-ju-ana) SO, 20 •
- keen teen** *n.* 'keen teenager, liked person' US, KIR, 20 • **ki-ki** *n.* 'male homosexual (derog.)' PEN, 20 • **kidvid** *n.* 'television or video programme made for children' OXF, 20 • **killer-diller** *n.*, *a.* 'impressive person' (redupl. of killer) SO, 20 • **kissy-kissy** *a.* 'sentimental' BL, 20 •
- large charge** *n.* 'thrill' US, KIR, 20 • **lulu** *n.* 'a remarkable person or thing' (perh. f. Lulu = Louise) SO, 19 • **lush mush** *n.* 'palatable food; attractive face' US, KIR, 20 • **lush thrush** *n.* 'attractive young woman' US, KIR •
- mamma** *n.* 'mother, woman' (redupl. of infants' ma) US slang SO, 16 • **mau-mau** *v.* 'terrorize' (f. Mau Mau) SO, 20 • **mean bean** *n.* 'good mind' US, KIR, 20 • **mean-green** *n.* 'money' SP • **mellow fellow** *n.* 'sophisticated person' US, KIR, 20 • **mellow yellow** *n.* 'hallucinogen' PEN, 20 • **mike-mike** *n.* 'millimetre' PEN, 20 • **mojo**<sup>2</sup> *n.* 'morphine' (origin unkn.) US, SO, 20 • **money honey** *n.* 'wealthy person' US, KIR, 20 • **mop-top** *n.* 'a hairy person' BL, 20 • **mubble-fubble(s), mumble-fumble(s)** WHE THU KIR OED slang 160 • **mugbug** *n.* 'girl disposed to being fondled' US, KIR, 20 • **mush brush** *n.* 'moustache' US, KIR, 20 •
- nig-nog**<sup>1</sup> *n.* 'a Black' (f. nig, abbrev. of nigger) SO, 20 • **nig-nog**<sup>2</sup> *n.* 'foolish person' (origin unkn.) SO, 20 • **nitnit!, nit!, nitto!** *int.* 'keep quiet!' (f. nit, f. G. or Yiddish nix) BL, 20 •
- palsy-walsy, palsie-walsie** *n.*, *a.* 'friend' (pal + -sy) SO, 20 • **party-hearty** *v.* 'have a great time' SP • **paw-paw**<sup>3</sup> *a.* 'improper' (rare), SO, 18 • **peer queer** *n.* 'male homosexual' PEN, 20 • **pic crick, pix crix** *n.* 'film critic' US, THU KIR, 20 • **poco loco** *a.* 'slightly crazy' US, KIR, • **pop bop** *n.* = **bob pop**, US, KIR, 20 • **poppa stoppa** *n.* 'elderly man' (US Black English) OXF, 20 • **popshop** *n.* 'pawnshop' SO, 18 • **pug bug** *n.* 'boxing fan' US, KIR, 20 • **pussy posse** *n.* 'vice squad' (pussy 'vulva') SO, 20 •
- racket jacket** *n.* 'zoot suit coat' US, KIR, 20 • **rag-bag** *n.* 'bag for rags; sloppily dressed woman' SO, 19 • **ram-jam** *adv.* 'completely' (dial., slang) SO, 19 • **Randy Mandy** *n.* 'nickname' PEN, 20 • **Red Ned, red ned** *n.* 'inferior red wine' (Australian) SO, 20 • **reet meet** US, KIR, 20 • **repple**



- depple** *n.* 'replacement depot (where soldiers assemble)' (US military slang) SO, 20 • **ring-ding** *n.* 'failure' PEN, 20 • **road-coach** *n.* 'truck or van from which snacks and sandwiches are sold' SP
- **Roger Dodger** *adv.* 'O.K.' US, KIR, 20 • **rootin'-tootin'** *a.* 'noisy' (redupl. of toot; imit.; N. Amer.), 19 • **rowdy-dowdy** *a.* 'characterized by boisterous noise' SO, 19 • **rugger-bugger** *n.* 'hearty sportsman' BL, 20 • **rumbum** *n.* 'drunkard' BL, 20 • **rumdum, rumdumb** *a., n.* 'drunkard' US, SO, 19 •
- scat cat** *n.* = **cat scat** US, KIR, 20 • **scope dopes** *n.* 'radar observers' HAZ, 20 • **shady lady** *n.* 'Afro-American woman; prostitute' US, KIR, 20 • **sham Abra(ha)m** *n., v.* 'loiter etc' US, KIR, 20 • **shape drapes** = **drape shape** US, KIR • **shim-sham** *n., a.* 'nonsense; nervousness' (redupl. of sham) PEN, 18 • **short snort(er)** *n.* 'small glass of liquor' US, KIR, 20 • **shrewd dude** *n.* 'intelligent person' US, KIR, 20 • **silly filly** *n.* 'silly girl' US, KIR, 20 • **sin bin, sin-bin** *n., v.* 'penalty box' SO, 20 • **skid-lid** *n.* 'crash-helmet' SO, 20 • **skirty-flirty** *a.* 'fond of girls' US, KIR • **slick chick** *n.* 'attractive young woman' US, KIR, 20 • **slim-jim** *a.* 'thin, skinny' US, KIR, • **smut slut** *n.* 'slut' US, KIR, 20 • **smut-butt** *n.* 'a black (by whites)' PEN, 20 • **snob mob** *n.* 'snobbish group' US, KIR, • **snootie cutie** *n.* 'society woman' US, KIR, 20 • **sock frock** *n.* 'girl's attractive clothes' US, KIR, 20 • **soogee-moogee** *n.* 'a cleaning mixture' (origin unkn.; naut. slang) SO, 19 • **space-case** *n.* 'crazy person' (acc. to a sci-fi series Tom Corbett, Space Cadet; orig. US), BL, 20 • **spigot bigot** *n.* 'prohibitionist' US, THU KIR, 20 • **spit kit** *n.* 'spittoon' US, KIR, 20 • **spit-bit** *n.* 'smooth talk' US black slang, PEN, 20 • **splash flash** *n.* 'fast swimmer' US, KIR, 20 • **stick flick** *n.* 'western film' US, KIR, 20 • **stubble trouble** *n.* 'difficulty in shaving' HAZ, 20 • **swoon goon** *n.* 'swing fan (girl)' US, KIR, 20 •
- tabnab(s)** *n.* 'cake' (origin unkn.; nautical slang), SO, 20 • **tam rag** *n.* 'tampon' (f. tampon a Tampax), BL, 20 • **tame dame** *n.* 'unresponsive woman' US, KIR, 20 • **team cream** *n.* 'group sex (in gay use)' PEN, 20 • **tee-tee**<sup>1</sup> *a.* 'short (of a person)' PEN, 20 • **toto**<sup>2</sup> *n.* 'louse' (f. Fr.; military slang), 20 • **town clown** *n.* 'village policeman' US, KIR, 20 • **trick-flick** *n.* 'pornographic film' PEN, 20 • **tricky Vicky** *n.* 'clever woman' US, KIR, 20 •
- uncanny Fanny** *n.* 'clever woman' US, KIR, •
- wagger pagger bagger** *n.* 'waste-paper basket' (student's slang; KIR 20 • **wham bam, wham bang** *int.* '(of intercourse) done quickly' SO, 20 • **whisky-frisky** *a.* 'drunk on whisky' US, THU KIR, 20 • **wig trig** *n.* 'idea' US, KIR, 20 • **willie-wellie** *n.* 'condom' (f. wellie = Wellington boot) BL, 20 • **wim-wams** *n.* 'nervousness' PEN, 20 • **wingding** *n.* 'spasm, wild party' (origin unkn.) US, SO, 20 •
- yen-yen** *n.* 'craving for opium' (prob. f. Chinese) US, SO, 19 • **ying-yang, yinyang** *n.* 'anus, sex organs' (origin unkn.) US, BL, 20 •
- zig-zig, jig-jig** *n.* 'sex' OXF, 20 •

As Table One shows, List E, not very representative of contemporary slang, differs from all the other lists and dictionaries in the distribution of types of reduplicative words. Ablauts are very rare and the number of echoes is the second lowest in the table.

### History

The following table shows the centuries when the reduplicative words were first recorded. (0 means no date.)

#### CENTURIES

	ABLAUTS		RHYMES		ECHOES	
0	5	4.8%	4	2.4%	0	0.0%
14c.	0	0.0%	2	1.2%	0	0.0%
15c.	5	4.8%	8	4.8%	4	3.7%
16c.	25	24.0%	19	1.4%	6	5.6%
17c.	20	19.2%	23	13.8%	3	2.8%
18c.	22	1.2%	21	12.6%	10	9.2%
19c.	16	15.4%	49	29.3%	39	36.1%
20c.	11	10.6%	41	24.5%	46	42.6%
	104	100.0%	167	100.0%	108	100.0%

*Table Two*

The ablauts were very strong in the 16th century but then the number of new formations gradually decreased while the number of the rhymes and the echoes was on the increase, with the last two centuries being markedly stronger than the previous centuries. The rising number of echoes is partly linked with the borrowings from non-European languages and partly with their colloquial character (they do not appear in written texts).

The proportion of new ablauts, rhymes and echoes in each century is shown in the following table, *eg* in the 17c., 46 new reduplicatives were recorded: 20 ablauts, 23 rhymes and 3 echoes, *ie* 43.5, 50.0 and 6.5 per cent respectively.

16c.	ABLAUTS		RHYMES		ECHOES
17c.					
18c.					
19c.					
20c.	ABLAUTS	RHYMES		ECHOES	

*Table Three*

### Meaning

According to Bloomfield and Newmark, reduplicated 'words sometimes suggest intimacy and affection and partially make up for our lack of diminutives' (1963.347). Peprník (1992) says that movement and sound are main meanings of

echoes, typical of baby talk, and of ablauts while rhymes suggest intensification and negative emotional colouring. Quirk at al. (1985) also mention sounds and movement, instability, nonsense, insincerity, intensification. In the table below intensification, nonsense *etc* are included in the category of quality, *eg* *bigwig* 'important person', *demi-semi* 'quarter', often *derog.*, *hotchpotch* 'mixture', *blahblah* 'meaningless talk', *chichi* 'fussy, stylish'. Among the echoes, a strong group of nursery terms has been included under 'quality', *eg* *choo-choo*, *chuff-chuff*, *chug-chug*, *din-din*, *gee-gee*. About half the rhymes are regarded as descriptions, *eg* *arty-crafty* 'characteristic of the *arts and crafts* movement', *black-back* 'black-backed gull', *brain drain*, *downtown*, *hurdy-gurdy*, *walkie-talkie*, *beriberi*, *dum-dum*, *never-never*, *tse-tse*, *yo-yo*, *Lib-Lab*, *seesaw*.

	ABLAUTS	RHYMES	ECHOES
Quality	36.6%	40.1%	36.1%
Sound	24.0%	6.0%	28.7%
Movement	17.3%	0.6%	3.7%
Description	19.2%	49.7%	31.5%
Shape	2.9%	3.6%	—

*Table Four*

#### **Reduplicatives expressing quality:**

airy-fairy, argy-bargy, art-farty, bibble-babble, bigwig, blahblah, charivari, chit-chat. chitter-chatter, chop-chop, clap-trap, culture vulture, fal-lal, fiddle-faddle, fie-fie, flim-flam, flubdub, funny money, gibble-gabble, girly-girly, go-go, goody-goody, hanky-panky, helter-skelter, hi-hi, hirdy-girly, hoity-toity, hoo-ha, hootchy-kootchy, hot spot, hotshot, hotsy-totsy, hugger-mugger, hum-drum, hurly-burly, hush-hush, ill will, jibber-jabber, kittle cattle, lardy-dardy, miminy-piminy. mingle-mangle, mish-mash, mixty-maxy, mumbo-jumbo, namby-pamby, niddle-noddle, niddy-noddy, niffy-naffy, nitwit, pell-mell, raggle-taggle, ragtag, ree-raw, riff-raff, roly-poly, rough stuff, rough-scruff, rumpy-pumpy, scribble-scrabble, shag-bag, shilly-shally, silly billy, sing-song, slambam, slangwhang, slip-slop, softly-softly, super-duper, talkee-talkee, tee-hee, teeny-tiny, ticky-tacky, tiptop, tittle-tattle, tootsy-wootsy, tow-row, trinkum-trankum, twenty-twenty, twiddle-twaddle, uh-uh, wheeler-dealer, whimsy-whamsy, willy-nilly, wishy-washy, yaw-taw

#### **Reduplicatives expressing description:**

ack-ack, agar-agar, arty-crafty, baba, back-track, bandstand, beriberi, black-back, black-jack, bon-bon, boogie-woogie, brain drain, bye-bye, can-can, cha-cha, chalk talk, chiffchaff, chin-chin, chow-chow, cook book, dead-head, des res, dim sim, din-din, downtown, dryfly, dum-dum, fa-la, fan-tan, fifty-fifty, frou-frou, ga-ga, gewgaw, giff-gaff, gobo, goo-goo, gully-gully, handy-dandy, hi-spy, hobnob, Hobson-Jobson, hocus-pocus, Hogen Mogen, hokey-cokey, hoo-poe, hotpot, housey-housey, hubba-hubba, huff-duff, hully gully, humpty dumpty, jo-jo, Kit-cat, kiwi, Li-Lo, locofoco, nay-say, near-beer, never-never, nitty-gritty, non-con, pack-sack, pall-mall, pay-day, pee-pee, peetweet, picnic, pisha paysha, potshot, powwow, red lead, redhead, ree-raw, riacrac, ro-ro, rug bug, rum-tum, seesaw, seesee, so-ho, stock-lock, swing wing, swish-swash, tag-rag, bamboo-bamboo, teeter-totter, tol-lol, toy boy, tric-trac, tutti-frutti, tutu, tuzzy-muzzy, voodoo, wakey-wakey, walkie-talkie, waylay, wirr-warr, yo-ho, yo-yo, zoot suit

### Form

The form of the reduplicatives is to be analyzed from two points of view: the number of syllables and the way they were formed.

The monosyllables prevail among the echoes and form about two thirds of the ablauts but in the rhymes they are in balance with the dissyllables.

	ABLAUTS	RHYMES	ECHOES
MONOSYLLABIC	65 = 62.5%	98 = 58.7%	90 = 83.4%
DISSYLLABIC with syllabic consonant	15 = 14.4%	4 = 2.4%	1 = 0.9%
DISSYLLABIC	22 = 21.2%	61 = 36.5%	16 = 14.8%
TRISYLLABIC	2 = 1.9%	4 = 2.4%	1 = 0.9%
TOTAL	104 = 100.0%	167 = 100.0%	108 = 100.0%

Table Five

About sixty per cent of the ablauts and about ten per cent of the rhymes were formed by repetition of the original word, either with an ablaut change or with a change in the initial consonant. The direction of this change is described as forward or backward, eg the word *bibble-babble* was formed from *babble*, which we call a forward direction, and the word *click-clack* from *click*, which is backward direction in our description. Although the forward types are twice as numerous as the backward ones among the ablauts, the final result, ie the ablaut pair, seems to be more important than the direction of the change.

	ABLAUTS	RHYMES
forward	42 – 40.4%	4 – 2.4%
backward	20 – 19.2%	17 – 10.2%
compounds	20 – 19.2%	82 – 49.0%
imitative	14 – 13.5%	22 – 13.2%
not clear	8 – 7.7%	19 – 11.4%
foreign origin	—	23 – 13.8%
	104 – 100.0%	167 – 100.0%

Table Six

### Stress patterns

The analysis of stress patterns is based on fourteen dictionaries: the *SOD*, the *CED*, the five British learner's dictionaries and the five American college dictionaries, Wells's *Longman pronunciation dictionary* and Jones's *English pronouncing dictionary*<sup>15</sup>. In cases where these dictionaries failed, another three

dictionaries were searched: the *OED*, the *Third Webster (W3)* and *Webster's new universal unabridged dictionary (WU)*.

The main aim of the analysis was to establish the percentages of reduplicative words with the main stress on the first component and on the second component. No clear-cut boundaries could be established (i) because the number of dictionaries where the pronunciation of a reduplicative is given varies from one to twelve, (ii) the American dictionaries, and the *CED*, very often indicate level stress, which is not used in Jones and Wells. A reduplicate may then be classified as bearing level stress because it occurs in American dictionaries only. Moreover, about ten per cent of the entries have not been included in the statistics because no dictionary gives the pronunciation.

For lack of space only specimens of the lists can be printed here:

### Ablauts

*bibble-babble, pibble-pabble* /SO: \_- / • *chiffchaff* /SO, LP, JO: \_-, CE, MW, WW, RH, AH, FW: \_- - / • *chit-chat* /SO, LP, JO, CI, CC, OA: \_-, CE, MW, WW, RH, AH: \_- -, FW: \_- - / • *chitter-chatter* /SO: \_-, W3: \_- - / • *click-clack* /W3: \_- - / • *clink-clank* /SO: \_-, W3: \_- - / • *clip-clop* /SO, JO, CI: \_-, LC: \_- -, MW: \_- -, WW: \_- - / • *clish-clash* /SO: \_-, WU: \_- - / • *clitter-clatter* /SO: \_- / • *crick-crack* /SO: \_- / • *crinkum-crankum* /SO: - -, CE, WW: \_- - / • *criss-cross, crisscross* /SO, CI, CC, LC, OA, LP, JO, HE: \_-, CE, MW, WW, RH, AH, FW: \_- - / • *dilly-dally* /SO, OA: \_-, CE: \_- -, LP: \_- -, JO, CI: \_- -, \_- -, MW, WW, RH, AH, FW: \_- - / • *ding-dong, dingdong* /SO, OA: \_-, \_- -, LP, CI, CC, JO: \_-, MW, WW, RH, AH, FW: \_- - / • *dingle-dangle* /SO: - -, WU: \_- - / • *drip-drop* /SO: - - / •

### Rhymes

*harum-scarum* /SO: - -, CE, WW, RH, FW: \_- -, LP, JO, CI, MW, AH: \_- - / • *heebie-jeebie, heeby-jeebie, heebie-jeebies* /SO: - -, CE, WW, RH, FW: \_- -, LP, JO, CI, OA, MW, AH: \_- - / • *helter-skelter* /SO: - -, CE, CC, WW, RH, FW: \_- -, LP, JO, CI, OA, MW, AH: \_- - / • *herky-jerky* /SO: \_-, MW, WW, RH: \_- - / • *hi-fi* /SO, LP, CI, CC, OA: \_-, CE, MW, WW, RH, AH, FW: \_- -, LC, JO: \_-, \_- - / • *higgledy-piggledy* IES /SO, CI, LP, JO, OA, MW, AH: \_- -, CE, CC, WW, RH, FW: \_- - / • *hirdy-girdy* /SO: \_-, W3: :- - / • *<sup>1</sup>hobnob, hob-nob* /SO, LP, CI, CC, OA: \_-, JO: \_-, \_- -, CE, MW, WW, RH, AH, FW: \_- - / • *hobo* /SO, CE, JO, CC, OA, RH, AH, FW: \_- -, MW: \_- -, WW: \_- - / • *Hobson-Jobson* /SO: - -, CE, LP, JO: \_- -, AH, FW: \_- - / • *hocus-pocus* /SO: - -, CE, CC, WW, RH, AH, FW: \_- -, LP, JO, CI, OA, MW: \_- - / • *Hogen Mogen, Hogan Mogan* /SO: \_- -, W3: :- - / • *hogo* /SO: \_-, W3: \_- (-) - / • *hotpot* /SO, LP, JO, LC, OA, CI, CC: \_-, CE, RH: \_- - / • *hotshot* /SO, LP, JO, LC, OA, CI, CC: \_-, CE, MW, WW, RH, AH: \_- - / • *hot spot* /LP, CC: \_-, RH: \_- -, \_- - / •

### Echoes

*tum-tum<sup>1</sup>, tum* /SO: \_- / • *tum-tum<sup>2</sup>* /SO: \_-, W3: \_- - / • *tut-tut, tut* /SO, HE: \_-, CE, CC, MW, RH: \_- -, LP, JO: \_- - / • *<sup>1</sup>tutu* /SO, CE, LP, 14, CC, OA, AH: \_-, MW: \_- -, WW, RH: \_- -, FW: \_- - / • *twenty-twenty, 20/20* /LP: \_- -, MW, WW, RH: \_- - / • *uh-uh* /SO: \_-, \_- -, CE: \_-, LC: \_-, CI, JO, MW: \_- -, WW: \_- -, RH: \_- -, \_- -, \_- - / • *wah-wah, wa-wa* /SO, LP, OA: \_-, CE, MW: \_- -, WW: \_- - / • *wakey-wakey* /SO: - -, LP, CI, JO: \_- - / • *<sup>2</sup>wee-wee, wee* /SO, LP, JO, OA: \_-, WW, RH: \_- - / • *yaw-yaw, yaw* /OE: \_- - / • *yow-yow*,

*yow* /OE: \_- / • *yo-yo* /SO, CE, LP, JO, CI, CC, OA, HE: \_-, MW: \_-∪-, WW, RH, AH, FW: \_- / • *yum-yum, yum* /LP, JO, OA: \_- -, MW, RH: \_- - / •

	ABLAUTS	RHYMES	ECHOES
FIRST COMPONENT	91 = 92.9%	79 = 54.8%	71 = 75.5%
LEVEL STRESS	2 = 2.0%	20 = 14.0%	7 = 7.5%
SECOND COMPONENT	5 = 5.1%	45 = 31.2%	16 = 17.0%
STRESSED WORDS	98 = 100.0%	144 = 100.0%	94 = 100.0%

*Table Seven*

### Summary

1. The data in Table One show that more than half of all the reduplicatives are on List B, the non-dictionary list. They are non-lexicalized formations with limited occurrence. Their number confirms the strong position of reduplication in colloquial English. The low percentage of echoes, nearly the same as in the slang list, may be explained by the absence of words of foreign origin and of expressions from baby-talk, many cases of which have been recorded in dictionaries. The no-dictionary list and the slang list also share the strongest presence of rhymes.
2. The lowest percentage of ablauts is to be found among the SOD-rare reduplicatives, *ie* reduplicatives left out from the SOD list because they are rare, obsolete, *etc.* The SOD-rare list is dominated by the echoes, usually taken over from non-Indo-European languages in this case.
3. The ablauts, although on a relative decrease (see Tables Two and Three), have a more or stable absolute position. This position may be supported by their meanings, *ie* by a clear majority of specialized meanings (quality, sound, movement), in contrast with the high percentage of pure description in the rhymes and the echoes.
4. The denotative meanings of the reduplicative words in the SOD list, summarized in Table Four, are not limited to shape, movement, sound *etc.*, traditionally ascribed to them, but they include nearly 50 per cent of pure description in the rhymes and the echoes. The form of the reduplicatives, however, adds a stylistic meaning, the reduplicatives are marked.
5. The stress patterns, as recorded in dictionaries, show three distinct tendencies in the SOD list: (i) nearly all ablauts are stressed on the first element, which only confirms that the direction of formation (Table Six) is not that important, (ii) three fourths of the echoes have the stress on the first syllable, (iii) stress on the second elements is strong in the rhymes only. The rhyme also have the highest percentage of dissyllables (Table Five).

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