

# CSW12 Deletions

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## Introduction

This document gives a complete list of the 396 words being deleted in CSW12 and attempts to explain the rationale in each case, and thus answer some of the questions that may arise as to why particular decisions were made. It should be noted that the role of the document author in this was simply to present the facts, and all actual decisions were made by the DC (Dictionary Committee).

General points worth noting are:

- the great majority of deletions are due to words that were present in CH98 (the 1998 edition of Chambers) no longer being present in CH11 (the 2008 version of Chambers), or now being capitalised, or now being hyphenated, or now being labelled as abbreviations. Remember that Chambers Dictionary was not used to provide input to CSW7, so a decade's worth of changes on the Chambers front has had to be taken into account. Although the quantity of words being deleted is, as a result, larger than usual and some of these words may have become well-established in the Scrabble lexicon, it was felt by the DC that to retain words no longer supported by the source dictionaries simply out of sentiment or because of their utility would be inconsistent with past updates and was not an option
- It will be noted that various interjections have lost their plurals. It has always been the case that plurals of interjections were allowed only if they were specified in the dictionary, and there has been no change to the DC policy in this respect; what has changed is the Chambers policy, such that plurals are no longer shown for interjections ending in -O.
- a small number of words were removed by the DC as part of a review of phrasal words. This is a tricky area in which it is difficult to achieve a level of consistency that satisfies everybody, but the decision was made by the national associations to leave this matter to the discretion of the DC, and that discretion has duly been exercised
- no words were removed, even if not supported, capitalised or hyphenated, if they are also still to be found on the US list

On a personal note (having been responsible along with Tony Kalayzich for the Chambers input) may I add that finding existing words that are no longer there is considerably more difficult than finding new words that are there, and for anyone doing the job in future the only workable technique I could find was to check off every word on the old list as I went through and then at the end investigate anything not checked off.

## Version History

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Deleted Word	Comment
abomasuses	CH11 gives the plural of ABOMASUS as ABOMASI. ABOMASUS is not in other sources
acidfreak	Separate words in CH11. Not in other sources
acidfreaks	See preceding
addios	From review of interjections
adriamycin	Capitalised in CH11. Not in other sources
adriamycins	See preceding
aerobus	Capitalised in CH11. Not in other sources
aerobuses	See preceding
aerobusses	See preceding
affettuosos	In CH11 AFFETUOSO is only adjective or adverb. Ditto CED10
albricias	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
alectryon	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
alectryons	See preceding
ambisonics	Capitalised tradename in CH11. Not in other sources
amygdalas	CH11 specifies plural as AMYGDALAE. Ditto CED10
amytal	Capitalised in CH11. Not in CED10
amytals	See preceding
antialcoholisms	Not supported by CH11, and US list supports only ANTIALCOHOLISM, as adjective
apfelstrudel	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
apfelstrudels	See preceding
arccos	Now labelled abbreviation in CH11. Ditto CED10. Not on US list
arccoses	See preceding
arcsin	Now labelled abbreviation in CH11. Ditto CED10
arcsins	See preceding
arctan	Now labelled abbreviation in CH11. Ditto CED10
arctans	See preceding
astragaluses	CH11 now gives plural explicitly as ASTRAGALI. Ditto CED10
awestrike	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources (CED10 has AWESTRUCK only)
awestrikes	See preceding
awestriking	See preceding
backpay	Separate words in CH11. Ditto CED10
backpays	See preceding
bangings	No evidence for this plural in CH11 or other sources: BANGING seems to be participle only
barracoota	Not supported by CH11: only BARRACOUTA specified. Not in other sources
barracootas	See preceding
bellpush	Separate words in CH11. Ditto CED10
bellpushes	See preceding
blanketies	BLANKETY found only in phrase BLANKETY BLANK BLANK - plural

	BLANKETIES deemed unjustified
blankies	BLANKY now only in hyphenated phrase BLANKETY-BLANKY: in CH98 was free-standing
blanky	Now only in hyphenated phrase BLANKETY-BLANKY: in CH98 was free-standing
bloodheat	Separate words in CH11. Ditto CED10
bloodheats	See preceding
blowkart	Now BLOKART in CH11. Ditto CED10
blowkarting	Now BLOKARTING in CH11. Ditto CED10
blowkartings	Now BLOWKARTINGS in CH11. Ditto CED10
blowkarts	Now BLOKART in CH11. Ditto CED10
bolsheive	Capitalised in CH11. Not in other sources
bolsheived	See preceding
bolsheives	See preceding
bolsheiving	See preceding
bolshevist	Capitalised in CH11. Ditto CED10
bolshevists	See preceding
bonsais	CH11 specifies plural as BONSAI. Ditto CED10 and US list
borborygmuses	CH11 specifies plural as BORBORYGMI. Ditto CED10
brickshaped	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
broadminded	Hyphenated in CH11. Ditto CED10. Not on US list
broadmindedly	Hyphenated in CH11. Ditto CED10. Not on US list
broadmindedness	Hyphenated in CH11. Ditto CED10. Not on US list
bullbar	CH11 specifies only BULLBARS. CED10 has only BULL BARS
cagebird	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
cagebirds	See preceding
cantharidine	CH11 has only CANTHARIDIN. Not in other sources
cantharidines	See preceding
cardcastle	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
cardcastles	See preceding
carpark	Separate words in CH11. Ditto CED10
carparks	See preceding
catilinarian	Capitalised in CH11. Not in other sources
chalaned	CHALAN noun only in CH11. Not in other sources
chalaning	See preceding
challaned	CHALLAN noun only in CH11. Not in other sources
challaning	See preceding
chargenurse	Separate words in CH11 and CED10
chargenurses	See preceding
chilioi	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
chiliois	See preceding
chons	CH11 now specifies plural of CHON as CHOU, though this may be a misprint for CHON. CED10 specifies CHON, as does US list
christianise	Capitalised in CH11. Not in other sources
christianised	See preceding
christianiser	See preceding

christianisers	See preceding
christianises	See preceding
christianising	See preceding
christianize	See preceding
christianized	See preceding
christianizer	See preceding
christianizers	See preceding
christianizes	See preceding
christianizing	See preceding
christingle	Capitalised in CH11. Ditto CED10
christingles	See preceding
chromophonic	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
ciaos	From review of interjections
clovepink	Separate words in CH11. Ditto CED10
clovepinks	See preceding
coaltar	Separate words in CH11 and CED10. Not on US list
coaltars	See preceding
cohabitor	Not supported by CH11: only COHABITER given. Ditto CED10
cohabitators	See preceding
colliculuses	CH11 now specifies plural of COLLICULUS as COLLICULI. Not in other sources
compings	No evidence for COMPING as noun in CH11. Not in other sources
coresettic	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
coraggios	From review of interjections
coramine	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
coramines	See preceding
cornettinos	CH11 now specifies plural of CORNETTINO as CORNETTINI. Not in other sources
cornrent	Separate words in CH11. Not in other sources
cornrents	See preceding
courtmartialled	Hyphenated in CH11. Also hyphenated in other sources
crashland	Hyphenated in CH11. Also hyphenated in other sources
crashlanded	See preceding
crashlanding	See preceding
crashlands	See preceding
creatianism	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
creatianisms	See preceding
culmens	CH11 now specifies plural of CULMEN as CULMINA. Not in other sources
deerhorn	Separate words or hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
deerhorns	See preceding
dependacie	Not supported in CH11. Not in other sources
dependencies	See preceding
dextrophosphate	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
discouragings	CH11 now labels DISCOURAGING only as adjective. Ditto in other sources

dogdays	Separate words in CH11. Ditto in other sources
ebbtide	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
ebbtides	See preceding
eduskunta	Capitalised in CH11. Not in other sources
eduskuntas	See preceding
eightfoot	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
encirclings	CH11 now labels ENCIRCLING as adjective only. Ditto CED10
engiscope	Not supported by CH11: only ENGYSCOPE given. Not in other sources
engiscopes	See preceding
eprom	Capitalised in CH11. All caps in CED10
eproms	See preceding
eucharistical	Capitalised in CH11. Ditto CED10
europeanise	Capitalised in CH11. Not in other sources
europeanised	See preceding
europeanises	See preceding
europeanising	See preceding
europeanize	Capitalised in CH11. Not in other sources
europeanized	See preceding
europeanizes	See preceding
europeanizing	See preceding
fairytales	Not supported by CH11: FAIRYTALE is adjectival only. Separate words in CED10
faithcure	Separate words in CH11. Not in other sources
faithcures	See preceding
famulus	CH11 gives plural of FAMULUS specifically as FAMULI. Ditto CED10
fatwaed	CH11 now gives past and past participle as FATWA'D. Not in other sources
feelbads	CH11 now labels FEELBAD as adjective only. Not in other sources
feelgoods	CH11 now labels FEELGOOD now adjective only. Not in other sources
fellwalker	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
fellwalkers	See preceding
fifi	Deleted by DC as part of phrasal review
filarias	CH11 gives plural of FILARIA only as FILARIAE. Ditto CED10
flashforward	CH11 now has only FLASH FORWARD or FLASH-FORWARD. Not in other sources
flashforwarded	See preceding
flashforwarding	See preceding
flashforwards	See preceding
fleamarket	Hyphenated in CH11. Separate words in CED10
fleamarkets	See preceding
fohs	From review of interjections
fonticuluses	CH11 gives plural of FONTICULUS only as FONTICULI. Not in other sources
footrot	Separate words in CH11. Ditto CED10
footrots	See preceding
forlese	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources

forleses	See preceding
forlesing	See preceding
forlore	See preceding
fortunise	CH11 has only FORTUNIZE. This is a Spenserian word, so the supply of an -ISE equivalent was unwarranted in this case
fortunised	See preceding
fortunises	See preceding
fortunising	See preceding
fosteringly	Present in CED8 but has now disappeared from CED10
freon	Capitalised trade name in CH11. Ditto CED10
freons	See preceding
fustianise	CH11 gives only FUSTIANIZE: as this is author-specific the supply of an -ISE equivalent was unwarranted in this case
fustianised	See preceding
fustianises	See preceding
fustianising	See preceding
gadsos	From review of interjections
gambos	CH11 now says plural is GAMBOES. Not in other sources
globoses	In CH11 GLOBOSE is now clearly an adjective only. Not in other sources
gnocchis	In CH11 GNOCCHI is now specified as noun plural. Ditto in other sources
godsos	From review of interjections
graciously	GRACIOUS in sense of God now labelled as interjection, so plural not justified
greensticks	In CH11 greenstick is phrasal only, in greenstick fracture. Ditto CED10
grenz	Deleted by DC as part of phrasal review
hamburger	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
hamburgers	See preceding
hardbag	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
hardbags	See preceding
heptaglot	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
heptaglots	See preceding
heroe	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
hexaglot	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
howsomdever	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
howsomever	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
insectaria	CH11 now explicitly gives plural of INSECTARIUM as INSECTARIUMS. Not in other sources
insulas	CH11 now explicitly gives plural of INSULA as INSULAE. Not in other sources
intermediums	CH11 now explicitly gives plural of INTERMEDIUM as INTERMEDIA. Not in other sources
isodomons	CH11 now gives plural of ISODOMON explicitly as ISODOMA. Not in other sources
jambos	Plural not specified

jandal	Capitalised in CH11. Ditto CED10. Not on US list
jandals	See preceding
jawbreaking	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
jawbreakingly	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
jawbreakings	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
jawdroppingly	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
jetplane	Separate words in CH11. Ditto in other sources
jetplanes	See preceding
jockey	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
jockneys	See preceding
lernaean	Capitalised in CH11. Not in other sources
lernean	Capitalised in CH11. Not in other sources
liggen	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
longsuffering	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
longsufferings	See preceding
marcheses	CH11 now gives plural of MARCHESE only as MARCHESI. Ditto CED10 and US LIST
matryoshkas	CH11 now gives plural of MATRYOSHKA explicitly as MATRYOSHKI
megalosauruses	CH11 gives plural specifically as MEGALOSAURI. Ditto other sources
microfilarias	CH11 gives plural specifically as MICROFILARIAE. Not in other sources
mincings	CH11 has MINCING only as participle/adjective - no evidence for noun. Not in other sources
mingin	CH11 spells this MINGIN' i.e. with terminal apostrophe. Not in other sources
modioluses	CH11 now specifies plural of MODIOLUS as MODIOLI. Ditto CED10
molehunt	Separate words in CH11. Not in other sources
molehunter	Separate words in CH11. Not in other sources
molehunters	See preceding
molehunts	See preceding
molerat	Separate words in CH11. Ditto CED10. Not on US list
molerats	See preceding
moygashel	Capitalised in CH11. Not in other sources
moygashels	See preceding
muddlehead	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
muddleheads	See preceding
mujaheddin	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
myocardiums	CH11 now specifies plural as MYOCARDIA. Ditto CED10
nicky	Deleted by DC as part of phrasal review
noneffectives	Hyphenated in CH11. (As is NONEFFECTIVE, but this is still good on the US list as an adjective)
oakleaf	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
oakleaves	See preceding
odsos	From review of interjections
ohos	From review of interjections
oncomice	Now On'coMouse in CH11. Not in other sources
oncomouse	Now On'coMouse in CH11. Not in other sources

orthocousins	Now only ORTHO-COUSIN in CH11. Not in other sources
panislam	Capitalised and hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
panislamic	Capitalised and hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
panislamism	Capitalised and hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
panislamisms	See preceding
panislamist	Capitalised and hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
panislamists	See preceding
panislams	See preceding
paramaecia	See following
paramaecium	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
paramoecia	See following
paramoecium	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
parascender	Not supported by CH11: now shows only PARASCENDING. Not in other sources
parascenders	See preceding
parotises	CH11 now gives plural of PAROTIS specifically as PAROTIDES. Not in other sources
pastmaster	Separate words in CH11. Not in other sources
pastmasters	See preceding
pentel	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
pentels	See preceding
phohs	From review of interjections. But PHOS remains valid because PHO is now also a kind of soup
pichiciago	CH11 now spells this PICHICIEGO. Not in other sources
pichiciagos	See preceding
playbus	Capitalised in CH11. Not in other sources
playbuses	See preceding
playbusses	See preceding
pocketphone	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
pocketphones	See preceding
poprins	Now only in phrase poprin pear, so POPRINS becomes invalid
porlockings	CH11 now has PORLOCK as a verb, but no evidence for PORLOCKING as noun. Not in other sources
pornomag	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
pornomags	See preceding
proformas	PROFORMA Hyphenated in CH11. Remains in US list but only as adjective, so no plural
puckerood	Incorrect spelling in CED10, overruled by DC in consultation with Jeff Grant
purim	Capitalised in CH11. Ditto CED10
purims	See preceding
queercore	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
queercores	See preceding
quotatives	CH11 has QUOTATIVE as adjectival only. Not in other sources
reedmace	Hyphenated in CH11. Separate words in CED10
reedmaces	See preceding



reedstop	Separate words in CH11. Ditto CED10
reedstops	See preceding
reprovings	CH11 labels REPROVING as adjective only, not noun. Ditto other sources
retes	CH11 gives plural of RETE specifically as RETIA. Ditto CED10 and US list
retiarius	CH11 gives plural of RETIARIUS explicitly as RETIARII. Ditto CED10
rickburner	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
rickburners	See preceding
rightos	From review of interjections
rivos	From review of interjections
rockcross	Separate words in CH11. Not in other sources
rockcrosses	See preceding
romas	Not supported by CH11: ROMA as singular is capitalised, but ROMA itself survives as the plural of ROM. Ditto CED10. Not in US list
sagittarian	Capitalised in CH11. Not in other sources
sagittarians	See preceding
sautees	CH11 now supports only SAUTES as the noun plural; no explicit 3rd person of the verb given so SAUTES assumed for that also, as per US list
schutzstaffel	Capitalised in CH11. Not in other sources
schutzstaffels	See preceding
sclated	CH11 now labels SCLATE as noun only. Not in other sources
sclating	See preceding
scopas	CH11 now gives plural of SCOPA explicitly as SCOPAE. Ditto CED10
serpula	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
serpulae	See preceding
shotput	Separate words in CH11. Ditto CED10
shotputs	See preceding
sidestreet	Separate words in CH11. Ditto CED10
sidestreets	See preceding
smokebush	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
smokebushes	See preceding
smoketree	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
smoketrees	See preceding
softpaste	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
spagerics	CH11 now labels SPAGERIC as adjective only. Not in other sources
spagerist	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
spagerists	See preceding
spagirics	CH11 now labels SPAGIRIC as adjective only. Not in other sources
spagirist	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
spagirists	See preceding
statespeople	Not supported in CH11
steadicam	Capitalised in CH11. Ditto CED10
steadicams	See preceding
stinkings	CH11 has STINKING as adjective/participle only. See preceding other

	sources
stockhorn	Not supported by CH11 (was under 'stock and horn' in CH98). Not in other sources
stockhorns	See preceding
stripagram	CH11 now gives STRIPOGRAM not STRIPAGRAM. Not in other sources
stripagrams	See preceding
subordinancies	See following
subordinancy	Not supported by CH11 (probably decided was error for SUBORDINACY). Not in other sources
sweetpea	Separate words in CH11. Ditto CED10
sweetpeas	See preceding
swone	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
swones	See preceding
tabis	CH11 now gives plural explicitly as TABI. Not in other sources
tabletopped	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
tacets	Incorrectly included in 2007 wordlist
tadvance	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
taffeties	CH11 has TAFFETY as adjectival only. Not in other sources
tahou	From Jeff Grant's review of Maori words
tahous	From Jeff Grant's review of Maori words
tanaiste	Capitalised in CH11. Not in other sources
tanaistes	See preceding
taoiseach	Capitalised in CH11. Not in other sources
taoiseachs	See preceding
tasswage	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
tedesca	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
tedesche	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
tedeschi	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
tedesco	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
teleprompter	Capitalised in CH11. Ditto CED10
teleprompters	See preceding
teloses	CH11 now gives plural of TELOS specifically as TELOI. Ditto US list. Not in CED10
thermobalance	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources
thermobalances	See preceding
tiddleywink	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
tiddleywinks	See preceding
tierod	Separate words in CH11. Ditto CED10. Not in US list
tierods	See preceding
tohos	From review of interjections
triquetras	CH11 now gives plural of TRIQUETRA explicitly as TRIQUETRAE. Not in other sources
unhandseled	Not supported by CH11: now spelt UNHANDSELLED. Not in other sources
unsailorlike	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
upswarm	Hyphenated in CH11. Not in other sources

upswarmed	See preceding
upswarming	See preceding
upswarms	See preceding
vakass	Not supported by CH11: now spelt VAKAS. Not in other sources
vakasses	See preceding
victrolla	Capitalised in CH11. Not in other sources
victrollas	See preceding
vinegarrette	Only spelling now supported in CH11 is VINEGARETTE. Not in other sources
vinegarrettes	See preceding
wakane	Not supported by CH11: now spelt WAKAME. Not in other sources
wakanes	See preceding
wantings	Not supported by CH11: WANTING present only as participle, adjective or preposition. See preceding other sources
wasm	Not supported by CH11. Not in other sources
wasms	See preceding
weldmesh	Capitalised in CH11. Not in other sources
weldmeshes	See preceding
wheatsheaf	Separate words in CH11. Not in other sources
wheatsheaves	See preceding
wheresoeer	CH11 now spells this WHERE'SO'ER. Not in other sources
windrose	Hyphenated in CH11. Separate words in CED10
windroses	See preceding
woodpigeon	Separate words in CH11, and also CED10. Not on US list
woodpigeons	See preceding
wringings	Not supported by CH11: WRINGING present only as participle or adjective. Not in other sources
wysiwyg	CH11 labels this as an abbreviation. All capitals in CED10. Not on US list
xeraphim	Not supported by CH11: now spelt XERAPHIN. Not in other sources
xeraphims	See preceding
yopper	Not supported in CH11. Not in other sources
yoppers	See preceding
yos	From review of interjections
zimmer	Capitalised tradename in CH11. Ditto CED10. Not on US list
zimmers	See preceding