

# How To Do Things With Words

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These are words.

Onset.

Hesitation.

Sigh.

Silence.

Car.

Carport.

Inflammation!

Dysentery.

Disinter.

Enter.

Unterschied.

Shelf.

Self.

Infelicitous. (Us!)

Performative.

Utterance.

Is.

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Exactly four layers of irony ♩ = 120

**SOPRANO**  
*p reverent* *mf* *mp*  
These are words. On - set. Hes - i -

**ALTO**  
*p reverent* *mf* *mp*  
These are words. On - set.

**TENOR**  
*p reverent* *mf* *mp*  
These are words. On - set.

**BASS**  
*p reverent* *mf* *mp*  
These are words. On - set.

**Piano**  
*p* *mf* *mp*

7 *mf confident* *mp* *mf* *mp energetic* *f*  
ta - tion. Sigh - Car. - tion!

*mf confident* *mp* *mp energetic*  
ta - tion. Sigh. Car.

*mf confident* *mp* *mp energetic*  
ta - tion. Sigh. Car - port. In - flam - ma -

*mf confident* *mp* *mf bored* *mp energetic*  
ta - tion. Si - lence. Car - port.

*mf* *mp* *mf* *mf* *mp* *p* *mp* *f*

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*mp* forlorn *p* *mf* kräftig *f*

Dys - en - ter - y. Un-ter-schied. Shelf. Us!

*mp* forlorn *mf* kräftig *f*

Dis - in - ter. Un-ter-schied. Self. Us!

*mp* grave *mf* kräftig *mf* *p*

En - ter. Un-ter-schied. Self. In - fe - lic - i - tous

*mf* forlorn *mp* *mf* kräftig *mf* *mp*

Dys - en - ter - y. Un-ter-schied. Self. In - fe - lic - i -

*mf* *mp* *mf* *f* *mf* *mp* *f*

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*mf* *mp* *f* *mp* smug

Per - for - ma - tive. Ut - ter - ance. Is.

*mf* *mp* *mf* *mp* smug

Per - for - ma - tive. Ut - ter - ance. Is.

*mf* *mp* *mf* *mp* smug

*f* *mp* *mf* *mp* smug

Form. Ut - ter - ance. Is.

*mf* *mp* *mf* *mp*