

Polari to English Word List

Parts of Speech (POS) key:

adp: adposition; aj: adjective; av: adverb; id: idiom; n: noun; num: number;
pn: pronoun; suf: suffix; v: verb.

| Polari | POS | English |
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| Actin dickey | n | job; task; obligation |
| ajax | aj | physically or temporally close; nearby; next to |
| Auntie | n | Father-figure in genetic or chosen family; guide; advisor |
| Bat; Batt; Bate | n | shoe |
| bijou | aj | well-made; attractive; tasteful; exclusive |
| bona | aj | fine; good; gracious; joyful; righteous; sweet; worthy |
| Brainery | n | school or other educational establishment |
| Butch Omi | n | soldier; muscle mary |
| cackle | v | say; speak; tell; talk; gossip |
| Cartes | n | penis |
| Chinker | num | five |
| clock | v | notice |
| Dowriest Ducky | n | Monarch |
| dowry | aj | great; much; very |
| Dowryfolk | n | Grandparents |
| Drag | n | clothing (usually socially challenging; often outrageous) |
| dry | aj | left |
| Ducky | n | term of endearment |
| ee | pn | he |
| Eek | n | face |
| er | pn | she; her; he; him; his |
| -ette | suf | a smaller version of the attached noun |
| Fakement | n | possession; thing; vessel; tool of the trade |
| Famble | n | hand |
| fantabulosa | aj | excellent; wonderful |
| feely | aj | young; childish |
| Feely Omi | n | young man |
| Goss | n | rumour; revelation |
| Glossy | n | book; magazine; reading material |
| Great Wen | n | London |
| Heartface | n | term of endearment |
| Latty | n | room; flat; house; any dwelling place that can be called home |
| lau | av | properly; efficiently; correctly |
| lau | v | send; deliver; place; put |
| Lav | n | word |

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| Lill | n | hand |
| loll, loll about, loll around | v | relax |
| lube | v | oil; grease |
| Lupper | n | finger |
| Martini | n | hand |
| mauve | aj | queer |
| Memory Cottage | id | Memory Lane |
| Mince | n | type of walk |
| Naff | n | generally unentertaining person; heterosexual |
| nanti | av | not; no; none; nothing |
| nishta | av | no; not any; never; not |
| nishta | v | do not |
| Ogle riah | n | eye lash |
| Oglefakes | n | glasses; spectacles |
| Omi | n | male |
| Omi-Palone | n | queer man; queer person who identifies male; effeminate man |
| Order | v | prepare; put into place |
| Palone | n | female; woman |
| Palone-Omi | n | queer person who identifies female; lesbian |
| Pot | n | tooth |
| ter | adp | to |
| palaver | v | fight; talk |
| Polari | n | chat; talk; queer language |
| Primero | num | first |
| Reef | n | touch |
| Riah | n | hair |
| Savvy | n | knowledge; understanding |
| scarper | v | flee; run away; escape; leave |
| screech | v | call; cry; declare; shout; say |
| screeve | v | write |
| Sharda | id | it's sad that; it's a pity that; it's a shame that |
| Sister | n | sibling by relation, or chosen family sibling (ungendered) |
| Strillers bona | n | Grand piano |
| Strides | n | trousers |
| Sweat chovey | n | gymnasium |
| Syrup | n | wig |
| Taara | av | goodbye |
| troll | v | come; go; move; walk; run; travel; walk about looking for trade |
| troll off | v | depart; leave; go |
| vaada | v | see; watch |
| Vogue | n | cigarette |
| yer | pn | you; your |
| zhoozh | v | dress; style; improve |