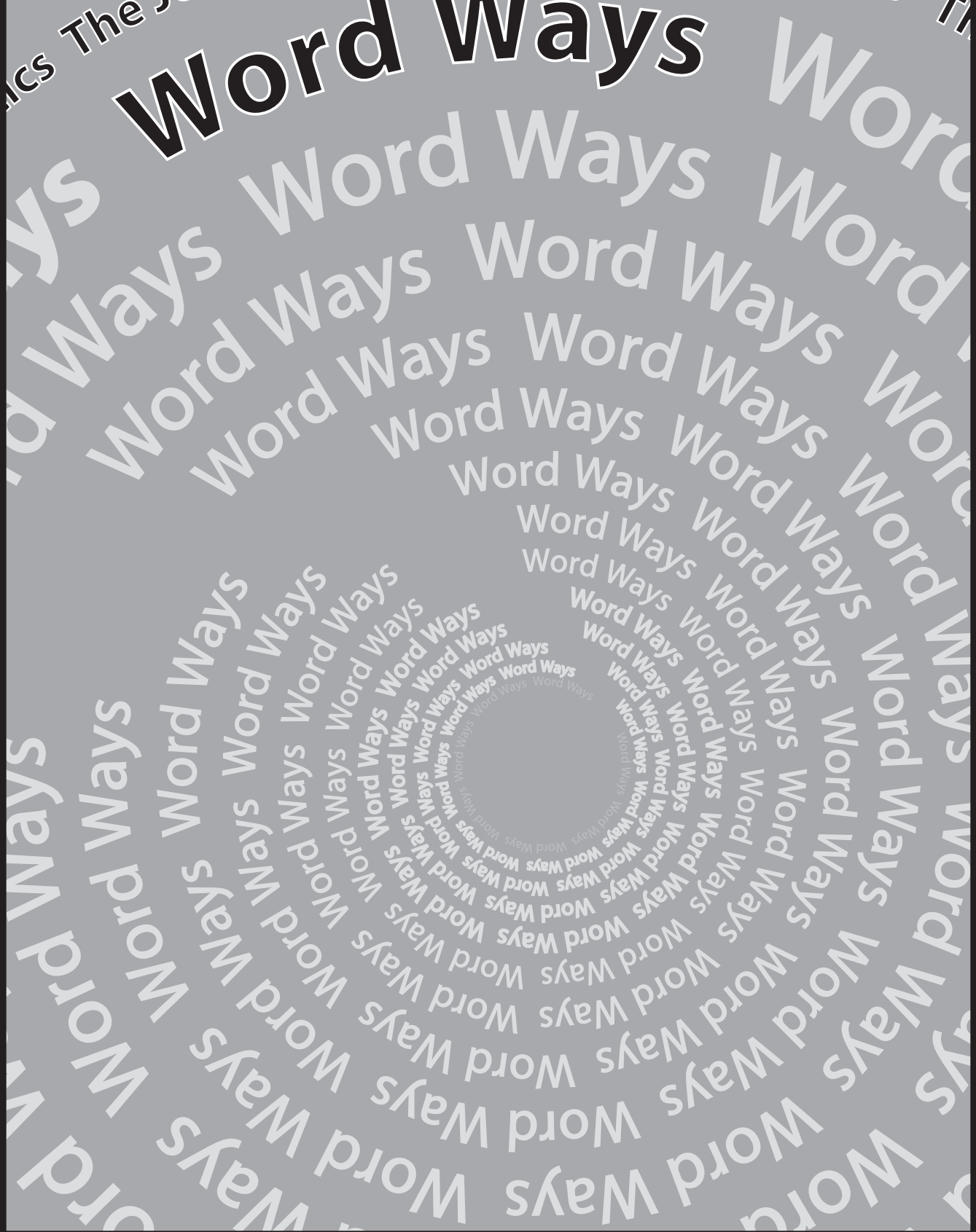


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## Trigrams and Tetragrams Again

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In the August 2018 Word Ways, it was good to see Jeff Grant revisiting his May 1999 article Alphabetic Trigrams and Tetragrams, and providing some additional examples of words and names using three and four consecutive letters of the alphabet. I've taken the opportunity to search for some further examples. Additionally, I've decided to treat the letters of the alphabet as a circle, and have included here the additional trigrams YZA and ZAB, and the tetragrams XYZA, YZAB and ZABC. My finds (and their sources) are presented below. My thanks to Jeff for the XYZA item.

<b>CDE</b>	<b>ecderon</b>	OED online
<b>CDE</b>	<b>ecdemite</b>	OED online
<b>HIJ</b>	<b>nashiji</b>	OED online
<b>HIJ</b>	<b>Shijō</b>	OED online
<b>TUV</b>	<b>statuvalence</b>	OED online
<b>TUV</b>	<b>statuvalent</b>	OED online
<b>TUV</b>	<b>statuvalic</b>	OED online
<b>TUV</b>	<b>statuvalism</b>	OED online
<b>TUV</b>	<b>statuvalize</b>	OED online
<b>XYZ</b>	<b>hydroxyzine</b>	OED online
<b>YZA</b>	<b>coryza</b>	W3
<b>ZAB</b>	<b>sizable</b>	W3
<b>IJKL</b>	<b>lijkli</b>	OED online (Middle English form of 'likely')
<b>IJKL</b>	<b>lijkly</b>	OED online (Middle English form of 'likely')
<b>LMNO</b>	<b>almnoress</b>	OED online (at 'almoness')
<b>LMNO</b>	<b>Filmnotes</b>	OED online (at 'labouring')
<b>MNOP</b>	<b>apotemnophilia</b>	OED online
<b>MNOP</b>	<b>cremnophobia</b>	OED online
<b>MNOP</b>	<b>gymnophthalmate</b>	OED online

<b>MNOP</b>	<b>gymnophthalmatous</b>	OED online
<b>MNOP</b>	<b>gymnophthalmic</b>	OED online
<b>MNOP</b>	<b>gymnophthalmous</b>	OED online
<b>MNOP</b>	<b>gymnopolyspermous</b>	OED online
<b>MNOP</b>	<b>gymnopteros</b>	OED online
<b>MNOP</b>	<b>gymnopaedic</b>	OED online
<b>MNOP</b>	<b>limnophilous</b>	OED online
<b>MNOP</b>	<b>limnoplankton</b>	OED online
<b>MNOP</b>	<b>Omnopon</b>	OED online
<b>MNOP</b>	<b>Semnopithecus</b>	OED online
<b>MNOP</b>	<b>somnopathy</b>	OED online
<b>MNOP</b>	<b>Thamnophilidae</b>	OED online (at 'ant')
<b>MNOP</b>	<b>Prumnopitys</b>	OED online (at 'matai')
<b>RSTU</b>	<b>bierstube</b>	OED online
<b>RSTU</b>	<b>narsturcium</b>	OED online (Middle English form of 'nasturtium')
<b>RSTU</b>	<b>narstuscium</b>	OED online (Middle English form of 'nasturtium')
<b>RSTU</b>	<b>overstudy</b>	OED online
<b>RSTU</b>	<b>quarterstuff</b>	OED online (at 'quarter-stuff')
<b>RSTU</b>	<b>starstuff</b>	OED online (at 'star')
<b>RSTU</b>	<b>superstud</b>	OED online
<b>RSTU</b>	<b>understumble</b>	OED online
<b>STUV</b>	<b>stuver</b>	OED online (15th century form of 'stiver')
<b>XYZA</b>	<b>Xyzal</b>	Wikipedia (at 'levocetirizine')
<b>YZAB</b>	<b>analyzable</b>	W3
<b>ZABC</b>	<b>Zabcikville</b>	Wikipedia (place in Texas)

## SURPRISINGLY RELATED SYNONYMS

(More Strange Bedfellows)

ANIL

Perth, Australia

It's no surprise these pairs are synonyms, they have a common origin or part origin. But they surely don't look it. They are what linguists call doublets, words with a common ancient ancestor but arriving at the present form via different paths. Doublets usually arrive at different meanings, while mine double back to the same meaning. They are a special class of strange bedfellows ('10-150), pairs of words with deceptively related etymologically. Pairs often share only a piece of their spelling from a common ancestor, with other parts being unrelated. While most of the below are reversible synonyms, some are one-way definitions or descriptions only.

SRS are nice complements to my coincidental self-synonyms ('04-45, 129), words with two same or close meanings from different roots. For example, **net** means gain/obtain in two senses: catch fish (Germanic, prob. <L. *nodus*); and make as a clear profit (<neat [clear], OE <Fris/Ir).

Pairs up first are so different that they have no common letters in crash positions of relevance or in embedded core phonemes. Crash means the same letter (or phoneme) or sound in the same position in both words. Here comparable position applies. The rest, up second, have crashes but are still surprising and don't really look related.

This study is based mostly on the 1966 edition of Eric Partridge's *Origins* etymology dictionary. Most pairs are distantly related and won't be found together in regular dictionaries' brief etymologies. I include tenuous relationships, Partridge's "probable," "perhaps," etc, treating them as if definite, denying any pretense of rigorous scholarship, aiming only to amuse or bemuse.

### 1. Etymologically Related Synonyms with NO CRASHES

**accident: chance**

**advent: coming**

**adventures: wayward voyager byways** (crashes within definition but not with headword)

**brew: ferment**

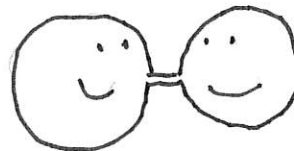
**chair: seat**

**communicable: catching**

**conjugation: zygotis** bacterial sex

**diary: journal**

**elite: privileged**



**eyed: oculate**

**food: 1 repast; 2 pasture fodder**

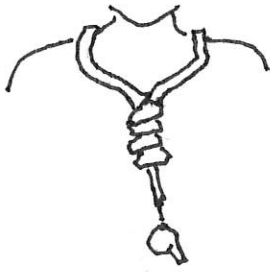
**hemp: cannabis**

**indigenous: native**

**kickshaw: whatnot**

**lachrymose: tearful**

**lanyard: noose**



**syzygy: joint**

**vigil: watch-wait**

**zero: cipher** dated synonyms

**level: equilibrate**

**occult: clandestine: concealed**

**odious: noisome**

**pretext: 'tissue'**

**since: thus** because: causing

**sun: Helios**

**vertical: upward**

**water: aqua: H<sub>2</sub>O** via hydrogen

**Zeus: Jupiter (Jove)**

2. Synonyms WITH CRASHES, but still surprising; 2a. single pairs

**ail: ache**

**benign: gentle**

**buoy: beacon** (figurative)

**condone: pardon**

**denial: negativity**

**gradual: progressive**

**handle: manage**

**homology: sameness**

**incident: occasion**

**integrity: intactness**

**mangle: maim**

**ornery: insubordinate**

**pen: feather** quill

**protract: drag**

**attenuate: thin**

**brotherhood: fraternity**

**capture: catch**

**contend: maintain**

**genre: kind**

**grotto: crypt**

**higgledy-piggledy: haywire**

**implemented: accomplished**

**instead: as substitute**

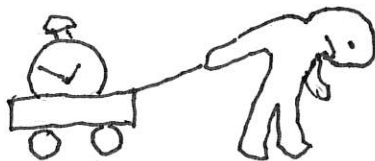
**juvenile: youth**

**mellow: mild**

**painting: picture**

**prison: penitentiary**

**push: propel**



**right: correct**

**shovel: scoop**

**sustained: continued**

**taciturn: reticent**

**tame: domesticated**

**tenor: toner** (anagram)

**unguent: ointment**

**verbose: wordy**

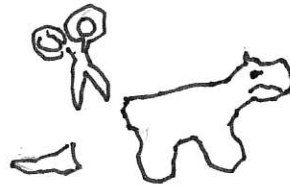
**vice: wickedness**

**wardrobe: garments**

**widowed: vidual**

**scratch: grate**

**shorten: curtail**



**violin: fiddle**

**wick: village**

**zest: gusto**

2b. Multiples, longs, special cases

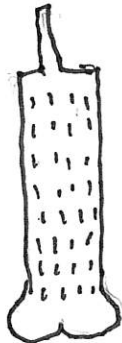
**ascertain: critically discern discrete criteria**

**borough: burrow** group residences (homophones)

**bottom: 1 foundation; 2 bum**

**break: 1 fracture; 2 burst**

**communication interceptions: captured precepts** espionage, bugs, hacks, mail theft, etc.



**cooking: kitchen concoction**

**cybernetics: government** control systems

**duty: debt** shared double meanings—tax + responsibilities

**flood: Fluctuating flow inflates, surfs. (Influences effluent influenza influx!)**

Few surprises but a flowing self-definition. Flu added for chills & thrills and social relevance.

**foul: filthy: purulent: putrid**

**garden: 1 orchard; 2 yard** (Oz usage)

**laughter: layer's litter** A laughter, no joke, is a clutch ('litter') of eggs; the layer is the hen.

**nexus: connection node**

**plane: flat place** (a plain?)

**stable: stationary: still: stolid: staid: steady: persisting: staying: stalled:**

**standing: consistent: retained/maintained: continuous/continued**

strange bedfellows record, 15 ~synonyms

**tranquil: quiet: coy** (dated)

**votary: devout devotee** monk etc.

**vade (go): mosey: vamoose: invade: wade: waddle** forms of moving, bipedal or optional

**yodel: jubilant yowl**

**wind: fanned air**



## REVERSE TRIGRAMS AND TETRAGRAMS

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Over the last five decades, Word Ways has carried many articles and Colloquy items about trigrams and tetragrams – some with all vowels, and some with all consonants. Three particularly relevant ones to this article are these:

Undominated Alphabetic Sequences, Ross Eckler, volume 15/2 (May 1982)  
Alphabetic Trigrams and Tetragrams, Jeff Grant, volume 32/2 (May 1999)  
Alphabetic Trigrams and Tetragrams Update, Jeff Grant, volume 51/3 (August 2018)

We decided to search for words and names containing reverse trigrams and tetragrams. Instead of searching for words with, for example, the trigram ABC, we searched for words with CBA. And likewise for tetragrams – for example, searching for PONM instead of MNOP. And so on through the alphabet. And for completeness, we chose to treat the alphabet as a circular arrangement of letters, thus YZA, ZBA, XYZA, YZAB and ZBAC. Our findings are in the table below.

<b>AZY</b>	<b>hazy</b>	Obscured, dim, unclear, vague	W3
<b>BAZ</b>	<b>bazooka</b>	A light portable shoulder weapon for firing rockets	W3
<b>BAZ</b>	<b>bombazine</b>	A silk fabric	W3
<b>CBA</b>	<b>bacbakiri</b>	A shrike of southern Africa	W3
<b>CBA</b>	<b>ecbatic</b>	Denoting a consequence	W2
<b>CBA</b>	<b>lucban</b>	The shaddock, a citrus fruit related to the grapefruit	W2
<b>DCB</b>		Nothing!	
<b>EDC</b>	<b>bedchamber</b>	A bedroom	W3
<b>EDC</b>	<b>redcap</b>	A person wearing a red cap; in Britain, a military policeman	W3
<b>EDC</b>	<b>redcoat</b>	A member of the British armed forces in America during the Revolutionary War	W3
<b>EDC</b>	<b>seedcake</b>	A cake or cookie containing aromatic seeds	W3
<b>FED</b>	<b>confederacy</b>	A league, compact or alliance	W3
<b>FED</b>	<b>fed</b>	Past tense of the verb 'feed'	W3
<b>FED</b>	<b>wifedom</b>	The state or condition of being a wife	W2

<b>GFE</b>	<b>bigfeet</b>	The plural of 'bigfoot', a hairy creature like a human being that is reported to exist in the north-western United States and western Canada	W3
<b>GFE</b>	<b>Longfellow</b>	Surname of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, an American poet, famous for <i>The Song of Hiawatha</i> , among many others	WBD
<b>GFE</b>	<b>slugfest</b>	A struggle or boxing match	W3
<b>GFE</b>	<b>songfest</b>	An informal session of group singing	W3
<b>HGF</b>	<b>Guschgiel</b>	A mountain, Liechtenstein	USBGN
<b>IHG</b>	<b>Maihawan Tank</b>	A place, Uttar Pradesh, India	TIG
<b>IHG</b>	<b>Maihaura</b>	A populated place, Uttar Pradesh, India	USBGN
<b>JIH</b>	<b>jihad</b>	A bitter strife or crusade undertaken in the spirit of a holy war	W3
<b>KJI</b>	<b>kjimsie</b>	In the Shetland Islands, Scotland, a dialect word for fellow	EDD
<b>KJI</b>	<b>Kurkjian</b>	Surname of Tim Kurkjian, a baseball analyst on ESPN	Wikipedia
<b>LKJ</b>	<b>milkjug</b>	A breast or manboob; other dictionaries spell this as a hyphenated word or two words	UD
<b>LKJ</b>	<b>stolkjaerre</b>	A 2-wheeled cart used in Norway	W3
<b>MLK</b>	<b>Domlkachara</b>	A populated place, Chittagong region, India	USBGN
<b>NML</b>	<b>Houyhnhnmland</b>	The land of the Houyhnhnms, the fictional race of intelligent horses described in Jonathan Swift's satirical <i>Gulliver's Travels</i> . In the OED, the word appears in a 1726 quote at 'houyhnhnm'	OED online
<b>ONM</b>	<b>ironmonger</b>	A dealer in iron and hardware	W3
<b>ONM</b>	<b>conman</b>	definition needed	Chambers
<b>ONM</b>	<b>cottonmouth</b>	A venomous pit viper of the southern USA that is closely related to the copperhead	W3
<b>ONM</b>	<b>environment</b>	Surroundings	W3
<b>ONM</b>	<b>nonmember</b>	An individual who is not a member	W3
<b>PON</b>	<b>pond</b>	A small body of water	W3
<b>QPO</b>	<b>Qpod</b>	A make of car	Wikipedia
<b>QPO</b>	<b>Tariqpoya</b>	Populated place, Tajikistan	USBGN
<b>RQP</b>	<b>Sharqpur</b>	Populated place in Pakistan	TIG

<b>SRQ</b>	<b>Qasrqand</b>	A spelling of Qasr-e-Qand, a place in Iran located at 26 <sup>0</sup> 14'N,60 <sup>0</sup> 47'E	TIG
<b>TSR</b>	<b>staatsraad</b>	In South Africa, a council of state	W2
<b>UTS</b>	<b>juts</b>	Sticks out	W3
<b>VUT</b>	<b>kevutzah</b>	A Jewish communistic settlement	W2
<b>VUT</b>	<b>kevutsoth</b>	Plural of 'kevutzah'	W2
<b>VUT</b>	<b>Nunavut</b>	The newest territory of north-west Canada, formed in 1999	Collins
<b>VUT</b>	<b>vutty</b>	South-west English dialect word, meaning dirty	Collins
<b>WVU</b>	<b>Willowvue</b>	Willowvue White Suffolk Stud is a farming and agricultural supplier in New South Wales, Australia	fatcow
<b>WVU</b>	<b>Meadowvue</b>	The name of various streets and roads in locations including Hendersonville TN, Pittsburgh PA, Baldwin PA and Athelstone South Australia	Google
<b>XWV</b>		Nothing!	
<b>YXW</b>	<b>Styxxwold</b>	Old spelling of Stixwold, a place in Lincolnshire, England. In the OED, the Styxxwold spelling refers to a convent, and appears in a 1536 quote at 'beads-woman', itself listed at 'bead'	OED online
<b>ZYX</b>	<b>zyxomma</b>	A type of dragonfly	F&W
<b>ZYX</b>	<b>zyxst</b>	Middle English form of 'sixth'	OED online
<b>ZYX</b>	<b>zyxt</b>	Middle English form of 'see', 2nd person singular	OED online
<b>AZYX</b>	<b>Azyx</b>	A genus of moth	Wikipedia
<b>AZYX</b>	<b>Parazyxomma</b>	A genus of dragonfly	Wikipedia
<b>BAZY</b>	<b>Bazy</b>	A populated place in Kazakhstan	USBGN
<b>BAZY</b>	<b>carbazylic</b>	Pertaining to or designating the univalent group C(:NH)NH <sub>3</sub> - characteristic of a series of organic ammono acids, ordinarily called amideines	W2
<b>CBAZ</b>	<b>Karačbazi</b>	A locality in Macedonia	USBGN
<b>FEDC</b>	<b>Fedchenko</b>	A large glacier in Tajikistan; also a surname	Wikipedia
<b>FEDC</b>	<b>Fedchyne</b>	A populated place in Ukraine	USBGN
<b>FEDC</b>	<b>Safedchashma</b>	A populated place in Afghanistan	USBGN
<b>GFED</b>	<b>Llandegfedd</b>	A large water supply reservoir 8 miles north of Newport in south Wales	Wikipedia

<b>JHGH</b>	<b>Sitou Jihgsueichang</b>	A waterworks in Taiwan	USBGN
<b>KJHI</b>	<b>blackjihad</b>	The following sentence appears in a recent book: "But Saleh, whose policy portfolio under Meeks includes homeland security, is a fan of the pan-Islamist, pro-jihadist <i>imam</i> Zaid Shakir, according to Saleh's post on Twitter.com, where he tweets under the name 'blackjihad'." Edward Balkjin Kim is a named individual who has resided in various towns and cities in Texas	Muslim Mafia
<b>LKJI</b>	<b>Balkjin</b>	Time for an out-and-out coinage - <b>nonmleccha</b> (a nonforeigner, in ancient India). There are many Google hits for the hyphenated forms non-mleccha and non-mlechchha. There are no hits for the word in solid form. However, there seems no reason why these words couldn't be spelt <b>nonmleccha</b> or <b>nonmlechchha</b> . W2 has hundreds of unhyphenated entries beginning non, from <b>nonabandonment</b> to <b>nonzoological</b> ; W3 likewise has many unhyphenated entries, from <b>nonability</b> to <b>nonzero</b> .	spokeo
<b>ONML</b>	<b>nonmleccha</b>		Coinage
<b>PONM</b>	<b>Kponmon</b>	A populated place in Liberia	USBGN
<b>PONM</b>	<b>tamponment</b>	Use of tampons	W2
<b>QPON</b>	<b>Qponics</b>	An agricultural company operating in the food and beverage sector based in Brisbane, Australia	qponics
<b>UTSR</b>	<b>Ablautsreihe</b>	German word appearing at 'series'	OED online
<b>UTSR</b>	<b>Algutsum</b>	A populated place in Sweden	USBGN
<b>UTSR</b>	<b>Eisenhutsrot</b>	A populated place in Germany	USBGN
<b>UTSR</b>	<b>Vaalputsrivier</b>	A stream in South Africa	USBGN
<b>VUTS</b>	<b>Chivutsigo</b>	A hill in Zimbabwe	USBGN
<b>VUTS</b>	<b>Rodavutsiems</b>	A locality in Latvia	USBGN
<b>VUTS</b>	<b>Vutshini</b>	A stream in South Africa	USBGN
<b>VUTS</b>	<b>Vutsov</b>	Bulgarian surname of various individuals	Wikipedia
<b>ZYXW</b>	<b>Zyxware</b>	Zyxware Technologies is a global IT solutions provider based in India	zyxware

Here is a list of the printed sources and websites used:

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EDD	English Dialect Dictionary
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F&W	Funk & Wagnall's New Standard Dictionary, 1945
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OED online	Oxford English Dictionary online: <a href="http://www.oed.com">www.oed.com</a>
qponics	<a href="http://www.qponics.com">www.qponics.com</a>
spokeo	<a href="http://www.spokeo.com">www.spokeo.com</a>
TIG	Times Index Gazetteer, 1965
UD	Urban Dictionary, <a href="http://www.urbandictionary.com">www.urbandictionary.com</a>
USBGN	US Board on Geographic Names: <a href="http://geonames.usgs.gov">geonames.usgs.gov</a>
W2	Webster's New International Dictionary, Second Edition
W3	Webster's Third New International Dictionary
WBD	Webster's Biographical Dictionary
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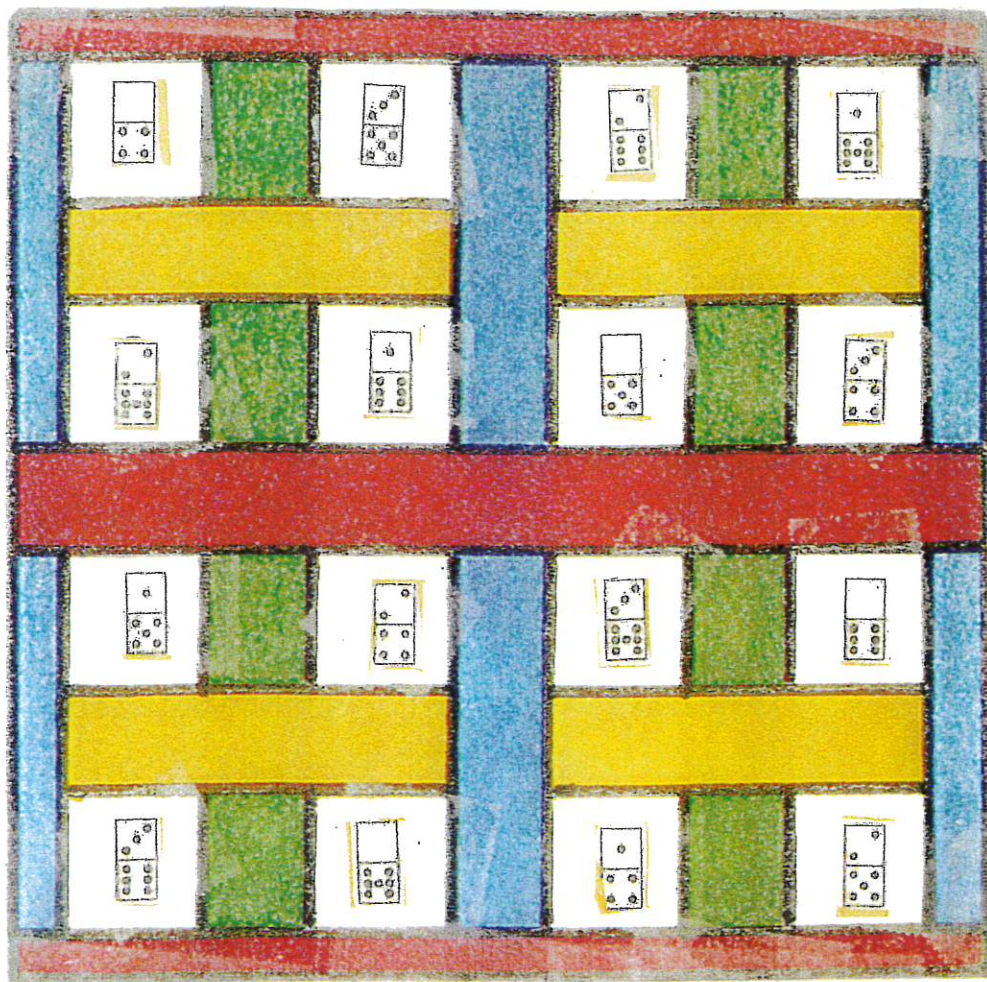
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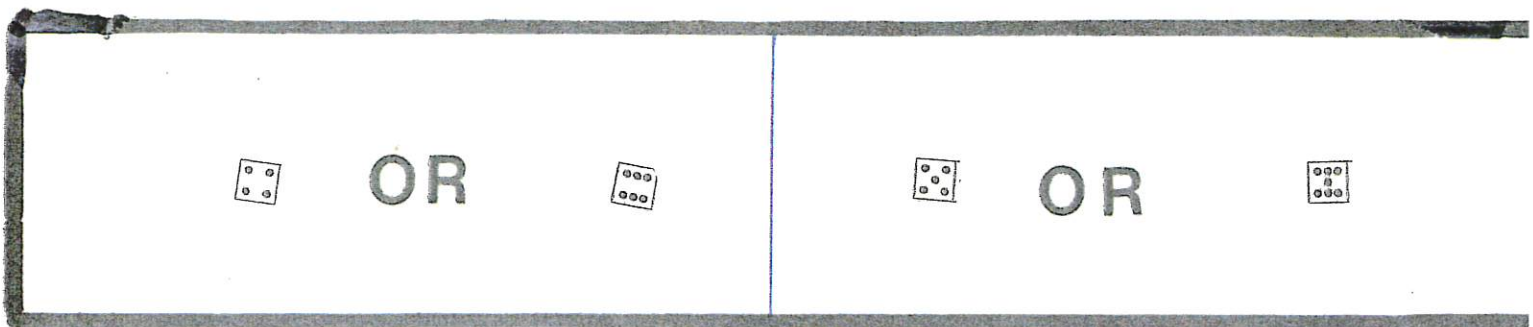
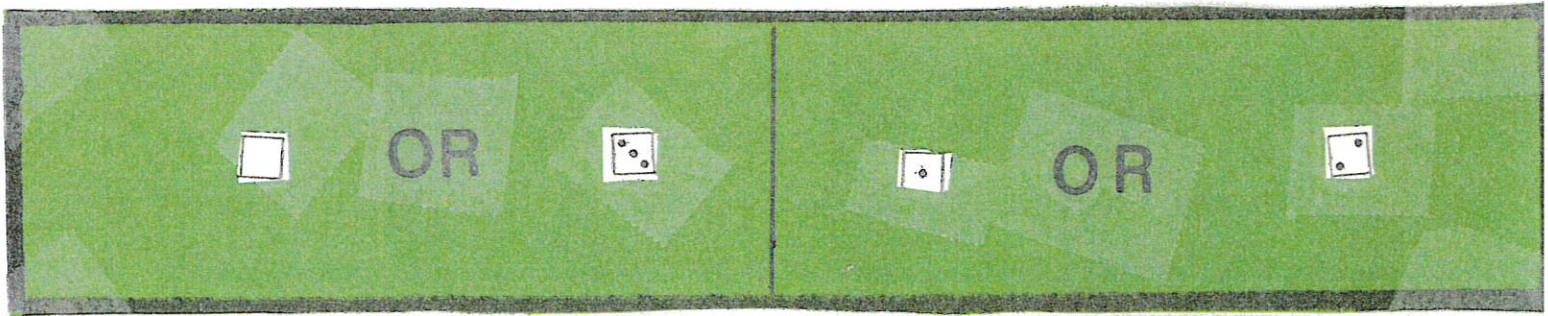
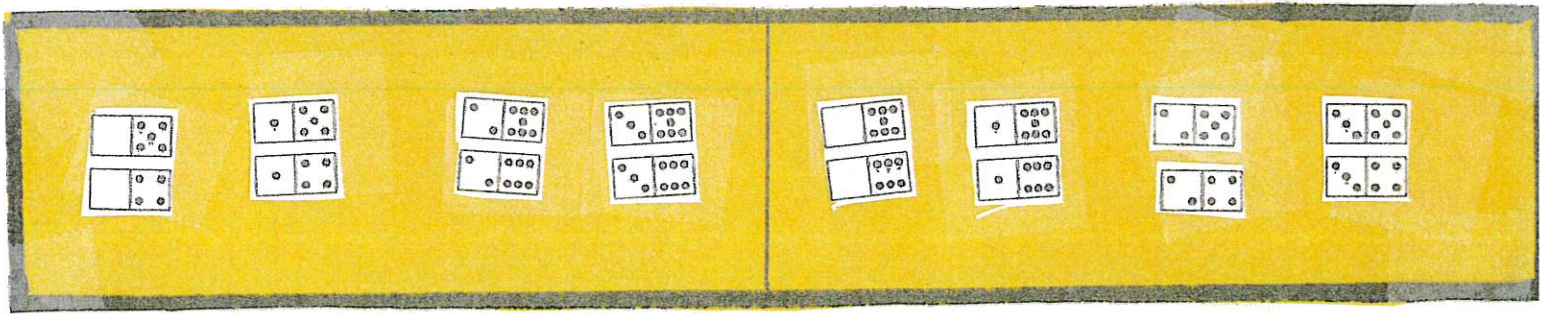
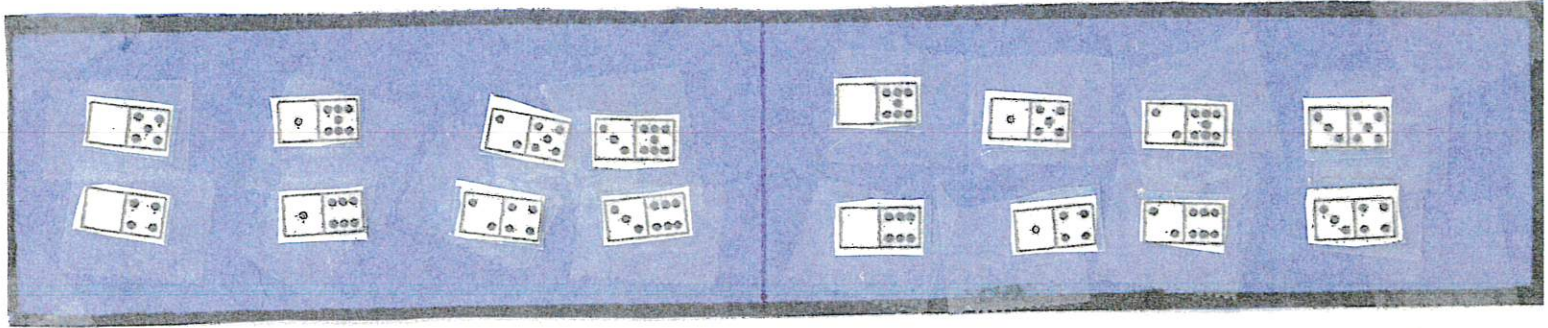
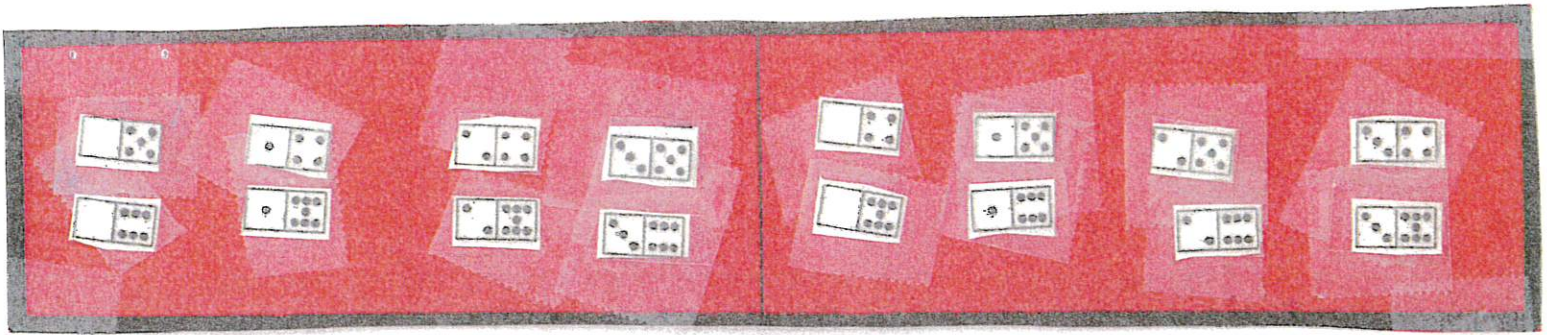
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For any positive integer  $n$  let  $s(n)$  be the sum of the divisors of  $n$ . Then  $n$  is said to be perfect in case  $s(n)-n=n$ . For example  $6=1+2+3$  and  $28=1+2+4+7+14$  are the first two perfects. When that sum is less than  $n$  the number is deficient like  $n=4$  or any prime and when the sum is greater like  $n=12$  or  $18$  the number is called abundant. It is known that any multiple of an abundant is abundant so there are infinitely many deficient or abundant numbers. However, it is not known whether the number of perfect numbers is infinite.

Our magic square is composed of 16 different dominoes from a double nine set. Each domino consists of one of the numbers 0,1,2,3 (note the perfect sum 6) and one of the numbers 4,5,6 or 7. The magic constant when the pips are added is the perfect 28.

Not only every row and column sum to 28 but also all eight diagonals (including the 2-2 and 3-1) sum to 28. In addition the four corners of every square of size  $2 \times 2$ ,  $3 \times 3$  and  $4 \times 4$  sum to the constant. Note also that the four corners of every  $2 \times 4$  rectangle have constant sum 28. This square is a variation of magic squares called "Most Perfect" by England's Kathleen Ollerenshaw (1912-2014).



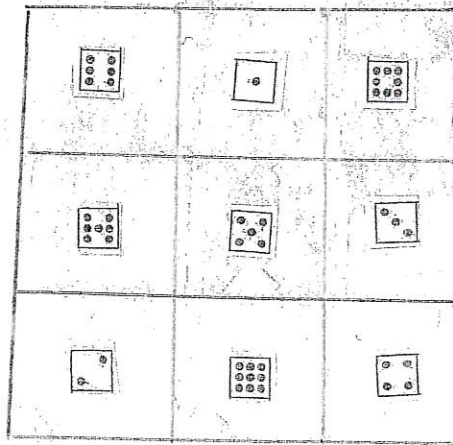


## More Magic with the Perfect Square

The five colored strips are to be folded so that every domino occurs on the front side or the back side. A subject is asked to turn any strips of their choice over and then secretly chose any one of the 16 dominoes. The subject divides the slips into two parts one that has the choice and one that does not. The magician is not told which is which. But the magician quickly correctly names the subject's selection.

Method: The square can be thought of as a torus or donut shape with the top and bottom red edges joined and then the left and right blue edges also. Now no matter how the strips are turned there is exactly one "key" domino that either appears on all or appears on none of them. For example the 3-6 occurs on the right of each strip as shown and would therefore be the key. Note which strips are turned by the subject and trace these from 3-6 to obtain the new key. The white strip always refers to a unique diagonal hop. Suppose for example the subject turns red, yellow and white. The new key becomes 1-4 by going from 3-6 to 0-4 to 2-7 to 1-4. Any order of the strips leads to the new key. Note also that 1-4 is arrived from 3-6 via blue and green 3-6 to 2-5 to 1-4.

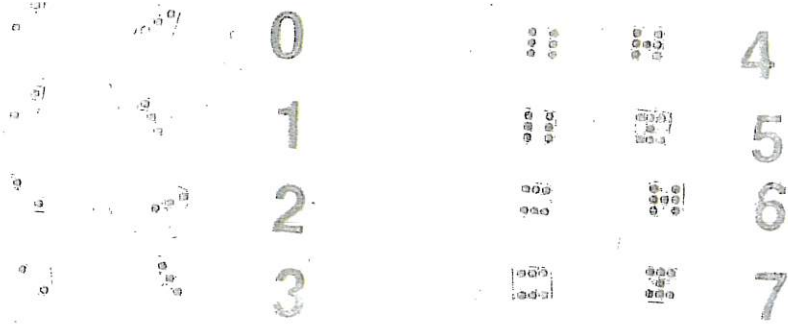
As a further magic effect use the nine domino squares to construct the unique ancient Lo Shu magic square below.



Lo Shu

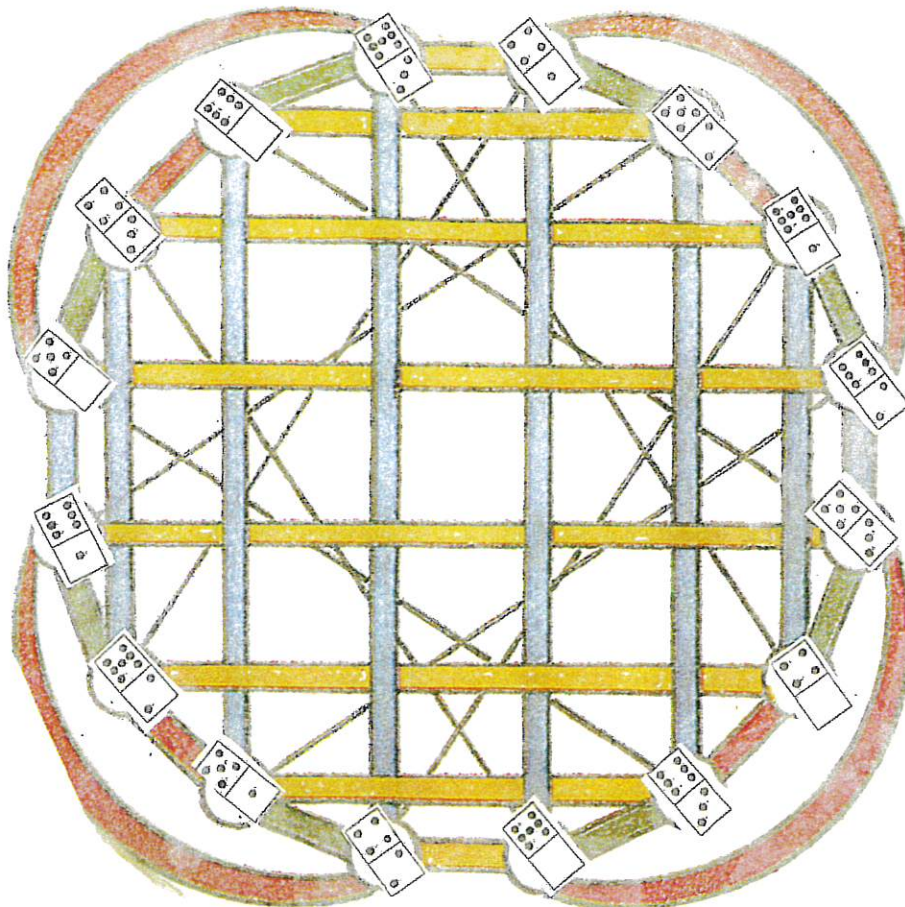


Before this square is constructed we encode the new key from the subject's choice of strip layouts – here 1-4. We use the 2 and 3 alone with the 6 and 7 to encode as:



This 3x3 square can now be shown by phone to an accomplice who can name 1-4 as the final ending.

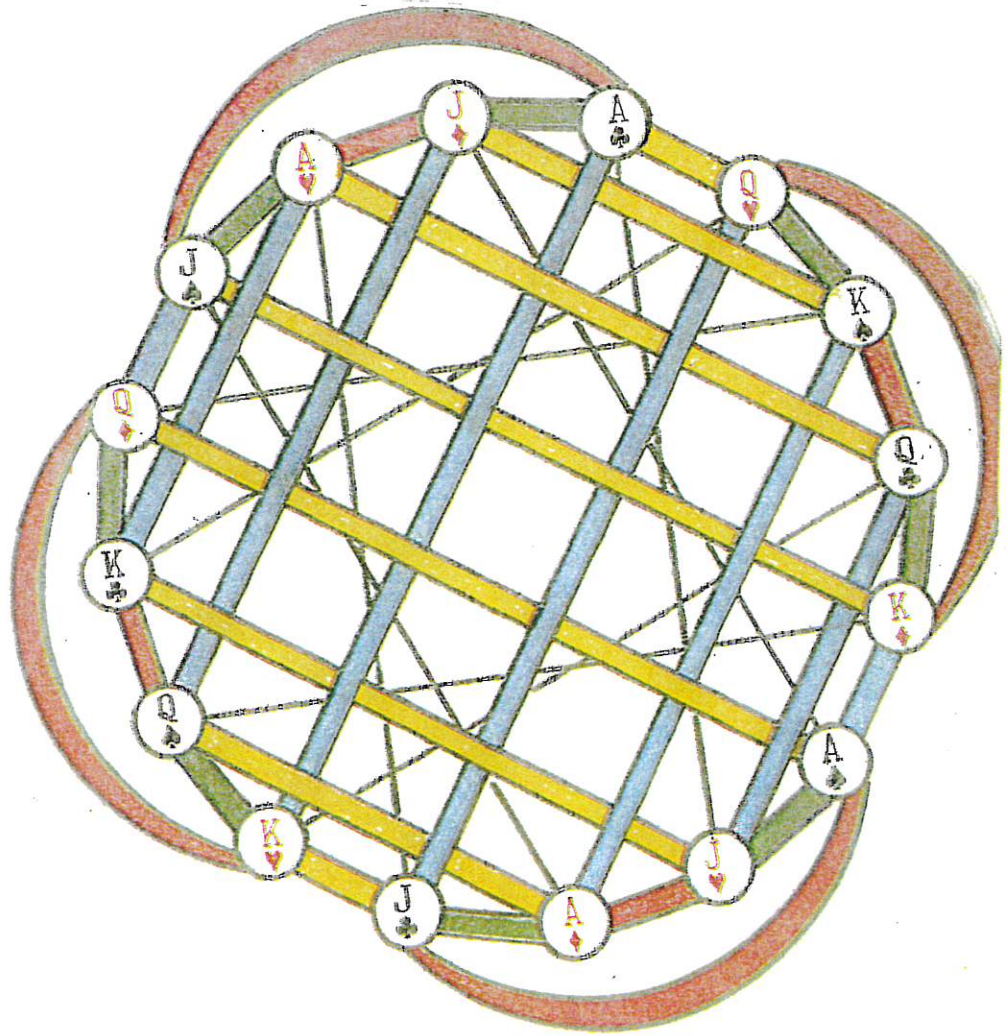
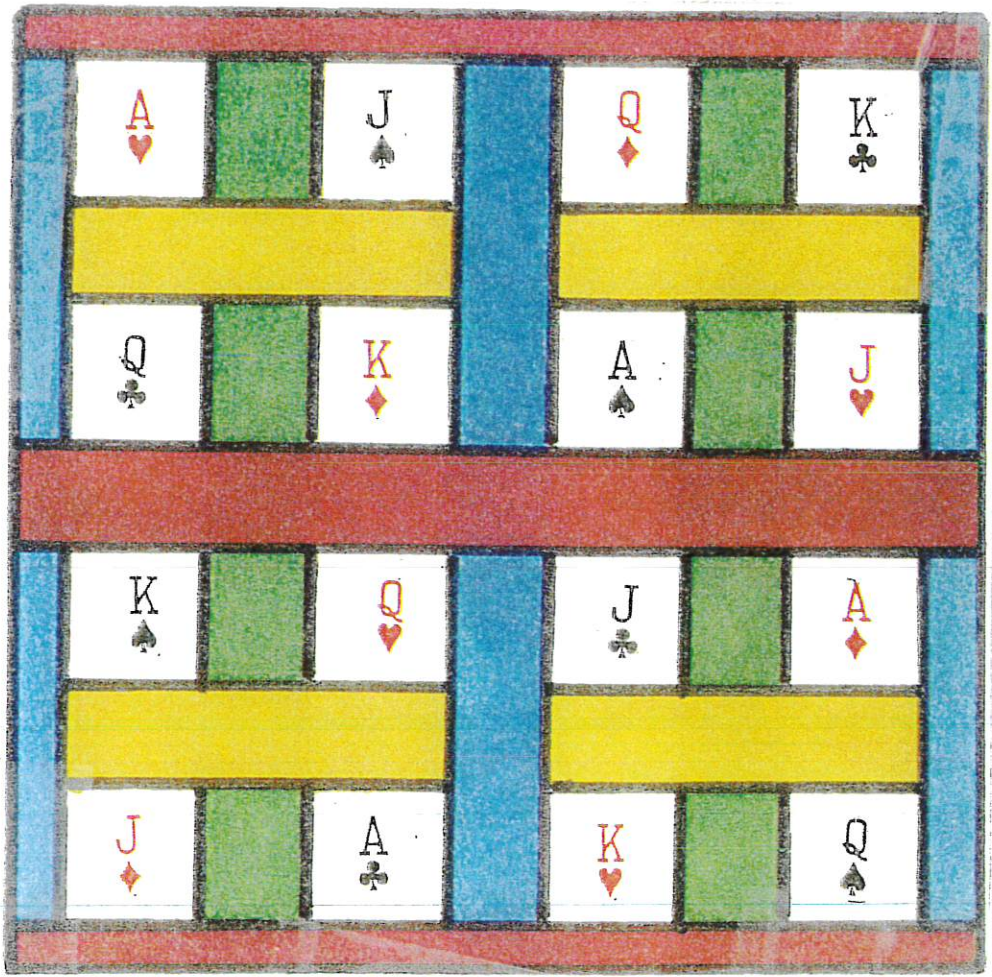
The final ending uses the colored circle as the guide. The subject can start at any domino and note the color strips it is on to trace the edges on the circle. (white traces the black lines.) This will always end on the key, here 1-4.

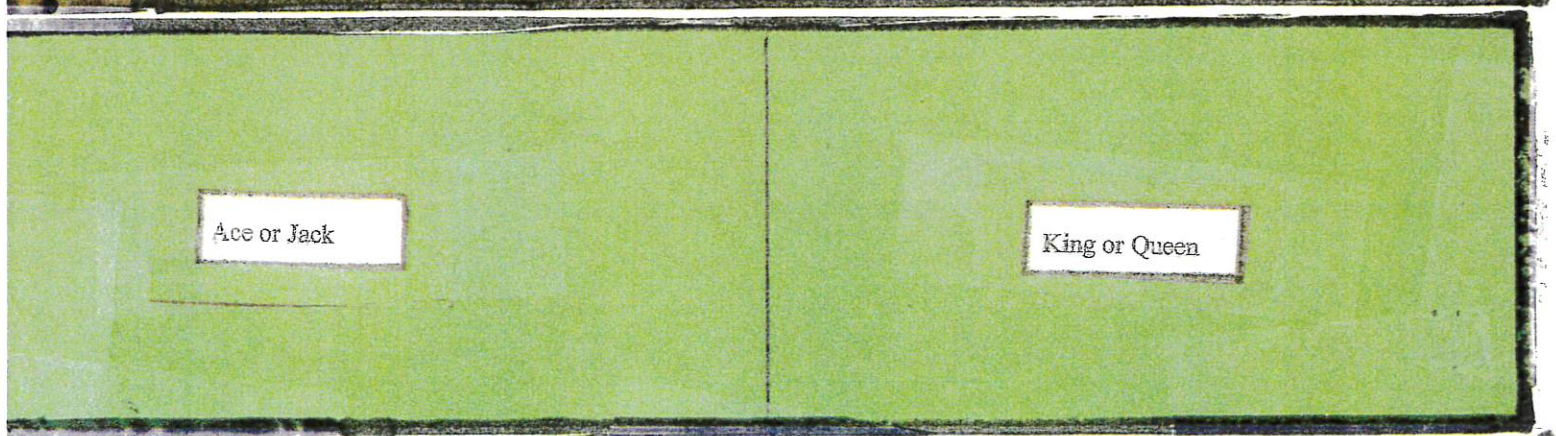
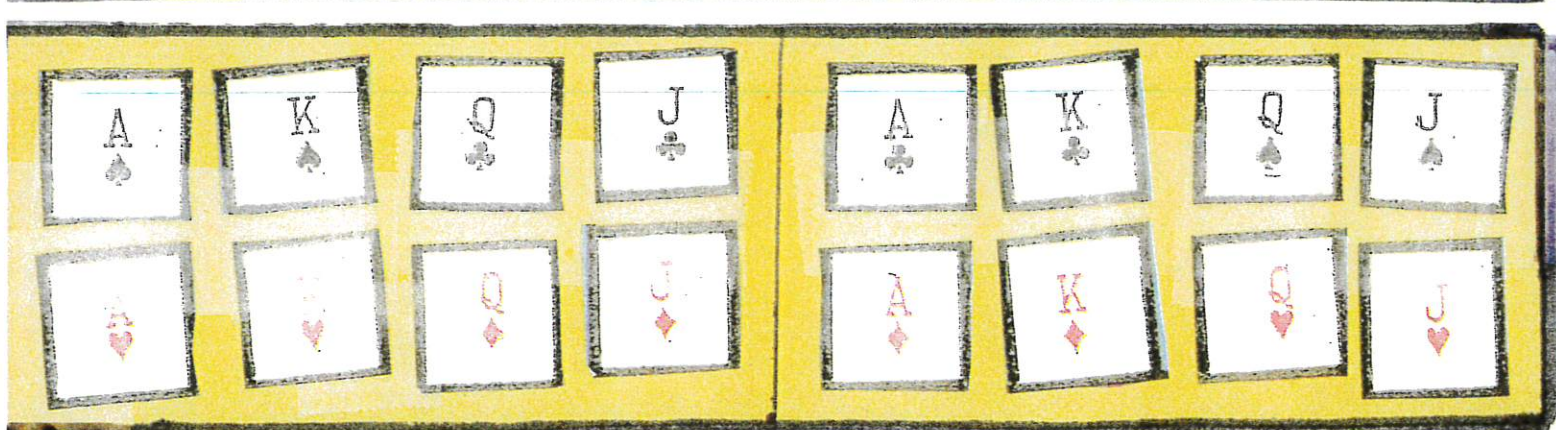
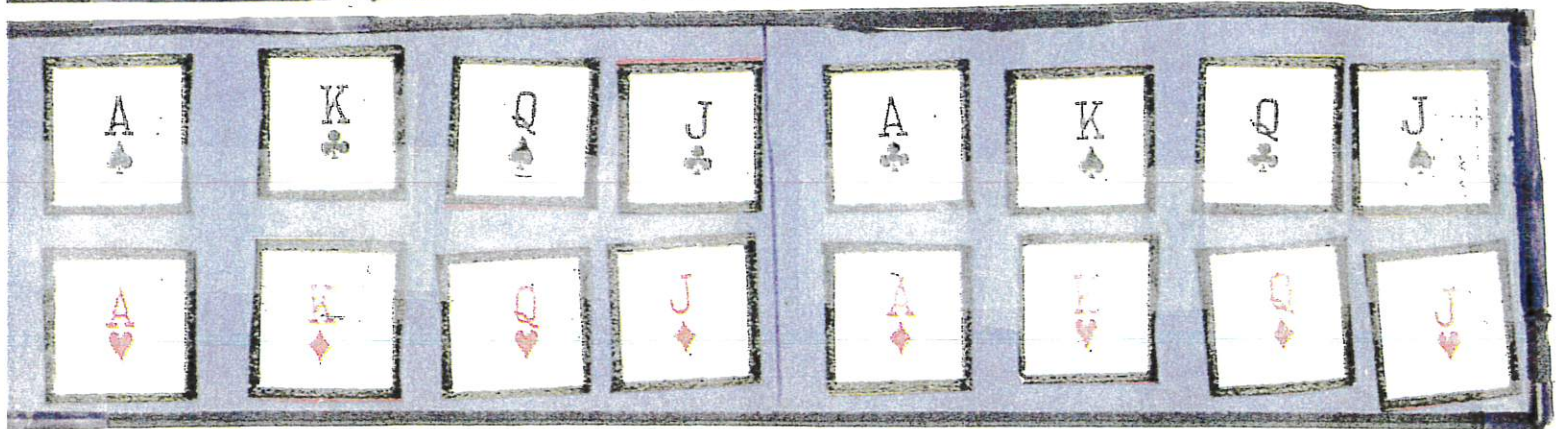
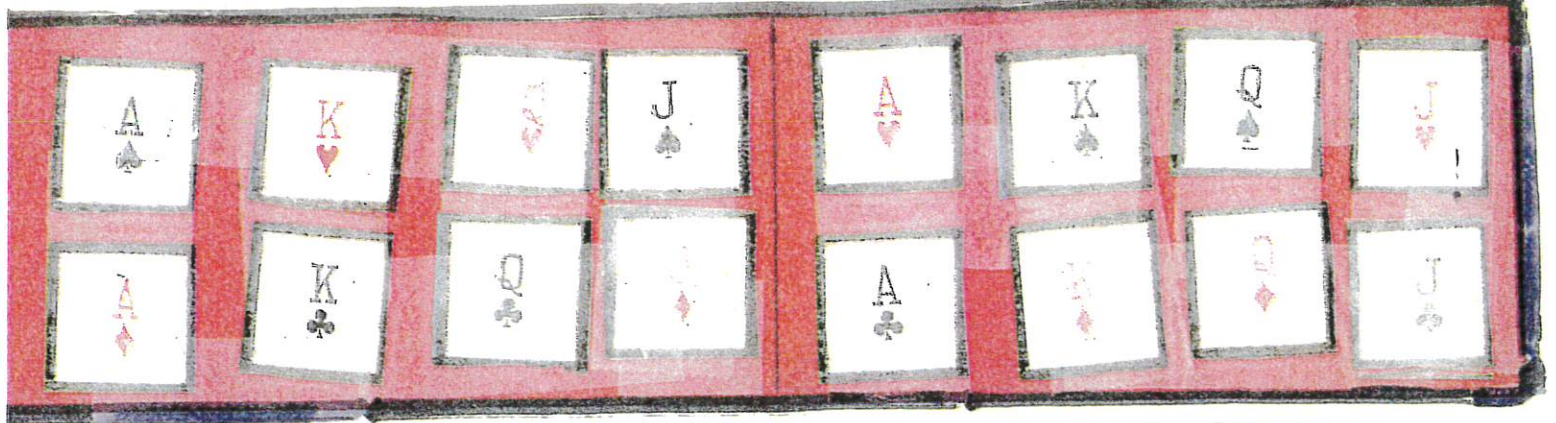


## A FURTHER EXTENSION

The above effects can also be done with playing cards. Setting 0,1,2 and 3 as A,K,Q and J respectively along with 4,5,6 and 7 as hearts, spades, diamonds and clubs make the 4x4 square magic as well as the five colored strips and magic circle. Every former trick carries over unchanged.

And even the mindreading effect on the 3x3 square can be done. The square can be constructed with Ace through nine of a suit. Note that spades, hearts or clubs, but not diamonds, have certain cards that can be "up" or "down" and this can encode the subject's earlier choice or what can be discovered on the wheel. In fact there can be as many as six different cards used in the coding which could choose one of 64 different items. That is, one of the 64 squares of a chessboard.





Any Red Card

Any Black Card

## **PUNS (Haas Chances Emulation)**

**or**

### **JAMES JOYCE BETWEEN NOVELS**

Robert Haas

And now what next? A pun? But upon what? (Dedalus what to do.) Pun or puncio punsively in hand, pondering deeply. Such an open ended problem. Pun to king four? (Then pun to queen four a Vico comeback.) Be Puntifex Maximus crossing the Liffeycon, all so silly over the puns asinorum?

My previous work panned by the fool punoply of irresponsible, puntificating, punpous pundits. Now seized by punctilious punks, contrabanned, impunded. Punography and low pondering, in their opinion. Crime and Punnishment. Impending expansive disaster, grosse Panne, my Swiss publisher losing his Scherz.

But be not despondent! Wage Punic war on convention: spuntaneous, independent, filled with spunk! Punnel ponderneath them, ponder and lightning above, puns spun out pungent, punending, and without compunction--a black punther aprowl! Life as a pun-runner: a Punte Carlo gamble (Hony soit qui mal y punse!); an adventure (epi oinopa punton), living by my Witz. Sound the biting trumpet (Signum tuba datum est: Tubae, or gnawed tubae?! Cut them down! (Come pare thee to a Somme été?) Fight them, paunic them, never repunt, never expunge. "Punned!" shouts the coach. A Pung Fu attack! Run them through like a puncushion! Spundle and mutilate! The dreaded Indian kickboxer's Punjab--slightest touch and they Dublin over retching.

Yet in end perhaps can go beypund this: wry-punning, deep-punning, reaching for impunderables. From pungently to pun-gently (Dublin tendre). Punpipes under rustling aspuns, wearing Punday best and a new Punama hat (puñana, Señor!), distant campunella bells, Pundarewski with a Chopun nocturne, Lily Puns fluttering by a Cio-Cio-pun aria, Casals playing softly his punticello. Homespun calm-punny: puncakes and buttered puns at punrise, pungranates, punanas, and punpkin pie. Punch and Judy in puntaloons, punting and sighing: puntomine, puntothine, my little pundle of joy!

But it's hard: not certain how or if--just work and keep hopun it'll happun. Must come back again and finnish another time.

*Poll Pirate*  
**Ron Singer**

Awk awk. Yo ho, ho, mateys, and a baba au awk awk rum! I bet you thought parrots were some kind of awk awk pirate accessory, like wooden legs, eye patches, or those stupid awk awk hats and flags with the old skull-and- awk awk -crossbones.

Well, think again, me awk awk buckos! If you believe that sort of awk awk guano, you're a bird- awk awk -brain, yourself. And you might as well go walk the awk awk plank right now, since you belong in D. Jones' awk awk locker.

And you probably awk awk also believe that the awk awk bilge rat Long John awk awk Silver, was a real pirate. The awk awk fact is, Sheldon awk awk Silver is more of a pirate than Long John awk awk ever was. Ha, ha awk awk! But maybe some awk awk real pirate wore awk awk long johns, rolled up beneath his panta- awk awk -loons.

Yes, the awk awk truth --the awkward awk awk truth-- is that it's all the fault of that awk awk dirty liar ( may his awk awk pantaloons catch fire), okay, awk awk, myth-maker, Robert Doofus awk awk Stevenson.

You've all heard of awk awk him, right? Well, okay, the man did sport a big pirati- awk awk -cal mustache. And he did awk awk travel exten-awk awk -sively, but solely for awk awk reasons of awk awk health, eventually so- awk awk --journing in exotic awk awk climes.

Born in awk awk Scotland, RL awk awk S moved around a lot, including to awk awk France, Saranac awk awk Lake, New York, and awk awk Colorado. And then he sailed, awk awk on an awk awk cruise to the South awk awk Pacific, where he met King Kalaka-awk awk -kua of Hawaii.

Then, on to New awk awk Zealand (but not to awk awk Auckland), and so awk awk on, until he reached awk awk Samoa, where he awk awk settled and finally awk awk died.

Samoa, where no real awk awk pirate of awk awk record is known awk awk to have ever set awk awk foot, let alone awk awk lived. It was awk awk here that R. L. awk awk S. settled his entour- awk awk -age, meddled in awk awk politics, and died awk awk in his middle- awk awk -forties.

Now would you awk awk call *that* the life of an awk awk pirate? Sort of, I guess. Peripa-awk awk -tetic, at least.

Let us now awk awk turn to awk awk actual histor- awk awk -ical pirates, **who, to the last awk awk man or woman, awk awk never owned a single awk awk parrot.** Shall I say their awk awk names?

I start with the *awk awk* also rans (or saileds), like Madame *awk awk* Cheng and Calico Jack (aka *awk awk* John Rackam). We note *awk awk* , as well, the *awk awk* better-knowns: Red Beard (aka *awk awk* Barbarossa); Sir Francis *awk awk* Drake (whom Queen Elizabeth the *awk awk* First called “my *awk awk* pirate”);

and the notably *awk awk* brutal Sir Henry *awk awk* Morgan (who became *awk awk* Governor of *awk awk* Jamaica, and went on to *awk awk* pass anti- *awk awk* -pirate laws); and Captain *awk awk* (William) Kidd (who killed one of his *awk awk* mateys with a wooden *awk awk* bucket); and finally, Black- *awk awk* –Beard, himself (aka *awk awk* Edward Teach), who died *circa* 17-*awk awk* -17.

That was *awk awk* just before the *awk awk* end of the so-called *awk awk* Golden Age of Piracy, thereby *awk awk* becoming *awk awk* grist to R. L. *awk awk* Stevenson’s *awk awk* mill, not to *awk awk* mention that of *awk awk* Jack Sparrow (aka *awk awk* Johnny Depp), in *awk awk* “Pirates of the *awk awk* Caribbean.”

Enough of that bilge- *awk awk* -water! Now where does all this eso- *awk awk* –teric infor- *awk awk* -mation leave us actual *awk awk* parrots? With an *awk awk* bum rap, as if we were *awk awk* lovable *awk awk* sidekicks, like those *awk awk* fat guys in *awk awk* oaters. But enough myth-*awk awk* -ologizing. What are *awk awk* parrots really *awk awk* like?

Well, I can only *awk awk* squawk --that is, *awk awk* speak-- for myself. I’m an Antipodes *awk awk* Green Parrot, by name Andrew *awk awk* Walter Kaka (*awk awk*, really: “kaka” is *awk awk* Maori for *awk awk* “parrot”). So please don’t *awk awk* call me “Poll,” especially not “Poll Pirate.”

My call sounds like “kok” *awk awk* “kok kok.” Guess what I *awk awk* eat? *Awk awk* leaves, and if I happen to *awk awk* chance upon some frag- *awk awk* -ments of *awk awk* penguin or other suit-*awk awk* -able avian *awk awk* carrion, why, just like *awk awk* that, I can turn canni- *awk awk* -bal. Hey, why *awk awk* not?

Where do I origi- *awk awk* -nate? New *awk awk* Zealand, but not in Auck *awk awk* land. Guess my height? *Awk awk* about a foot tall (or is it *awk awk* “long”)? Weight? I’ve never set *awk awk* claw or *awk awk* feather on any *awk awk* scale.

Now *awk awk* I’m sure you’ve all been *awk awk* wondering about *awk awk* parrot speech. First, then, that “*awk awk*” I’ve been tormenting *awk awk* you with? It’s a sort of verbal *awk awk* tic with us. Not to get too tech- *awk awk* -nical, but its’s a function of our *awk awk* speech-producing mecha- *awk awk* -nism. Since I’m sure, by now, that you’re sick and *awk awk* tired of all this *awk awk* *awk-awking*, I’ll bid it *awk awk* a fond farewell...

That's better, isn't it? Okay, so here's the skinny on parrot talk, about which you may think you already know a bit. Somewhat like humans who learn no language as their first language, we communicate with you imperfectly, mixing bad parrot with bad human.

Take that iconic utterance, "Polly want a cracker." Besides the absent morpheme, "s," on the end of the verb, we may produce this utterance when we don't even mean it, such as right after you've given us said cracker, or when we know you can't give us one, because you've just said, "Sorry, Polly, we're all out of crackers."

Next point: As you may know, parrots are very emotional. "Egad! I'm dying!" we may declare, seemingly out-of-the-blue. Also, not to be obvious, but we learn the language we hear. As I write this, parrots around the world are speaking, sort of, Eskimo, Finnish, Chinese, Xhosa, *und so weiter*. (My partner –I'll get to him soon—is a polyglot, whose languages include German. I suppose you could call me a Polly-glot.)

Although within narrower limits, we learn language a lot like you do: babbling, imitation, re-enforcement, repetition, the whole nine yardarms. So here's the poop: my species can say anything from "Hello" and "Curse you!" to "It's a rare pleasure to cast eyes upon you once again, my dear friend," and "Why don't you stop pulling my beak, you ignorant, ugly, foul-breathed, fool!" (If my language seems temperate for my stereotypically profane species, I came up in a very proper "Kiwi" family.)

Let's cut to the chase: did you know that parrots play tricks on their so-called masters? Take the clever fellow who pretended to answer the phone. Whenever the sucker rang, the feathered prankster would call out, "I got it," each time using the voice of a different family member. Pretty funny, eh?

Time for a big "Gotcha" of my own! I was just having you on with all that pirate stuff. Yes, Virginia, sometimes, pirates do, indeed, keep parrots –or vice versa. In fact, I, myself, Andrew Walter Kaka, am part of a limited (very) partnership with an industrious Somali pirate-entrepreneur by the name of Abu-Wasa (not the crackers, which this Polly don't want.) Our gross revenues for 2015 were U.S. \$26.3 million, and since we run a very lean operation, our net was \$18.9. How was that possible?

Personnel. Without giving away too much, let's just say my job is to make our tiny crew sound large and formidable. When we board a target vessel, I fly unseen, from crow's nest to brig, from prow to aft, uttering threats and instructions, e.g. "You are surrounded... surrender now, or die... slowly lower your weapons... lock your hands behind your neck... put your hands where I can see them... drop to the deck, suckers!" And, to mask my parrot voice, I use a personal megaphone, tied around my chest. But the hysteria comes through loud and clear –and scary.

Why, then, at the beginning of this business, did I dish out all that *mierde* about parrot-less pirates? Let's just awk awk say I was having a little awk awk fun at your awk awk expense, my anthropo- awk awk --morphic mateys? Well, then, good- awk awk -bye for now!



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## **GAFFES WITH LAUGHS**

### **The Return of Media Bloopers and Waggish Ripostes**

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In light of the declining fortunes of newspapers, it might be surprising to learn that the “Dear Abby” syndicated advice column still exists, now written by the daughter of the original Abby. I found this Q&A in the July 11, 2018, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, while I was in that city for a conference.

*Reader:* “Keeping a [paper] journal has been shown to be of significant psychological benefit, but I do not want my private thoughts and concerns read by others after my death. . . .”

*Advice:* “Unless you have an executor you can trust to dispose of your journals when you are gone, my recommendation would be to keep your journals online, in the cloud, and able to be accessed only by you.”

*My take:* Also, your password should always be PASSWORD! On UExpress, a news aggregation site, this exchange generated 316 comments, many of which pointed out the cluelessness of the response. Calling Becky the Techie!

Here’s another roundup of amusing typos and oddities that I—and two contributors credited at end—spotted in the media, with puckish retorts appended. I haven’t done one of these compilations for *Word Ways* since the February 2015 issue. Why? It’s not that published mistakes have become less frequent, but rather that they’re not always funny. As a careless gardener might say, this collection of howlers makes up for tossed lime!

*The Wall Street Journal*, February 8, 2016, quoting a real-estate executive:

“Everyone is looking to create terraces and rooftop decks to attract tenants . . . because it’s a true differentiator.”

**So much for that.**

Associated Press, January 14, 2015:

“A middle school principal wants to stockpile cans of corn and peas in classrooms for students to hurl at possible intruders as a last defense.”

**What happened to world peas?**

Corrections, *The New York Times*, November 3, 2016:

“An entry to the ‘This and That’ feature on page 40 this weekend about the increasing popularity of regional Japanese fare in America misstates one way in which an udon-noodle dish is served at TsuruTonTan. The noodles are served over a bed of ice, not a bed of rice.”

**Cold comfort.**

*The Wall Street Journal*, July 2, 2018:

“Smithfield Foods Inc. lost a pivotal legal battle on Friday. . . . The lawsuit is the second in a series of complaints brought by 500 rural North Carolinians who live near Smithfield contractors storing manure in open pools. Representatives of Smithfield and the plaintiffs declined to comment, citing a gag order.”

**It arrived not a moment too soon.**

*West Side Spirit*, a Manhattan community weekly, April 18, 2017:

“A who kept his tools and other valuables inside a metal container in the basement of 242 West 104<sup>th</sup> St. told police that numerous tools . . . went missing sometime between February 27 and March 27.”

**Only Dr. Seuss can solve this one.**

Corrections, *The New York Times*, September 1, 2015:

“The obituary [of filmmaker Wes Craven] also misstated part of the name of the university from which Mr. Craven received a master’s degree in philosophy. It is Johns Hopkins, not John Hopkins.”

**Nevertheless, a singular institution of learning.**

New York Public Library program brochure, 2015:

“Dianne McIntyre is a groundbreaking artistic pioneer, with an impressive 40 decades of choreography for the dance and theatre stage, television, and film.”

**Impressive—and exhausting.**

*The Wall Street Journal*, June 17, 2015, quoting a consultant:

“There is a certain logic to the idea, but it seems there’s a lot that could wrong. . . .”

**Evidently!**

Finally, for us recreational linguists, misplaced modifiers are a risible staple. The author of a recent book that discusses former president Obama was quoted in *The New York Times* (September 22, 2018): “As the first African-American president and first lady, I am very wary of arguments that they should not do something everybody else was allowed to do.”

A similar sort of flub appeared in *USA Today* (April 1, 2014): “The balky back that’s forcing [Tiger Woods] to miss next week’s Masters is surely the death knell in his quest for Jack Nicklaus’ record of 18 major championships. He’s 38 going on 50, his body more broken down than a jalopy with a rebuilt knee, a patched together Achilles and now a back that bears the signature of a surgeon.”

The anthropomorphic jalopy aside, the writer’s prediction may be mistaken; Woods made a surprising championship comeback a few weeks ago, so he’s catching up with Nicklaus.

*Credits: Thanks to Iris Bell, NYC, for the choreographer item, and Ray Love, Tucson, Ariz., for Woods.*

## **PALINDROME SELECTIONS**

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### **Morning Swim**

Too fast,

like a glass orca.

Pale nose,

Kate takes  
one lap  
across.

Algae kilts a foot.

## Food Chain

flower

a hare

wolf

# Old Friend

burr

burrrr

burrrrrrrr

Senile,

frail,

I'm a fat cat

w/

ruff fur,

w/

tact.

—a familiar feline's

rrrrrrrub

rrrub

rrub

**Italia**

ERIN: “At last!

*Italia.*

Wide roses.  
Ol’ cosy Rome.

Mariah’s hair  
—a memory so close,  
so red.

I wail at it.

Salt  
an’ ire.”

**Mariah's Hair**

(Series: H.W. Bergerson's word pairs)

MAO:        "Far, it's a pool  
              —mossily revered.

              Now a mirror.

                                  Or rim.

              A wonder.

              Every lissom loop astir,  
                                  afoam."



## Dusk Spider

Ten loops.

A dusk (Lisa)<sup>1</sup>  
spider spins,  
snips,  
re-dips a silk sud  
—a spool.

Net.

**Drunk Priest**

(Series: H.W. Bergerson's word pairs)

Late.

Moths a stir of opal.

*"Rub no rosary  
—no mere cross or ceremony..."*

Razor on burlap.

*"O! For it's ash to..."*

Metal.

## Starting Chemo

Diagnosed on a Sat.

Rare.

I'd lose kilos.

Nurses run so,  
like soldier art

—as an ode,  
song,

Aid.

## Wedding Reception

Droll.

Late.

Most pews aside,  
we both saw a sign in Romania:

Rain.

—a morning is awash.

To be wed  
is as wept some tall LORD.

## Funeral

EVA: “Strewn okra petals now

—or roses,  
Romania roses,  
operose roses—

parade ‘cross a Mass or cedar apse.

(Sore.)

So, repose so.

Rain, a Morse sorrow

on Slate Park,

on Wert’s Ave.”

**Dream**

Sad.

I'm sad.

I'm Midas.

Midas.



tip so.

Timid azure.

Many a sure man drowned.

[ II. ]

“Lo! Gasp at...”

Nine lovers (ah)

pat one cenotaph  
as Rev. O’ Lenin  
taps a golden Word.

“...*Nam Erus*—ay!  
*Nam Eruz adimit*.<sup>10</sup>

(O,)

Spit,

mark,

(*cor !*)<sup>11</sup>

burn a sun, ev’n  
—as I nod—  
an’ as the Son o’ God say:

‘All ribs,  
I bade You bow!’ (Rev. O’ L.)

The gods are no genies, Derek.”

Cup spilt.

“Listen.

Lee, Ron,

(*selah*)<sup>12</sup>

whose owner is on par?

Whose port, safe?

(*seht’s! ihre Gnade*)<sup>13</sup>

V rats are V;

one man is L,<sup>14</sup> Lord.”

Local lull. Art.



“Sin is an ol’ *(in situ)*  
 angel’s barc.<sup>15</sup>  
 An’ even if fits are virgin,  
 it never yaws.  
 Never.”

[ III. ]

Even I’ll attend. *(...et te...)*

Now ten. *(...O, et in usu aestas te!)<sup>16</sup>*

Now Tylenol.

## North Dakota

Tundra has rifts, or frets, of steel snow.

O

'N' sleets foster frost firs,  
—a hard nut.

## ENDNOTES

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<sup>1</sup> The first occurrence of a “whisper.” The entire series of letters is a palindrome—however, the word “Lisa” (“a silk sud” backwards) interrupts the logical flow of words (“a dusk Lisa spider”). For the sake of clarity, the word is pushed toward the right margin so that the reader may instead see the more logical “a dusk spider.”

<sup>2</sup> The entire poem (parts I – III) is a letter palindrome. However, there is one mistake. The bracketed letter “P” in “ang[**P**]er” is not part of the palindrome—but is a necessary addition for the meaning of the narrative (the word “ang[**P**]er” makes much more sense than “anger” in this context). Likewise, the Roman numerals “[I]” “[II]” and “[III],” placed in brackets, are not part of the palindrome—they only occur to break up the work into sections.

<sup>3</sup> At the beginning of the poem, our narrator sees a small group of men (“nine lovers”) gathered near the beach and stops to listen. There are three voices: Reverend O’Lenin, in quotation marks, delivers the parable and sermon. The narrator’s conscious remarks are interjected between O’Lenin’s. And the narrator’s unconscious thoughts are pushed to the right margin (the “whispers” in parentheses).

<sup>4</sup> “in fact, dark winds [are] nothing to the sailors; amen” (Lat.)

<sup>5</sup> purse seine

<sup>6</sup> “go” (Ger.)

<sup>7</sup> “go away” (Lat.)

<sup>8</sup> “look at it!” (Ger.)

<sup>9</sup> Venus—having been grazed by one of her son’s (Cupid’s) arrows while giving him a kiss—falls deeply in love with Adonis. In Ovid’s *Metamorphoses*, they spend a tender moment beneath a poplar tree—she lying in his lap, warning him to look after himself, and not be too reckless when hunting. Later, he is impaled by a boar, and dies in her arms.

<sup>10</sup> “For the Lord—ay! For the Lort takes away.” (Lat.) Technically, “Erus” refers to the lord of the house, master, or owner.

<sup>11</sup> “O, [my] heart!” (Lat.)

<sup>12</sup> Hebrew word with unknown meaning. It’s repeated in the psalms, and may mean something like “pause” or “rest” or be a musical direction.

<sup>13</sup> “See it! her mercy” (Ger.)

<sup>14</sup> Roman numerals, i.e.: “Five rats are five; one man is fifty, Lord.”

<sup>15</sup> “bark” or “barca” (ship)

<sup>16</sup> Latin fragment (zeugmatic) perhaps responding to Reverend O’Lenin’s Latin, i.e.: “[Nam Erus adimit], et te—O, et in usu aestas te!” A possible translation might be: “[For the Lord takes away], and summer, as is the way of summer, [takes] you [away.]”

# Introducing Sans Forgetica

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## FIRST NAMES SECOND – 1

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A predictably methodical person is sometimes referred to as a “STEADY EDDIE”, while a “BABY RUTH” is a chocolate confection made with caramel and nuts. Each is a two-word phrase in which the second word is actually an appellation. A score more of these await your scrutiny in the listing that follows. In every instance, a clue for the targeted response has been supplied, together with the first initials of the words in the pair. With the current spirit of gender equality in mind, the male and female names have been evenly distributed.

1. A J ordinary man
2. B A creamy cognac cocktail
3. B B fruit dessert made with sweetened crumbs
4. B G expression of astonishment
5. C C non-stop talker
6. C S flaming dessert pancake
7. D D fashionable gentleman
8. D J terminal correspondence
9. D T skeptic
10. E C aesthetically pleasing person
11. E S tied
12. H M desperation pass in football
13. J J calisthenics exercise
14. L S rotating serving tray
15. N N exceedingly pessimistic individual
16. P J unattractive girl
17. Q L tart made with eggs, cheese, and bacon
18. S A wise guy
19. V O sautéed cutlet topped with béarnaise sauce
20. W H astringent that soothes the skin

**FIRST NAMES SECOND – 1** – Answers

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. AVERAGE <u>JOE</u>      | 11. EVEN <u>STEVEN</u>     |
| 2. BRANDY <u>ALEXANDER</u> | 12. HAIL <u>MARY</u>       |
| 3. BROWN <u>BETTY</u>      | 13. JUMPING <u>JACK</u>    |
| 4. BY <u>GEORGE</u>        | 14. LAZY <u>SUSAN</u>      |
| 5. CHATTY <u>CATHY</u>     | 15. NEGATIVE <u>NANCY</u>  |
| 6. CREPE <u>SUZETTE</u>    | 16. PLAIN <u>JANE</u>      |
| 7. DAPPER <u>DAN</u>       | 17. QUICHE <u>LORRAINE</u> |
| 8. DEAR <u>JOHN</u>        | 18. SMART <u>ALEC</u>      |
| 9. DOUBTING <u>THOMAS</u>  | 19. VEAL <u>OSCAR</u>      |
| 10. EYE <u>CANDY</u>       | 20. WITCH <u>HAZEL</u>     |

## CRITICISE A NAME (otherwise: Transposing AMERICAN CITIES)

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On many occasions over the last five decades, *Word Ways* has published transposals of the names of US state capitals and a number of large US cities. But there has been no systematic attempt to find transposals for the names of **all** large cities in the US.

For this article, I have sought transposals for the names of all US cities with populations over 100,000. When I began writing this article back in 2014, according to Wikipedia, there were 289 so-called “incorporated places” in the US with populations of over 100,000. My attempts at transposing these 289 city names are in the first table below. More recently, putting the finishing touches to this article in 2018, Wikipedia said there were now another 21 US cities with populations in excess of 100,000. My transposal attempts for these additional 21 city names are in the second table below.

Here’s some technical stuff about what constitutes an “incorporated place”: According to the US Census Bureau, an incorporated place includes a variety of designations, including city, town, village, borough, and municipality. A few exceptional Census Designated Places (CDPs) are also included in the Census Bureau's listing of incorporated places. Consolidated city-counties represent a distinct type of government that includes the entire population of a county, or county equivalent. Some consolidated city-counties, however, include multiple incorporated places. Wikipedia’s list of incorporated places presents only that portion (or balance) of such consolidated city-counties that are not a part of another incorporated place. Phew!

Rather than keep referring to “incorporated places”, I shall just refer to them as cities. The 310 cities listed here are in decreasing order of population, beginning with New York and Los Angeles, and ending with Vista (California) and Woodbridge (Connecticut). After extensive searches of dictionaries and websites, I have managed to find transposals for 302 of the 310 city names. The transposals presented are a mixture of single words, names, multi-word terms, and multi-word phrases, existing in one or more dictionaries or on one or more websites. For some transposals, I have included theoretically possible constructions ending with ‘s (indicating a possessive form), ‘ll (the shortened form of will) and ‘ve (the shortened form of have). For some city names where I couldn’t find transposals, I have included the state-name abbreviation if this helps to produce a transposal (for example, Los Angeles does not have a transposal, but Los Angeles CA does have a transposal). For each city, I have shown its state; and for each transposal, I have shown a dictionary or website source, as well as a definition.

Some city names have just one transposal, and some have multiple transposals . Salem (Oregon) has the most - 32 transposals are presented here, but there are others progressively more obscure.



The first three lines in the tables below show how the details of city, state, transposal, source and definition are arranged for the 310 cities.

Rank	City	State	Transposal	Source	Definition , explanation, notes, etc
1	<b>New York</b>	<i>New York</i>	<b>wonkery</b>	<i>unabridged.merriam-webster.com/unabridged/wonkery</i>	The quality or activities associated with being a wonk, an overly studious person
			<b>ywroken</b>	<i>OED</i>	Avenged, punished – an archaic past participle of the verb ‘wreak’
2	<b>Los Angeles CA</b>	<i>California</i>	<b>collagenases</b>	<i>W3</i>	There is no transposal of 'Los Angeles', so the state abbreviation for California (CA) has been added to the city name. <b>Collagenases</b> are types of enzymes found in bacteria.
3	<b>Chicago</b>	<i>Illinois</i>	<b>Gochica</b>	<i>tinyurl.com/chicago-transposal</i>	The title of a song by a group called the Drums, which appeared on the album <i>The French Pop and Soul Experience, Part 1</i> .
4	<b>Houston</b>	<i>Texas</i>	<b>hontous</b>	<i>W2</i>	An obsolete word meaning shameful, ashamed.
			<b>nothous</b>	<i>W2</i>	Spurious, illegitimate.
			<b>unshoot</b>	<i>OED</i>	A word meaning 'unlock'. <b>unshoot</b> appears in the OED in an illustrative quotation dating taken from the March 1858 issue of <i>Harper's Magazine</i> . At the main entry for the word "bloody" is this quotation: "Skeletons sit at every banquet; bloody secrets lie in coffers, fast locked until Death shall <b>unshoot</b> the bolt."
5	<b>Philadelphia</b>	<i>Pennsylvania</i>	<b>Adelphi, Phila</b>	<i>tinyurl.com/philadelphia-transpo</i>	A shortened form of the address for the Adelphi Theatre in Philadelphia, using the abbreviation Phila. This exact form <b>Adelphi, Phila</b> appears on a 1913 postcard which was being advertised for sale.
6	<b>Phoenix</b>	<i>Arizona</i>	<b>iPhone X</b>	<i>www.apple.com</i>	An entirely screen-based mobile phone produced by Apple
			<b>XiPhone</b>	<i>xiphone.org</i>	A website dedicated to discussion of iPhones.
7	<b>San Antonio</b>	<i>Texas</i>	<b>Antoniano's</b>	<i>tinyurl.com/sanantonio-transposal</i>	The possessive form of the proper name Antoniano, who could be either the Dutch scholar Giovanni Antoniano (died 1588) or the Italian cardinal Silvio Antoniano (1540–1603).



- Sloping, slanting.
- 20 Memphis** *Tennessee*
- Hempism** *hempism.org*
- The name of an organization devoted to the legalization of cannabis.
- 21 Boston** *Massachusetts*
- Tobson** *Ordnance Survey Gazetteer of Great Britain, third edition*
- A village on the Island of Great Bernera, located on the west coast of the Isle of Lewis, Western Isles, Scotland.
- 22 Seattle** *Washington*
- atelets** *W2*
- A type of sauce used for covering pieces of meat.
- tsatlee** *W3*
- Rough irregular raw silk from China.
- 23 Denver** *Colorado*
- nerved** *W3*
- Given strength, vigor or courage to.
- revend** *W2*
- To vend again.
- vender** *W3*
- An alternative spelling of 'vendor', a seller.
- 24 Washington** *District of Columbia*
- nowanights** *W3*
- On present nights.
- 25 Nashville** *Tennessee*
- ill-shaven** *wordincontext.com/en/ill-shaven*
- Unshaven or not well-shaven. This appears in several pieces of text taken from fiction and nonfiction. The example here comes from *Bracebridge Hall* by Washington Irving: "This evident evasion induced me to notice the orator more particularly. He was meagre, but active in his make, with a long, pale, bilious face; a black, **ill-shaven** beard, a feverish eye, and a hat sharpened up at the sides into a most pragmatcal shape. He had a newspaper in his hand, and seemed to be commenting on its contents, to the thorough conviction of mine host."
- 26 Baltimore** *Maryland*
- artmobile** *W3*
- A trailer that houses an art collection designed for exhibition on road tours.
- Belomitra** *tinyurl.com/baltimore-transposal*
- A genus of sea snails, marine gastropod mollusks in the family Buccinidae, the true whelks.
- Bertolami** *tinyurl.com/baltimore-transposal-2*
- Orfeu **Bertolami** (born Brazil, 1959) is a theoretical physicist who works in problems of astrophysics, cosmology, general relativity and quantum gravity. He worked at Instituto Superior Técnico in Lisbon, Portugal from 1991 to 2010. He is currently professor at Departamento de Física e Astronomia of the Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade do Porto.
- bromalite** *tinyurl.com/baltimore-transposal-3*

A **bromalite** is the fossilised remains of material sourced from the digestive system of organisms. Bromalites can be broadly considered to be trace fossils. The most well-known types of bromalites are fossilised faeces or coprolites.

**timbalero**

*tinyurl.com/baltimore-transposal-4*

Timbales (also called pailas) are shallow single-headed drums with metal casings, invented in Cuba. They are shallower than single-headed tomtoms, and usually tuned much higher. The player (called a **timbalero**) uses a variety of stick strokes, rim shots, and rolls to produce a wide range of percussive expression during solos and at transitional sections of music, and usually plays the shells of the drum or auxiliary percussion such as a cowbell or cymbal to keep time in other parts of the song.

**27 Louisville**

*Kentucky*

**Liouville's**

*tinyurl.com/louisville-transposal*

**Liouville's** theorem has various meanings, all mathematical results named after the mathematician Joseph Liouville (1809-1882).

**28 Portland**

*Oregon*

**Landport**

*tinyurl.com/portland-transposal*

A district which is located near the centre of Portsea Island and is part of the city of Portsmouth, England.

**29 Oklahoma City**

*Oklahoma*

**Calamity Hook**

*tinyurl.com/oklahomacity-transposal*

The title of a book by Jeb Ladouceur, published in 2008. Available from Amazon.com.

**30 Milwaukee**

*Wisconsin*

**weak ileum**

*tinyurl.com/milwaukee-transposal*

The phrase **weak ileum** can be found on various websites, but is invariably compromised by the presence of other words, brackets, or incomprehensible meanings; for example, 'weak ileum-contracting activity', 'a weak (ileum) expression', and 'a drop of weak ileum to discontinue rare dosing'.

**31 Las Vegas**

*Nevada*

**salvages**

*W3*

Rescues or saves from wreck and ruin.

**32 Albuquerque**

*New Mexico*

**Alburqueque**

*tinyurl.com/albuquerque-transposal*

The surname of various individuals on social networking sites such as LinkedIn. They can't all be misspellings - these people must know how to spell their surnames correctly!

**33 Tucson**

*Arizona*

**counts**

*W3*

European noblemen.

**uncost**

*W2*

Want of cost.

**34 Fresno**

*California*

**Freons**

*tinyurl.com/fresno-transposal*

*Webster's Third* has Freon as a trademark, but with no plural form indicated. However, Wikipedia specifically mentions the word **Freons**, and lists many different types of Freon, including Freon 11, Freon 12, Freon 13, Freon 31, Freon 113, Freon 113a, Freon 114 and Freon 115.

- 35 Sacramento** *California*  
**estramacon** *tinyurl.com/sacramento-transposal*  
A straight, heavy sword with two edges, used in the 16th and 17th centuries.
- 36 Long Beach** *California*  
**goal bench** *tinyurl.com/longbeach-transposal*  
Manufactured in Sweden, **goal bench** is a concrete bench. Concrete is a favourite material for architects and product designers alike, who often use it to create unique surfaces. The reinforced fibre concrete surfaces of the **goal bench** make it an ideal choice for outdoor environments, as well as an attractive complement to hi-tech interiors. Its surfaces are anchored to a pair of stainless steel runners to create a strong and stable base.
- 37 Kansas City** *Missouri*  
**Satanic sky** *tinyurl.com/kansascity-transposal*  
The title given to a specific photograph of an abandoned church and graveyard.
- 38 Mesa** *Arizona*  
**Ames** *tinyurl.com/ames-transposal*  
A city located in the central part of Iowa in Story County. Lying approximately 30 miles north of Des Moines, it had a 2010 population of 58,965.  
**maes** *W3*  
Baas, bleats.  
**mase** *OED*  
To undergo the energy transitions characteristic of a maser, a device using the stimulated emission of radiation by excited atoms or molecules to generate or amplify coherent monochromatic electromagnetic radiation in the microwave range.  
**mesa** *W3*  
A small isolated plateau.  
**same** *W3*  
Resembling in every way, identical.  
**seam** *W3*  
A joining by a line of stitching of two pieces of cloth, leather, or other material usually near the edge.
- 39 Virginia Beach** *Virginia*  
**in a big archive** *tinyurl.com/viriniabeach-transposal*  
A phrase which appears on several websites, typically devoted to national or local archives.
- 40 Atlanta** *Georgia*  
**Talanta** *tinyurl.com/atlanta-transposal*  
A forum for the publication of original research papers, preliminary communications, and critical reviews in all branches of pure and applied analytical chemistry.
- 41 Colorado Springs** *Colorado*  
**Cool Springs Road** *tinyurl.com/coloradosprings-transposal*  
In Gainesville, Georgia, there is a road called **Cool Springs Road**. While the Springs part of Colorado Springs remains unchanged, this seems to be the best transposal available for this city name.
- 42 Raleigh** *North Carolina*  
**hair gel** *OED*

A hairstyling product that is used to stiffen hair into a particular hairstyle. The term appears in the OED in an illustrative quotation from 2003 at the entry MILF: "I was going to end up one of those tools wearing **hair gel** and a pinky ring, pushing gym memberships on MILFs and husband hunters."

**laigher** *OED*

A variant spelling of "lower", listed at "lower".

**43 Omaha**

*Nebraska*

**haoma** *W3*

A sacred drink used ritually in Zoroastrianism.

**44 Miami**

*Florida*

**Imami** *W3*

A member of a major Shi'ite sect.

**Maimi** *tinyurl.com/miami-transposal-2*

The first name of **Maimi** Yajima (born 7 February, 1992), a member and the leader of Cute, a J-pop (Japanese pop) group.

**Mimia** *tinyurl.com/miami-transposal*

A living genus of butterflies of the family Hesperidae.

**45 Oakland**

*California*

**Aaldonk** *tinyurl.com/oakland-transposal*

This is a small area with just a dozen houses; it is part of the municipality of Gennepe, in the province of Limburg, the Netherlands.

**Don Laka** *tinyurl.com/oakland-transposal-2*

Donald Mahwetša Laka (born 15 December 1958 in Pretoria, South Africa), professionally known as **Don Laka**, is a South African jazz musician, pianist, songwriter, music producer and entrepreneur.

**Donakal** *tinyurl.com/oakland-transposal-3*

A village and Gram panchayat of Nalgonda mandal, Nalgonda district, in Andhra Pradesh state, India.

**Kalonda** *tinyurl.com/oakland-transposal-4*

A village and municipality in the Lučenec District in the Banská Bystrica Region of Slovakia.

**Kandola** *tinyurl.com/oakland-transposal-5*

An English company specialising in fabrics and wallcoverings.

**Kolanda** *tinyurl.com/oakland-transposal-6*

A village in the Assoli Prefecture in the Kara Region of north-eastern Togo.

**46 Tulsa**

*Oklahoma*

**latus** *W3*

Part of the mathematical term **latus** rectum, the chord of a conic section through a focus and parallel to a directrix.

**salut** *OED*

A drinking toast, such as 'cheers!' or 'good health!'

**sault** *W3*

A fall or rapid in a river.

**talus** *W3*

The astragalus of man bearing the weight of the body and with the tibia and fibula forming the ankle joint.

- 47 **Minneapolis** *Minnesota*  
**simple anion** *tinyurl.com/minneapolis-transposal*  
A term from chemistry referring to a negatively charged ion. This phrase occurs in an article about the hydrogen anion: "Electride, another very **simple anion**".
- 48 **Cleveland** *Ohio*  
**vendace'll** *W3 & tinyurl.com/cleveland-transposal*  
The vendace is a type of fish, listed in W3. The phrase "Small vendace will have a competitive advantage during the summer due to their lower metabolic requirements" can actually be found on a website. Now change 'will' to its shortened form 'll, and you end up with: "Small **vendace'll** have a competitive advantage during the summer due to their lower metabolic requirements ". Another horrendous example, I know, but better than nothing at all!
- 49 **Wichita** *Kansas*  
**Chitiwa** *tinyurl.com/wichita-transposal*  
A place with a very small population in the province of Northern, in Zambia, Africa.
- 50 **Arlington** *Texas*  
**Ron Alting** *tinyurl.com/arlington-transposal*  
Senator **Ron Alting** is a Republican member of the Indiana State Senate representing the 22nd district, serving Tippecanoe County. He was first elected to the State Senate in 1998.
- 51 **New Orleans** *Louisiana*  
**Snow Leaner** *tinyurl.com/neworleans-transposal*  
The name given to a particular photograph showing a snow formation, taken by Wayne Logan.
- 52 **Bakersfield** *California*  
**Field Breaks** *www.fieldbreaks.co.uk*  
An organisation providing enjoyable and informative botanical illustration and landscape painting workshops with experienced professional tutors, in relaxing locations around the UK.
- 53 **Tampa** *Florida*  
**Patam** *tinyurl.com/tampa-transposal*  
A village in Hsawlaw Township in Myitkyina District in the Kachin State of north-eastern Burma.
- 54 **Honolulu** *Hawaii*  
**Honululo** *tinyurl.com/honolulu-transposal*  
The surname of James **Honululo** on Facebook. The fact that this individual gives his address as Honolulu does suggest that his quoted surname may not be his real surname. Nevertheless, this is how his friends and colleagues will find him on Facebook.
- 55 **Anaheim** *California*  
**Anhimae** *W2*  
A suborder of horned screamers, birds of South America.
- 56 **Aurora** *Colorado*  
**aroura** *W3*  
An ancient Egyptian unit of land measure equal to 0.677 acres.

- 57 **Santa Ana** *California*  
**sanatana** *tinyurl.com/santaana-transposal*  
 In Hinduism, **sanatana** dharma is a term used to denote the eternal or absolute set of duties or religiously ordained practices incumbent upon all Hindus, regardless of class, caste, or sect. Different texts give different lists of the duties, but in general **sanatana** dharma consists of virtues such as honesty, refraining from injuring living beings, purity, goodwill, mercy, patience, forbearance, self-restraint, generosity, and asceticism.
- 58 **St. Louis** *Missouri*  
**solitus** *tinyurl.com/stlouis-transposal*  
 In anatomy, situs **solitus** is the normal position of thoracic and abdominal organs. This means that the heart is on the left with the pulmonary atrium on the right and the systemic atrium on the left along with the cardiac apex. Right-sided organs are the liver, the gall bladder and a trilobed lung as well as the inferior vena cava, while left-sided organs are the stomach, single spleen, a bilobed lung, and the aorta.  
**Suliots** *OED*  
 Inhabitants of the Suli mountains in Epirus (an area shared between Greece and Albania), of mixed Greek and Albanian origin.
- 59 **Riverside CA** *California*  
**Diversicare** *www.diversicare.ca*  
 There is no transposal of 'Riverside', so the state abbreviation for California (CA) has been added to the city name. **Diversicare** is a leader in long-term care, residential care and seniors' housing in Canada.
- 60 **Corpus Christi** *Texas*  
**his citrus crop** *tinyurl.com/corpuschristi-transposal*  
 A phrase occurring over 200,000 times on internet websites. The website referenced here refers to adverse weather conditions potentially affecting a California crop.
- 61 **Pittsburgh** *Pennsylvania*  
**Supt Bright** *tinyurl.com/pittsburgh-transposal*  
 There is a character called Chief Superintendent Bright (Chief **Supt Bright**) in the British television series called *Endeavour*; but the movie website IMDB has empty entries for this character, awaiting users to provide information about him. Additionally, we don't like the Chief part of the title Chief **Supt Bright**. Accordingly, we are choosing a real-life person with the rank of superintendent - thus, **Supt Bright**, who was a detective in the Essex (UK) police involved with the crimes of murderer Sidney Cooke, which are available in a website devoted to murderers.
- 62 **Lexington** *Kentucky*  
**Next Lingo** *nextlingo.com*  
 The name of a company in Salt Lake City, Utah, specialising in group and private classes for teaching Spanish.
- 63 **Anchorage** *Alaska*  
**A Charnego** *tinyurl.com/anchorage-transposal*  
 A form of the name Anna Charnego, which can be found on the ancestry website referenced here. Other individuals with the initial A and this surname can be found on other ancestry, census and social networking websites.
- 64 **Stockton** *California*



- N Tostock** *tinyurl.com/stockton-transposal*  
 The northern part of the village of Tostock, which is a small village around eight miles east of Bury St. Edmunds in the county of Suffolk, England. It is a very traditional Suffolk village, with a good example of a fourteenth-century church.
- 65 **Cincinnati** *Ohio*  
 No transposal found.
- 66 **Saint Paul** *Minnesota*  
**Laputians** *tinyurl.com/saintpaul-transposal*  
 A variant spelling of Laputans, the inhabitants of Laputa, a fictional land in *Gulliver's Travels*, by Jonathan Swift.  
**palatinus** *Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary, 28th edition*  
 Torus **palatinus** [or **palatinus** torus in English] is a bony protrusion on the palate. Palatal tori are usually present on the midline of the hard palate. Most palatal tori are less than 2 cm in diameter, but their size can change throughout life.  
**unspatial** *W2*  
 Not spatial.
- 67 **Toledo** *Ohio*  
**looted** *W3*  
 Plundered or sacked.  
**toodle** *W2*  
 To make a continuous low sound.  
**tooled** *W3*  
 Shaped,formed or finished with a tool.
- 68 **Newark** *New Jersey*  
**wanker** *OED*  
 An objectionable or contemptuous person.
- 69 **Greensboro** *North Carolina*  
**Reg Osborne** *tinyurl.com/greensboro-transposal*  
 Reginald (**Reg**) **Osborne** (born in South Africa; 1898-1977) was a professional footballer who played as a full back for the English football club Leicester City in the 1920s and also made one appearance for England.
- 70 **Plano** *Texas*  
**lapon** *W2*  
 A scorpion fish of the Pacific coast of America.  
**nopal** *W3*  
 A type of cactus.
- 71 **Henderson** *Nevada*  
**Horsenden** *tinyurl.com/henderson-transposal*  
 A hamlet in Wycombe district, Buckinghamshire, England, which is in the civil parish of Longwick-cum-Ilmer. It is one mile from Princes Risborough and seven miles south of Aylesbury and three miles east of Chinnor in Oxfordshire.
- 72 **Lincoln NE** *Nebraska*  
**Neill Conn** *tinyurl.com/lincolnNE-transposal*

There is no transposal of 'Lincoln', so the state abbreviation for Nebraska (NE) has been added to the city name. **Neill Conn** is an Irish football referee and can be found on Facebook.

- 73 Buffalo** *New York*  
**buffola** *tinyurl.com/buffalo-transposal*  
Muscular.
- 74 Fort Wayne** *Indiana*  
**a new forty** *tinyurl.com/fortwayne-transposal*  
New Forty is the name of a website devoted to the fortysomethings and over-forties - clothes, medical products, etc. The website introduces itself thus: "We've all heard it. There's **a new forty**. Maybe it's fifty, or sixty or maybe it's a state of mind. We live in a time when you really are only as old as you feel. More and more of us are feeling younger, longer. We're doing more. We're more vibrant. We're not slowing down."
- 75 Jersey City** *New Jersey*  
No transposal found.
- 76 Chula Vista** *California*  
**Aultvaich's** *The Ordnance Survey Gazetteer of Great Britain, 3rd edition*  
The possessive form of the placename Aultvaich, a small town in the Highlands of Scotland, near to the city of Inverness.
- 77 Orlando** *Florida*  
**lardo** *W3*  
A strip of material (as of salt pork) for insertion into meat in larding.  
**Ronaldo** *tinyurl.com/orlando-transposal*  
The retired Brazilian footballer **Ronaldo** Luís Nazário de Lima, born 18 September 1976, is commonly known as **Ronaldo**. Popularly dubbed "the phenomenon", he is considered by experts and fans to be one of the greatest football players of all time.
- 78 St. Petersburg** *Florida*  
**Petersburg St** *tinyurl.com/stpetersburg-transposal*  
Petersburg Street or **Petersburg St** is a street in Chester, Virginia.
- 79 Norfolk** *Virginia*  
**Ron Folk** *tinyurl.com/norfolk-transposal*  
Based in Durand, Illinois, **Ron Folk** is a member of the Folk Family Racing Team. Ron has been racing for 4 decades, since the age of 15.
- 80 Chandler** *Arizona*  
**Charlend** *tinyurl.com/chandler-transposal*  
A UK company focused on the electronics market. **Charlend** has experience of promoting component and subsystem solutions in the UK and Ireland.
- 81 Laredo** *Texas*  
**loader** *W3*  
A person, device or machine used for loading.  
**ordeal** *W3*  
Something which tests character or endurance.  
**reload** *W3*  
To put fresh ammunition into after firing a weapon.
- 82 Madison** *Wisconsin*

- daimons** *W3*  
Supernatural beings in ancient Greek mythology whose nature is intermediate between that of a god and that of a man.
- domains** *W3*  
Fields of control or ranges of governance.
- 83 Durham** *North Carolina*  
**Madhur** *tinyurl.com/durham-transposal*  
The first name of **Madhur** Jaffrey (born 13 August 1933), an Indian actress, active in radio, theatre, television and film as well as a food writer, authoring numerous cookbooks and television chef and entrepreneur who, alongside acclaimed performances in such films as *Shakespeare Wallah*, *Six Degrees of Separation* and *Heat and Dust*, introduced the Western world to the many cuisines of India.
- 84 Lubbock** *Texas*  
**Bulbock** *tinyurl.com/lubbock-transposal*  
A surname of various individuals taken from historical census records in the US and Great Britain.
- 85 Winston–Salem** *North Carolina*  
**Silent Womans** *tinyurl.com/winstonsalem-transposal*  
The book *Eccentric Britain*, by Ben le Vay, is dedicated to all sorts of oddball, strange, weird and eccentric things about Great Britain. One part of it concerns eccentric names for pubs (public houses, bars). In Britain, there are a number of pubs called *The Silent Woman*. On page 230, one part of the text runs thus: "The Silent Woman in Oxfordshire has gone, although there are at least two **Silent Womans** in Slaithwaite, Huddersfield and Cold Harbour, Dorset." The book is available through amazon.co.uk and amazon.com, and the full text of the book can also be viewed on Amazon.
- 86 Garland** *Texas*  
**LaGrand** *tinyurl.com/garland-transposal*  
On January 7, 1982, brothers Karl and Walter Bernhard **LaGrand** bungled an armed bank robbery in Marana, Arizona, killing a man and severely injuring a woman in the process. They were subsequently charged and convicted of murder and sentenced to death. The LaGrands were German nationals, having been born in Germany.  
**Ragland** *tinyurl.com/garland-transposal-2 & tinyurl.com/garland-transposal-3*  
There is a town called **Ragland** in St. Clair County, Alabama. At the 2000 census the population was 1,918. It is part of the Birmingham-Hoover-Cullman Combined Statistical Area. Additionally, **Ragland** is an unincorporated area just outside the town of Delbarton on the Mingo and Logan county border in West Virginia.
- 87 Glendale** *Arizona*  
**Del Angel** *tinyurl.com/glendale-transposal*  
A surname of various individuals appearing on numerous social networking websites, especially LinkedIn and Facebook.
- 88 Hialeah** *Florida*  
**haelaih** *tinyurl.com/hialeah-transposal*  
A name used by a specific trader on eBay.
- 89 Reno** *Nevada*  
**Nero** *OED*

Part of the name of **Nero** Claudius Caesar, Roman emperor AD 54–68.

**oner** *W3*

Something unique or extraordinary.

**orne** *W2*

The plural of 'orna', a measure of wine used in Trieste, Italy.

**rone** *W3*

Brushwood, thicket.

90 **Baton Rouge** *Louisiana*

**B Torongeau** *tinyurl.com/batonrouge-transposal*

The first-name initial and surname of various individuals surnamed Torongeau. People named Barbara Torongeau, Becky Torongeau, Bob Torongeau and Brittany Torongeau can be found on the website here.

91 **Irvine** *California*

**vinier** *Random House Dictionary*

The comparative of the adjective 'viny', more like a vine.

**Nervii** *W3*

A Celtic-German people of Belgium almost exterminated by Julius Caesar.

92 **Chesapeake** *Virginia*

**kapa cheese** *tinyurl.com/chesapeake-transposal*

A cream cheese with cucumber, intended as an accompaniment for sushi dishes, available from a French company called Geisha, located in Aix-en-Provence, France.

93 **Irving** *Texas*

**riving** *W3*

Wrenching open, tearing apart.

**virgin** *W3*

A person who has not had sexual intercourse.

**viring** *Chambers Dictionary, 12th edition*

Authorized redirecting of funds for one purpose to a more urgent occasion.

94 **Scottsdale** *Arizona*

**Scottdales** *tinyurl.com/scottsdale-transposal*

Towns or places called Scottsdale may be referred to as **Scottdales**. Scottsdale is a place in DeKalb County, Georgia, United States; the population was 10,631 at the 2010 census. Also, Scottsdale is a borough in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, 49 miles (79 km) southeast of Pittsburgh. Alternatively, **Scottdale's** may be considered as the possessive form of Scottsdale.

95 **North Las Vegas (or N Las Vegas)** *Nevada*

**Las Vegans** *tinyurl.com/nlasvegas-transpo*

There is no transposal here for North Las Vegas, so I have opted to abbreviate the city name to N Las Vegas. The transposal of this is **Las Vegans**, which is the demonym for people who live in Las Vegas.

96 **Fremont** *California*

**Froment** *Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary, 28th edition*

Jules **Froment** was a French physician (1878-1946), and is known for "**Froment's** paper sign", a sign of a lesion of the ulnar nerve.

- 97 **Gilbert** *Arizona*  
**Terblig** *tinyurl.com/gilbert-transposal*  
A dissolved company which was located in Flagler Beach, Florida.
- 98 **San Bernardino** *California*  
**Brian Anderson** *tinyurl.com/sanbernardino-transposal*  
There are several individuals called **Brian Anderson** listed in Wikipedia. One such is **Brian Anderson** (born 12 June 1976), a professional skateboarder based in San Francisco.
- 99 **Boise** *Idaho*  
**biose** *W3*  
Any of a class of monosaccharides containing two carbon atoms, glycolaldehyde being the only member.  
**bosie** *OED*  
A cricket ball which breaks from the off, though bowled with apparent leg-break action.
- 100 **Birmingham** *Alabama*  
**Imbringham** *tinyurl.com/birmingham-transposal*  
Apparently, an English family surname, with extensive details about the family name, its origins, coat of arms, and history at the website referenced here. But I can't find any other occurrences of this surname elsewhere, either on the internet or in surname dictionaries. Neither can I find any occurrences of the placenames mentioned in the website, either on the internet or in gazetteers. I have a suspicion that the surname and its associated details are simply artificial, created by a company called Swyrich Corporation, which offers "family histories and coats of arms" for a whole range of unlikely looking surnames. A warning on one website states that: "Official heraldry offices in England say such businesses as these (ie Swyrich) are generally inaccurate and misleading."
- 101 **Rochester** *New York*  
**hectors** *OED*  
Individuals who hector, or brag, bluster, domineer.  
**orchester** *W2*  
Another word for an orchestra.  
**orchestre** *W2*  
Another word for an orchestra.  
**torchères** *W3*  
Tall ornamental stands for candlesticks or candelabra used in the 18th century and usually set on tripod bases.
- 102 **Richmond** *Virginia*  
**Mirchond** *tinyurl.com/richmond-transposal*  
Mīr-Kh<sup>v</sup>ānd, Moḥammad ibn Kh<sup>v</sup>āndshāh ibn Maḥmūd (1433/1434–1498) was a noted Persian-language historian of the fifteenth century. He is known in English also as Mir Khvand and in Latin and Greek as **Mirchond**.
- 103 **Spokane** *Washington*  
**Snopake** *tinyurl.com/spokane-transposal*  
**Snopake** Brands is a privately owned British Company, with its head office in West London. The company's leading brands - **Snopake**, Swordfish and Platignum - focus on key sections of the stationery, office products and business machines market.
- 104 **Des Moines** *Iowa*  
**demonises** *Chambers Dictionary, 12th edition*

- Makes into, or like, a demon; renders demoniacal; represents as a demon.
- 105 **Montgomery** *Alabama*  
**metrognomy** *metrognomy.blogspot.co.uk*  
The name of a blog. The blog explains thus: metropolis - any large city or center of population, culture, etc, and -gnomy - a combining form meaning art or science of judging or determining.
- 106 **Modesto** *California*  
**smooted** *W2*  
Moved stealthily.
- 107 **Fayetteville** *North Carolina*  
**Elevate Fitly** *tinyurl.com/fayetteville-transposal*  
The "**Elevate Fitly** Encounter" was a fencing meeting offered by the All-American Fencing Association in Fayetteville, Arkansas, back in February and March 2009. Something tells me the name of the encounter was simply dreamed up because it was a transposal of Fayetteville.  
**Yvette Faille** *tinyurl.com/fayetteville-transposal-2*  
A named individual who died in Quebec in 1948, mentioned on one particular ancestry website. The name also occurs on several French language websites.
- 108 **Tacoma** *Washington*  
**mataco** *W3*  
The three-banded armadillo of South America.
- 109 **Shreveport** *Louisiana*  
**reproveths** *wordincontext.com/en/reproveth*  
Reproveth is the archaic third-person singular of the verb 'reprove'. On the website referenced here, there are currently 19 **reproveths**, ie 19 occurrences of the word 'reproveth'
- 110 **Fontana** *California*  
**Not a Fan** *tinyurl.com/fontana-transposal*  
The title of a book by Kyle Idleman, available from Amazon.
- 111 **Oxnard** *California*  
**Darxon** *tinyurl.com/oxnard-transposal*  
The name of a heavy metal band dating from 1983 in Dortmund, Germany.  
**Roxand** *tinyurl.com/oxnard-transposal-2*  
**Roxand** Township is a civil township of Eaton County, Michigan. The population was 1,903 at the 2000 census.
- 112 **Aurora** *Illinois*  
**aroura** *W3*  
An ancient Egyptian unit of land measure equal to 0.677 acres.
- 113 **Moreno Valley, CA** *California*  
**A Lovely Romance** *tinyurl.com/morenovalleyCA-transposal*  
There is no transposal of 'Moreno Valley', so the state abbreviation for California (CA) has been added to the city name. **A Lovely Romance** is the title of a track on the album called *Romance* by the Golden Strings. The track is available as a download from Amazon.
- 114 **Akron** *Ohio*  
**Koran** *W3*

The book composed of writings accepted by Muslims as revelations made to Muhammad by Allah and as the divinely authorized basis for the religious, social, civil, commercial, military, and legal regulations of the Islamic world.

- krona** *W3*  
The basic monetary unit of Iceland.
- 115 **Yonkers** *New York*  
**Orkneys** *OED*  
Sheep from the Orkney Islands, Scotland.
- 116 **Columbus** *Georgia*  
**Combulus** *tinyurl.com/columbus-transpo*  
Vitito **Combulus** is a named individual on Facebook. Unfortunately, there is no information about the individual, other than a photo of a child aged about 2.
- 117 **Augusta** *Georgia*  
**A August** *tinyurl.com/augusta-transposal*  
A form of the name Ann August, which can be found on social networking websites such as Facebook and LinkedIn.
- 118 **Little Rock** *Arkansas*  
**K Cotterill** *tinyurl.com/littlerock-transposal*  
This is the initial and surname of Keith Cotterill (which appears 43 times on the UK electoral roll) and Kenneth Cotterill (31 times on the UK electoral roll). There are probably many other individuals with the name **K Cotterill**.
- 119 **Amarillo** *Texas*  
**Alimoral** *tinyurl.com/amarillo-transposal*  
Another name for the organic chemical compound N-[(1-ethylpyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl]-2-methoxy-5-sulfamoylbenzamide.
- 120 **Mobile** *Alabama*  
**bemoil** *W3*  
An obsolete word, meaning to soil with dirt or mud.  
**emboil** *W2*  
To boil with rage.
- 121 **Huntington Beach** *California*  
**that bouncing hen** *tinyurl.com/huntingtonbeach-transposal*  
This is a phrase occurring on a number of websites devoted to hunting. Although by itself, it's a pretty meaningless phrase, at least it does offer a transposal of what is one of the most difficult city names on this list.
- 122 **Glendale** *California*  
**Del Angel** *tinyurl.com/glendale-transposal*  
A surname of various individuals appearing on numerous social networking websites, especially LinkedIn and Facebook.
- 123 **Grand Rapids** *Michigan*  
**grindadrap's** *tinyurl.com/grandrapids-transposal*  
This is the possessive form of 'grindadrap', the slaughter of whales in the Faroe Islands. Although 'grindadrap' is a plural in Faroese, it has also been used in various news reports in an Anglicised way, suggesting the possibility of a plural form **grindadraps**.
- 124 **Salt Lake City** *Utah*

**catalystlike** *tinyurl.com/saltlakecity-transposal*

This word has previously appeared in *Word Ways* as a plausible coinage. However, a Google search has revealed several scientific websites which use this word, sometimes spelled with a hyphen, and sometimes spelled solidly without a hyphen. The website referenced here has an article entitled "**Catalystlike** behavior of Si adatoms in the growth of monolayer Al film on Si(111)". In the article title, Si stands for silicon, Al stands for aluminum, and adatoms (not a typo) are atoms lying on crystal surfaces.

125 **Tallahassee** *Florida*  
**EESSAHALLAT** *tinyurl.com/tallahassee-transposal*

The following section of text appears in *A Pine Castle Anthology (The Collected Writings of Will Wallace Harney)*, by William S Morgan, published in 2010: "On our overland journey to Florida, we came to a signpost at the forks of a road, one arm indicating the road to Jasper, the other to Tallahassee. The nub of the thing was in the literal ingenuity which indicated the direction, viz: EESSAHALLAT < | > JASPER. You have to read the meaning of the Convention that recognised the Conover delegation backward to know it points to Stearns as the regular nominee; or perhaps the Convention thought the Florida people like the Irishman's pig - apt to run the other way from what they said."

126 **Huntsville** *Alabama*  
**Shuntville** *tinyurl.com/huntsville-transposal*

'**Shuntville** USA' is the name of a specific organisation on Facebook. At first, I assumed there was some connection with Huntsville, but I noticed that there were four other geographically nearby organisations on the **Shuntville** page, and all were in Hull, England (specifically, the University of Hull, Hull Royal Infirmary, KC Stadium, and the Welly Club). Then I realised that **Shuntville** is a transposal of 'Invest Hull'. It appears that organisations who want to promote economic investment in Hull are using the tag 'Invest Hull', and someone has gone a step further and set up the **Shuntville** page on Facebook. It's not clear, though, why 'USA' has been added onto **Shuntville**. Completely separately, **Shuntville** is a slang term for a car crash - as in the phrase "That car's been to **Shuntville** and back".

127 **Worcester** *Massachusetts*  
**crow-trees** *OED*

Trees in a rookery.

128 **Knoxville** *Tennessee*  
**Link Voxel** *tinyurl.com/knoxville-transposal*

Occurs on a website devoted to so-called deviant art. By the way, a voxel is a point in a three-dimensional picture image, akin to a pixel in a two-dimensional picture image.

**Voxel Link** *tinyurl.com/knoxville-transposal*

Occurs on a website devoted to so-called deviant art. By the way, a voxel is a point in a three-dimensional picture image, akin to a pixel in a two-dimensional picture image.

129 **Grand Prairie** *Texas*  
**daring repair** *tinyurl.com/grandprairie-transposal*

A phrase appearing almost 2000 times in an internet search.

130 **Newport News** *Virginia*  
**pre-new towns** *tinyurl.com/newportnews-transposal*



A term occurring on page 40 in the book *Singapore Housing: An Annotated Bibliography*, by Belinda K. P. Yuen, Ho Pin Teo, and Ooi Giok Ling. The relevant sentence reads: "Although service provision in the surveyed estates and towns differs, the pattern of utilisation and the level of satisfaction with facilities for the most part are reportedly not significantly different between the **pre-new towns** and new towns and between one new town and another." The book is available from and downloadable from Amazon. The relevant page is also viewable on the Amazon website

**W New Preston** *tinyurl.com/newportnews-transposal-2*

The western part of New Preston, a rural village in the northwestern corner of the town of Washington in Litchfield County, Connecticut.

131 **Brownsville** *Texas*

**blown livers** *tinyurl.com/brownsville-transposal*

Not a dictionary-listed term, but a term which appears on several websites. It applies to diseased or injured livers, typically on healthcare and sport websites. This quote appears on a healthcare website: "Now we'll become a nation with the free time to become seriously professional alcoholics, pot heads and your own drug of choice. Oh boy, we'll have Obamacare to treat all the **blown livers**".

132 **Santa Clarita** *California*

**Antarctalias** *W2*

**Antarctalias** is the plural form of the proper noun *Antarctalia*, the antarctic marine realm bounded by the southern isocryme of 44°F. Alternatively, **Antarctalia's** is the possessive form of the noun.

133 **Overland Park** *Kansas*

**Orland Park've** *tinyurl.com/overlandpark-transposal*

The phrase "Therapists in Orland Park have broad skills and are able to work with a wide range of issues" can actually be found on a website. Now change 'have' to its shortened form 've, and you end up with: "Therapists in **Orland Park've** broad skills and are able to work with a wide range of issues" . A horrendous example, I know, but better than nothing at all!

134 **Providence** *Rhode Island*

**pin-covered** *tinyurl.com/providence-transposal*

Covered in pins. The following sentence appears in a 1953 book called *Merlin's Furlong*, by Gladys Mitchell: "These three undergraduate students, Harrison, Waite and Piper, answer a peculiar advertisement beseeching the help of a warlock in handling a pin-covered voodoo doll."

135 **Jackson** *Mississippi*

**Škocjan** *tinyurl.com/jackson-transposal*

**Škocjan** Caves is a cave system in Slovenia. Due to its exceptional significance, **Škocjan** Caves was entered on UNESCO's list of natural and cultural world heritage sites in 1986.

136 **Garden Grove** *California*

**Danger Grove** *tinyurl.com/gardengrove-transposal*

A segment of a challenging cycle ride in Hambleden, Buckinghamshire, England.

**Gander Grove** *tinyurl.com/gardengrove-transposal-2*

Another name for Task Force 3-502 Memorial at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, which commemorates the death of 248 troops who died when their plane crashed at Gander, Newfoundland, Canada, in December 1985.

- 137 Oceanside** *California*  
**oceanides** *W3*  
Ocean nymphs.
- 138 Chattanooga** *Tennessee*  
No transposal found.
- 139 Fort Lauderdale** *Florida*  
No transposal found.
- 140 Rancho Cucamonga** *California*  
No transposal found.
- 141 Santa Rosa** *California*  
**Sarasotan** *tinyurl.com/santarosa-transposal*  
An inhabitant of Sarasota, Florida; or an adjective, pertaining to Sarasota.
- 142 Port St. Lucie** *Florida*  
**pleurostict** *W2*  
A type of beetle.
- 143 Ontario** *California*  
**oration** *W3*  
A formal discourse on some special occasion (as a funeral or an anniversary).
- 144 Tempe** *Arizona*  
**empte** *OED*  
A variant spelling of 'empt', an obsolete word meaning to be at leisure.
- 145 Vancouver** *Washington*  
**Nova curve** *tinyurl.com/vancouver-transposal*  
An item of kitchen furniture retailed by a Swedish company called Metos Kitchen Intelligence.
- 146 Springfield** *Missouri*  
**Field Spring** *tinyurl.com/springfield-transposal*  
There is a street in Lithonia, Georgia, called Field Spring Drive.
- 147 Cape Coral** *Florida*  
**Placocrea** *tinyurl.com/capecoral-transposal*  
**Placocrea** is a genus of fungi in the family Mycosphaerellaceae.
- 148 Pembroke Pines** *Florida*  
No transposal found.
- 149 Sioux Falls** *South Dakota*  
**All six of us** *tinyurl.com/siouxfalls-transposal*  
The name of one family's blog, updated by mum Heather, from Mississippi. Her surname isn't given, but her husband is Lee, and they have four children. You can probably work out the kids' names by visiting the blog!
- 150 Peoria** *Arizona*  
**aporie** *tinyurl.com/peoria-transposal*

The French word for "aporia", a term from rhetoric, a professed doubt as to what to say or choose.

- 151 Lancaster** *California*  
**ancestral** *W3*  
Of or belonging to an ancestor or ancestors.
- 152 Elk Grove** *California*  
**V Koegler** *tinyurl.com/elkgrove-transposal*  
A form of the name Valerie Koegler, living in Coburg, Germany. She is on Facebook.
- 153 Corona** *California*  
**caroon** *W2*  
An obsolete word for a license to keep a cart, granted by the Lord Mayor of London.  
**racoon** *W3*  
A nearly omnivorous nocturnal mammal related to but much smaller than the bear that inhabits most of North America, lives largely in trees, and is chiefly gray with black and white facial markings, a bushy ringed tail, and coarse fur much used in furriery.
- 154 Eugene** *Oregon*  
**Guenée** *tinyurl.com/eugene-transposal*  
Achille **Guenée** (1 January 1809 - December 30, 1880) was a French lawyer and entomologist.
- 155 Salem** *Oregon*  
**almes** *W2*  
Egyptian dancing girls.  
**amels** *OED*  
An obsolete spelling of 'enamels'.  
**amsel** *W2*  
Two types of bird - the ring ouzel and the European blackbird.  
**elams** *OED*  
The plural of 'elam', an 18th century dialect spelling of 'helm', a stalk of corn.  
**Elmas** *tinyurl.com/salem-transposal & The Oxford Dictionary of English Christian Names, 2nd edition, by E G Withycombe*  
This is a municipality of the Cagliari metropolitan area in the province of Cagliari in the Italian region of Sardinia, located about 8 km northwest of Cagliari. Alternatively, **Elmas** could be viewed as the plural form of the girl's name Elma, or **Elma's** could be viewed as the possessive form of the name Elma.  
**Elsam** *tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-2*  
The surname of various individuals listed on social networking websites such as Facebook and LinkedIn.  
**EMALS** *tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-3*  
This is an abbreviation for Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System, which is a system under development by the United States Navy to launch carrier-based aircraft from catapults using a linear motor drive instead of conventional steam pistons. This technology reduces stress on airframes because they can be accelerated more gradually to takeoff speed than with steam-powered catapults.  
**Eslam** *tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-4*  
The first-name of **Eslam** Jawaad (real name Wissam Khodur), who is a rapper of Lebanese-Syrian origin. His debut album, *The Mammoth Tusk*, was released in 2009.

**laems** *OED*  
The plural of 'laem', an 18th century variant spelling of 'loam', clay, earth, mud.

**lames** *W3*  
Cripples, disables, frustrates, hamstrings.

**Lam Se** *tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-5*  
A named individual on the LinkedIn website.

**Lasem** *tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-6*  
This is a sub-district in Apex Regency, Central Java, Indonesia, and is the second largest city in the district after Apex town .

**leams** *W3*  
Gleams of light.

**Le Mas** *tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-7*  
This is a commune in the Alpes-Maritimes department in southeastern France.

**maels** *OED*  
The plural of 'mael', a 18th century variant spelling of 'meal', the edible part of a grain or pulse.

**males** *W3*  
Men.

**Malse** *tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-8*  
The **Malše** is a river in Austria and in the Czech Republic, and a right tributary of the Vltava.

**masel** *W2*  
A Scots variant of 'myself'.

**meals** *W3*  
Portions of food taken at particular times to satisfy hunger or appetite.

**melas** *W3*  
Indian religious festivals or fairs.

**mesal** *W3*  
Middle, median.

**salme** *OED*  
A Middle English spelling of the verb 'psalm', listed at 'psalm', to sing psalms.

**samel** *W3*  
Soft and crumbling - used of bricks that lie outermost in the kiln and are in consequence not thoroughly burned.

**selam** *OED*  
A 16th-17th variant spelling of 'salaam', the Oriental salutation.

**semal** *OED*  
A variant spelling of 'simool', listed at 'simool', the red silk-cotton tree of India.

**Selma** *Webster's Geographical Dictionary*  
A city in and the county seat of Dallas County, in the blackbelt region of lower west Alabama. Located on the banks of the Alabama River, it has a population of 20,756 as of the 2010 census. The city is best known for the 1965 Selma Voting Rights Movement and the Selma to Montgomery marches that originated in the city.

**semia** *tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-9*



A **semla** is a traditional sweet roll made in various forms in Denmark, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden and Norway associated with Lent and especially Shrove Monday and Shrove Tuesday.

**slame** *tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-10*

An adjective used to describe someone who is of an elevated level of lame. It is a synthesis of the word 'super' and 'lame' thus the word 'slame'.

**smael** *OED*

An Old English form of the adjective 'small', listed at 'small'.

**smale** *OED*

A 17th century variant spelling of the adjective 'small', listed at 'small'.

**smeal** *OED*

A Middle English form of the adjective 'small', listed at 'small'.

**Smela** *tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-11*

The surname of Elisabeth Smela, a professor in the department of mechanical engineering at the University of Maryland.

156 **Palmdale** *California*

**lamp lead** *tinyurl.com/palmdale-transposal*

The electrical lead for a lamp, usually having a lamp holder and plug at the ends.

**lead lamp** *tinyurl.com/palmdale-transposal-2*

A lamp with an attached electrical lead and plug.

157 **Salinas** *California*

**nasalis** *W3*

A small muscle on each side of the nose.

158 **Springfield** *Massachusetts*

**Field Spring** *tinyurl.com/springfield-transposal*

There is a street in Lithonia, Georgia, called **Field Spring Drive**.

159 **Pasadena** *Texas*

**Espadaña** *tinyurl.com/pasadena-transposal*

This is a sparsely populated village and municipality in the province of Salamanca, western Spain, part of the autonomous community of Castile-Leon. It is located 56 kilometres from the provincial capital city of Salamanca and has a population of 49 people. The name of the town originated in **espadaña**, a certain architectural element common in small churches throughout the Iberian Peninsula.

160 **Rockford** *Illinois*

**Ford Rock** *tinyurl.com/rockford-transposal*

**Ford Rock** is a prominent rock which lies 1 nautical mile (2 km) northeast of Cone Hill on Hut Point Peninsula, Ross Island, Antarctica.

161 **Pomona** *California*

**Mano Po** *tinyurl.com/pomona-transposal*

The title of a film, **Mano Po**, was Regal Entertainment's entry for the 2002 Metro Manila Film Festival. The film focuses on the lives of the Chinese-Filipino community. **Mano Po** stars a cast headed by Maricel Soriano, Richard Gomez, Kris Aquino and Ara Mina.

**Mapoon** *tinyurl.com/pomona-transposal-2*

This is an Aboriginal community located at Port Musgrave, western Cape York in Far North Queensland, Australia. A Presbyterian mission was established at **Mapoon** in 1891 with the aim of providing education and health services to the Aboriginal people. By 1907, under the Reformatories Act, it was operating as community for local people.

**Monapo** *tinyurl.com/pomona-transposal-3*

This is a town in northern Mozambique.

**Pomoan** *OED*

A family of seven mutually unintelligible North American Indian languages spoken in northern California.

162 **Hayward** *California*

**Hardway** *tinyurl.com/hayward-transposal*

This is a village and suburb of the town and borough of Gosport in Hampshire, England. The suburb is made up of a few industrial estates, residential housing and a port.

163 **Fort Collins** *Colorado*

**flint colors** *tinyurl.com/fortcollins-transposal*

This is the term used in describing the colors of various flints and arrowheads being advertised on the website referenced here.

164 **Joliet** *Illinois*

**Joilet** *tinyurl.com/joliet-transposal*

A nickname for Joliet, Illinois, combining Joliet and toilet, because of its grimy appearance.

165 **Escondido CA** *California*

**Desconocida** *tinyurl.com/escondidoCA-transposal*

There is no transposal of 'Escondido', so the state abbreviation for California (CA) has been added to the city name. **Desconocida** is the title of the fourth studio album by Spanish singer Marta Sanchez (in 1998). With this album, Marta returned to the pop music on her first albums, but with a more Italian feel. The English version is called "Perfect Stranger".

166 **Kansas City** *Kansas*

**Satanic sky** *tinyurl.com/kansascity-transposal*

The title given to a particular photograph of an abandoned church and graveyard.

167 **Torrance** *California*

**carreton** *W2*

A two-wheeled freight cart.

**cartoner** *W3*

A machine that opens a folding carton, inserts a packaged product, and closes the carton ends.

**Contrera** *tinyurl.com/torrance-transposal*

A surname of various individuals appearing on numerous social networking websites, such as Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter

168 **Bridgeport** *Connecticut*

**PortBridge** *www.portbridge.com*

This is a technology services provider company based in Cary, North Carolina.

169 **Alexandria** *Virginia*

**Alexandair** *tinyurl.com/alexandria-transposal*

A charter airline headquartered in Athens, Greece. It operated charter services on a wet-lease basis for major tour operators. The airline suspended operations in September 2007.

**AXA Ireland** [tinyurl.com/alexandria-transposal-2](http://tinyurl.com/alexandria-transposal-2)

Also called AXA Insurance Ireland, **AXA Ireland** is an Irish insurance company headquartered in Dublin.

170 **Sunnyvale** *California*

**unsylvane** [wordincontext.com/en/unsylvan](http://wordincontext.com/en/unsylvan)

The OED lists 'sylvane' as a 15-16th century variant spelling of 'sylvan', meaning 'pertaining to a wood or woods'. The wordincontext website has the following entry for 'unsylvan': "But here, in the unsylvan section of Chicago which bears the bosky name of Englewood, the very darkness had a strange quality. A hundred unfamiliar noises misled him. There were no cocks, no cattle, no elm. Above all, there was no instinctive feeling." This quote comes from a book entitled *Half Portions*, written by Edna Ferber, and originally published in 1920. If the aforementioned text had been written 300 years earlier, it's quite likely that the word 'unsylvan' would have been rendered as '**unsylvane**'.

171 **Cary** *North Carolina*

**cray** *W3*  
A spiny lobster of Australia.

**racy** *W3*  
Risque, suggestive.

172 **Lakewood** *Colorado*

**Woodlake** [tinyurl.com/lakewood-transposal](http://tinyurl.com/lakewood-transposal)

A city in Tulare County, California. The population was 7,279 at the 2010 census, up from 6,651 at the 2000 census.

173 **Hollywood** *Florida*

**Wood Holly** [tinyurl.com/hollywood-transposal](http://tinyurl.com/hollywood-transposal)

An American music producer who is on Facebook. It looks like his real first name might be Matt.

174 **Paterson** *New Jersey*

**operants** *W3*  
Operatives, operators.

**parsonet** *W2*  
A parson's child; also, a newly-made parson.

**Petronas** [tinyurl.com/paterson-transposal](http://tinyurl.com/paterson-transposal)

Short for *Petroliam Nasional Berhad*, **Petronas** is a Malaysian oil and gas company that was founded on August 17, 1974. Wholly owned by the Government of Malaysia, the corporation is vested with the entire oil and gas resources in Malaysia.

**pronates** *W3*  
Rotates (the hand or forearm) so as to bring the palm facing downward or backward.

**proteans** *W3*

Various insoluble primary protein derivatives that result from a slight modification of the protein molecules especially by the incipient action of water, very dilute acids, or enzymes.

- 175 Syracuse** *New York*  
**eucrazy's** *OED & W2*  
'eucrazy' is listed in both the OED and W2. It's possible to propose a sentence such as this one: "**eucrazy's** in both these major dictionaries". The OED defines 'eucrazy' as: a well-proportioned mixture of qualities which constitutes health or soundness.  
**saucery's** *OED & W2*  
'saucery' is listed in both the OED and W2. It's possible to propose a sentence such as this one: "**saucery's** in both these major dictionaries". The OED defines 'saucery' as: That part of a house in which sauces were prepared.
- 176 Naperville** *Illinois*  
**liver panel** *tinyurl.com/naperville-transposal*  
A **liver panel** checks the health of your liver and can help diagnose liver damage or disease. The panel consists of these tests: albumin, alkaline phosphatase, alanine transaminase, aspartate transaminase and total protein.
- 177 McKinney** *Texas*  
**Mick Nyne** *tinyurl.com/mckinney-transposal*  
The name of an individual posting comments on the Prezi website.
- 178 Mesquite** *Texas*  
**itemque's** *tinyurl.com/mesquite-transposal*  
'itemque' is a Latin word, meaning likewise, also, besides, further, moreover, too, as well. It's possible to conceive a sentence such as "**itemque's** a Latin word".  
**quietems** *tinyurl.com/mesquite-transposal-2*  
A username on the Head-Fi website, which is dedicated to hi-fi technical issues.
- 179 Clarksville** *Tennessee*  
**Clarkvilles** *tinyurl.com/clarksville-transposal*  
These are towns such as Clarkville, a small rural town in the Waimakariri District, New Zealand. As of the 2013 New Zealand Census, Clarkville has a population of 1137. Alternatively, **Clarkville's** is the possessive form of the town name.
- 180 Savannah** *Georgia*  
**Havanans** *W3*  
Natives or residents of Havana, Cuba.
- 181 Dayton** *Ohio*  
**adyton** *W3*  
The innermost sanctuary or shrine in ancient temples which was open only to priests and from which oracles were given.
- 182 Orange** *California*  
**onager** *W3*  
An ancient and medieval heavy catapult used for hurling heavy stones and made up basically of a strong lever with a receptacle at one end for the stones and of ropes twisted so as to pull the lever back under great strain until suddenly released.
- 183 Fullerton** *California*



- florulent** *W3*  
Flowery, blossoming.
- 184 Pasadena** *California*  
**Espadaña** *tinyurl.com/pasadena-transposal*  
This is a sparsely populated village and municipality in the province of Salamanca, western Spain, part of the autonomous community of Castile-Leon. It is located 56 kilometres from the provincial capital city of Salamanca and has a population of 49 people. The name of the town originated in **espadaña**, a certain architectural element common in small churches throughout the Iberian Peninsula.
- 185 Hampton** *Virginia*  
**Hampont** *tinyurl.com/hampton-transposal*  
A commune in the Moselle department in Lorraine in north-eastern France.  
**phantom** *W3*  
Something (as a specter or an optical illusion) that is apparent to the sight or other sense but has no actual or substantial existence.
- 186 McAllen** *Texas*  
**Mancell** *tinyurl.com/mcallen-transposal*  
Josh **Mancell** is an American freelance composer and musician who writes music for film, television, and video games.  
**McLelan** *tinyurl.com/mcallen-transposal-2*  
Archibald Woodbury **McLelan** (1824-1890) was a Canadian shipbuilder and politician, the sixth Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.
- 187 Killeen** *Texas*  
**E Killen** *tinyurl.com/killeen-transposal*  
The eastern part of Killen, a town in Lauderdale County, Alabama. It is part of the Florence - Muscle Shoals Metropolitan Statistical Area known as "The Shoals". As of the 2000 census, the population of the town is 1,190.  
**Killene** *tinyurl.com/killeen-transposal-2*  
A place in Senegal, Africa.
- 188 Warren** *Michigan*  
**rewarn** *W2*  
To warn again.  
**warner** *W3*  
One that warns.
- 189 West Valley City** *Utah*  
No transposal found.
- 190 Columbia** *South Carolina*  
**Bloacium** *tinyurl.com/columbia-transposal*  
A former name for İskilip, which is a district of Çorum Province of Turkey, on the left bank of the River Kızılırmak, located at 56 km from the city of Çorum, 100 miles (160 km) northeast of Ankara and 60 miles (100 km) southeast of Kastamonu. It covers an area of 1,187 km<sup>2</sup>, and has an elevation of 2460 ft (750 m). The population is about 39,124, of which 20,660 live in the town of İskilip (as of 2010).
- 191 New Haven** *Connecticut*  
**Nevah Wen** *tinyurl.com/newhaven-transposal*

The logo on a jersey available from online retailer Surrounded by Idiots, advertised at \$18. This transposal also happens to be a reversal.

- 192 Sterling Heights** *Michigan*  
**Lights the singer** *tinyurl.com/sterlingheights-transposal*  
Lights Bokan is a Canadian electropop musician, singer, and songwriter. Some of her notable singles include "Ice", "Second Go", and "Toes". In 2009, she was awarded the Juno Award for New Artist of the Year. She appears on various websites as "Lights, the singer". See Pinterest, Facebook and Tumblr.
- 193 Olathe** *Kansas*  
**loathe** *W3*  
To feel strong aversion for.
- 194 Miramar** *Florida*  
**MariMar** *tinyurl.com/miramar-transposal*  
This is a Mexican TV telenovela that was originally broadcast in 1994 on Televisa. **Marimar** is a remake of the telenovela La Venganza, which aired on Televisa in 1977.  
**Mar Mari** *tinyurl.com/miramar-transposal-2*  
Known as the "Apostle of Babylonia," **Mar Mari** was a disciple of Addai, one of the Seventy-Two disciples of Jesus, who had evangelized the city of Edessa.
- 195 Thousand Oaks** *California*  
No transposal found.
- 196 Frisco** *Texas*  
**ForCIS** *tinyurl.com/frisco-transposal*  
This is a client program which was used to connect to the CompuServe Information Service. **ForCIS** is the predecessor to NavCIS. It was available for MS-DOS.  
**fricos** *tinyurl.com/frisco-transposal-2*  
A frico, known in America as a cheese crisp, is an Italian food, which consists of a wafer of shredded cheese with a bit of flour, baked or fried until crisp. The cheeses include Montasio, Parmesan or mozzarella. **Fricos** are often used as garnish for soups or stews.
- 197 Cedar Rapids** *Iowa*  
**paired cards** *tinyurl.com/cedarrapids-transposal*  
The "**paired cards**" system is a practical and generally applicable procedure for the clinical trial of drugs. It is a system which is suitable for the simultaneous double-blind study of several drugs effective in the same field of indication (eg analgesics). The procedure uses sequential analysis and therefore requires only limited materials, costs and personnel. It produces significant results with a minimum of patients.
- 198 Topeka** *Kansas*  
**kapote** *W3*  
A man's long coat of medieval origin worn especially by Jews of eastern Europe.  
**poke at** *www.thefreedictionary.com/poke+at*  
To push against gently.
- 199 Visalia** *California*  
**Sivalia** *tinyurl.com/visalia-transposal*  
Located at 209 Mountain View Road, Asheville, North Carolina, **Sivalia** Violins is a musical instruments store.
- 200 Waco** *Texas*

**OCAW** *tinyurl.com/waco-transposal*

The Organisation of Chinese American Women (**OCAW**) is a group of dedicated Chinese American women, including a number of prominent women who are serving and have served in the various administrations in the nation's capital, has a tremendous amount of talent, imagination, and skills helping to find solutions to some of America's problems and assisting their own communities in their many endeavors.

**OWCA** *tinyurl.com/waco-transposal-2*

The abbreviation for Old Wesley Collegians Association, based in Perth, Australia.

201 **Elizabeth** *New Jersey*

**Beth Eliza** *tinyurl.com/elizabeth-transposal*

A named individual on Facebook, living in Vancouver, Canada.

202 **Bellevue** *Washington*

**E Bellvue** *tinyurl.com/bellevue-transposal*

The eastern part of **Bellvue**, a town in Larimer County, Colorado. It is a small agricultural community located in Pleasant Valley, a narrow valley just northwest of Fort Collins.

203 **Gainesville** *Florida*

**villeinages** *W3*

Tenures held by villeins, or unfree peasants.

204 **Simi Valley** *California*

**Sylvia Lime** *tinyurl.com/simivalley-transposal*

A named individual on Facebook.

205 **Charleston** *South Carolina*

**Horncastle** *Gazetteer of the British Isles, published by Bartholomew*

A market town in Lincolnshire, England. It is situated 17 miles geographically east, and 22 miles by road, from the city and county town of Lincoln. **Horncastle** has a population of 6,651 residents.

**North Scale** *Gazetteer of the British Isles, published by Bartholomew*

A village and one of only four settlements on the Isle of Walney. It is the northernmost settlement, lying 1 mile north of Vickerstown, Cumbria, England.

206 **Carrollton** *Texas*

**corranto'll** *Coinage based on OED entry*

'corranto' is a type of dance, listed in the OED. Put 'corranto' into a sentence followed by 'll' (the shortened form of 'will'), and you may get something like this: "The **corranto'll** always be recognised as a dance for couples". Horrendous, I know, but better than nothing at all!

207 **Coral Springs** *Florida*

**Carol Springs** *tinyurl.com/coralsprings-transposal*

A named individual on LinkedIn.

208 **Stamford** *Connecticut*

**Matfords** *tinyurl.com/stamford-transposal*

Matford was a car and truck manufacturer in France from 1934 to 1940. In 1935 a range of V-8 engined **Matfords** was put on the market which were very similar to the American Ford Model 48s with their V8 3622cc engines.

**SD format** *tinyurl.com/stamford-transposal-2*

An item of software for formatting cards used in phones, cameras, etc.

- 209 Hartford** *Connecticut*  
**Ardforth** *tinyurl.com/hartford-transposal*  
 The surname of Elizabeth Ardforth, listed in the 1841 census for England.  
**Hard Fort** *tinyurl.com/hartford-transposal-2*  
 Located in Brisbane, Australia, **Hard Fort** Finance is a car financing company.  
**Radforth** *tinyurl.com/hartford-transposal-3*  
 A surname of various individuals appearing on numerous social networking websites, especially Facebook and LinkedIn.
- 210 Concord** *California*  
**corn cod** *tinyurl.com/concord-transposal*  
 A food dish made from cod, corn, sour cream and flour.
- 211 Roseville** *California*  
**Ville rose** *tinyurl.com/roseville-transposal*  
 French for "pink city", **Ville rose** is a nickname given to various cities: Yerevan (the capital of Armenia), Jaipur (the capital of Rajasthan, India), and Toulouse (the capital of the French department of Haute-Garonne).
- 212 Thornton** *Colorado*  
**Northton** *Gazetteer of the British Isles, published by Bartholomew*  
 The small village of **Northton** is in the south of the Isle of Harris. **Northton** has two small but very nice beaches.
- 213 Kent** *Washington*  
**knet** *W3*  
 A dialect past tense of the verb 'knit'.
- 214 Lafayette** *Louisiana*  
**Fayette AL** *tinyurl.com/lafayette-transposal*  
 Fayette, Alabama, or **Fayette AL**, is a city in Fayette County, Alabama. The 2000 census lists the population as 4,922. The city is the county seat of Fayette County.
- 215 Surprise** *Arizona*  
**spurries** *W3*  
 Small white-flowered European weeds.  
**uprisers** *W2*  
 Participants in an uprising.
- 216 Denton** *Texas*  
**tendon** *W3*  
 A tough cord or band of dense specialized regularly arranged white fibrous connective tissue that unites a muscle with some other part.
- 217 Victorville** *California*  
**civil revolt** *tinyurl.com/victorville-transposal*  
 Open, armed, and organized resistance to a constituted government.
- 218 Evansville** *Indiana*  
**Veslavin** *tinyurl.com/evansville-transposal*  
 A district of Prague, part of Prague 6, situated in the west of the city. **Veslavin** was probably founded in the 10th or 11th century, first recorded in records from the nearby Břevnov monastery, and has been part of Prague since 1922. 6,531 people live here.
- 219 Midland** *Texas*

- D Miland** *tinyurl.com/midland-transposal*  
A form of the name Daniel Miland (and others such as David Miland and Dorothy Miland, etc) which can be found on various social networking and census websites.
- 220 Santa Clara** *California*  
**alcantaras** *W2*  
Bridges.
- 221 Athens** *Georgia*  
**Atshen** *tinyurl.com/athens-transposal-2*  
In Inuit mythology, **Atshen** is a cannibalistic spirit.  
**Ethans** *tinyurl.com/athens-transposal-4*  
Boys having the first name Ethan. Famous **Ethans** include Ethan Allen and Ethan Hawke.  
**hantes** *OED*  
The third person singular of the verb 'hante', a 16th century variant spelling of 'haunt'.  
**hasten** *W3*  
To urge on.  
**Hestan** *tinyurl.com/athens-transposal-3*  
A small island situated just off the Dumfries and Galloway coast in Scotland. **Hestan** sits at the mouth of the Urr Estuary in the Solway Firth.  
**nathes** *W3*  
The plural of 'nathe', an obsolete spelling of 'nave', a block in the center of a wheel from which the spokes radiate and in which the axle is fixed.  
**Neaths** *tinyurl.com/athens-transposal-5*  
The plural of Neath, a town in the principal area of Neath Port Talbot, Wales, UK with a population of 19,258 in 2011. The town is located on the river of the same name. Alternatively, **Neath's** is the possessive form of the proper name.  
**Senath** *tinyurl.com/athens-transposal-1*  
A city in Dunklin County, Missouri. The population was 1,767 at the 2010 census.  
**snathe** *W3*  
The handle of a scythe.  
**sneath** *W3*  
The handle of a scythe.  
**thanes** *W3*  
Individuals holding lands from the king or other superior in Anglo-Saxon England and performing military and various other governmental services.
- 222 Allentown** *Pennsylvania*  
**W Allenton** *tinyurl.com/allentown-transposal*  
The western part of Allenton, a suburb of the city of Derby, England, situated about three miles south of the city centre.
- 223 Abilene** *Texas*  
**Ebilane** *tinyurl.com/abilene-transposal*  
A surname of various individuals appearing on several social networking websites, especially Facebook and LinkedIn.
- 224 Beaumont** *Texas*  
**umbonate** *W3*

- Having or forming an umbo, an elevation in the tympanic membrane of the ear.
- 225 Vallejo** *California*  
**Jalovel** *tinyurl.com/vallejo-transposal*  
 Alf **Jalovel**, Amalia **Jalovel**, Roly **Jalovel**, Quincey **Jalovel** and Zulma **Jalovel** are named individuals on the social networking website Facebook.
- 226 Independence MO** *Missouri*  
**omnidependence** *tinyurl.com/independenceMO-transposal*  
 There is no transposal of 'Independence', so the state abbreviation for Missouri (MO) has been added to the city name. **Omnidependence** appears in a passage in a book entitled *The Problem of God in Modern Thought*, by Philip Clayton, published in 2000. The passage concerned reads: "Descartes's failure to unite these two ontological approaches (independent things vs omnidependence on God) sets the stage for developments in philosophical theology over the next several centuries." The book is available from Amazon.
- 227 Springfield** *Illinois*  
**Field Spring** *tinyurl.com/springfield-transposal*  
 There is a street in Lithonia, Georgia, called **Field Spring** Drive.
- 228 Ann Arbor** *Michigan*  
**N Nabarro** *tinyurl.com/annarbor-transposal*  
 A form of the name Nell Nabarro, an English model, a named individual on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Tumblr.
- 229 Provo** *Utah*  
**proov** *OED*  
 A 16th century variant spelling of 'prove', at the entry 'prove'
- 230 Peoria** *Illinois*  
**aporie** *tinyurl.com/peoria-transposal*  
 The French word for "aporia", a term from rhetoric, a professed doubt as to what to say or choose.
- 231 Norman** *Oklahoma*  
**Morann** *tinyurl.com/norman-transposal*  
 A druid, the son of Cairbre Catcheann. His father gave instructions for him to be drowned but he was saved and reared by the smith Maon to become a famous judge. At times, known as Moran or Moran.  
**Romann** *tinyurl.com/norman-transposal-2*  
 A surname of various individuals appearing on numerous social networking websites, especially Facebook and LinkedIn
- 232 Berkeley** *California*  
**K Eberley** *tinyurl.com/berkeley-transposal*  
 A form of Keith Eberley (and other names such as Kenneth Eberley and Kathy Eberley), which is on various social networking and census websites.
- 233 El Monte** *California*  
**Leemont** *tinyurl.com/elmonte-transposal*  
 A surname of various individuals appearing on Facebook.  
**Telemon** *tinyurl.com/elmonte-transposal-2*

An item of medical equipment. The Philips M2636C Telemon is used in the monitoring, recording, and alarming of multiple physiologic parameters in adult and pediatric patients to gain information for treatment, to monitor adequacy of treatment, or to exclude causes of symptoms.

- 234 Murfreesboro** *Tennessee*  
**Rumors of beer** *tinyurl.com/murfreesboro-transposal*  
The title given to one particular blog posted back in 2004.
- 235 Lansing** *Michigan*  
**lanings** *OED*  
A laning is simply an obsolete word for a lane or road.  
**linsang** *W3*  
Any of various Asiatic mammals of the genus *Prionodon* and related genera that resemble long-tailed cats and differ from the related civets and genets in the absence of a second upper molar.
- 236 Columbia** *Missouri*  
**Bloacium** *tinyurl.com/columbia-transposal*  
A former name for İskilip, which is a district of Çorum Province of Turkey, on the left bank of the River Kızılırmak, located at 56 km from the city of Çorum, 100 miles (160 km) northeast of Ankara and 60 miles (100 km) southeast of Kastamonu. It covers an area of 1,187 km<sup>2</sup>, and has an elevation of 2460 ft (750 m). The population is about 39,124, of which 20,660 live in the town of İskilip (as of 2010).
- 237 Downey** *California*  
**yowden** *W2*  
A variant of 'youdden', a Scots past tense of the verb 'yield'.
- 238 Costa Mesa** *California*  
**acestomas** *Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary (24th edition) & Stedman's Medical Dictionary (26th edition)*  
'acestoma' is a medical term, appearing in various medical dictionaries. Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary (24th edition) defines it as "a mass of granulations". The later 28th edition of Dorland's doesn't list the word at all. Stedman's Medical Dictionary (26th edition) defines it as "exuberant granulations that form a cicatrix". The usual plural form of a medical word ending in '-oma' is '-omata', so the plural of 'acestoma' ought to be 'acestomata'. However, there are many instances of medical terms where both plural forms exist, such as 'melanomas' and 'melanomata', and 'teratomas' and 'teratomata'. Accordingly, **acestomas** is just as valid a plural form as 'acestomata'.  
**Ascomate's** *tinyurl.com/costamesa-transposal*  
Ascomate is the name of a company in Surrey, England, which was dissolved in 2012. The possessive form is **Ascomate's**.
- 239 Inglewood** *California*  
**dewooling** *W3*  
Removing wool from.
- 240 Miami Gardens** *Florida*  
**mine diagrams** *tinyurl.com/miamigardens-transposal*

This term appears in the text of a book entitled *Cornish Village Justice* by Lyn Reynolds, published in 2010. The relevant sentence reads: "This, he reckoned, was West Kitty mine but it wasn't clear from which direction the stope had been mined because the old **mine diagrams** and charts he had previously studied were incomplete." The book can be purchased or downloaded from Amazon. The term **mine diagrams** appears on various other websites, too.

- 241 Manchester** *New Hampshire*  
**Chesterman** *tinyurl.com/manchester-transposal*  
 Ron **Chesterman** (27 November 1943 – 16 March 2007) was an English musician and archivist. He is best known as the original double bass player with the Strawbs.  
**searchment** *W2*  
 A dialect word for a search.
- 242 Elgin** *Illinois*  
**ingle** *W3*  
 A fireplace.  
**ligne** *W3*  
 Any of various units of measure: a French unit for watch movements equal to 0.0888 inch; a Swiss unit for watches equal to 0.0802 inch.  
**linge** *W3*  
 To strike, to flog.  
**Nigel** *W2*  
 A masculine proper name.
- 243 Wilmington** *North Carolina*  
**W Limington** *Gazetteer of the British Isles, published by Bartholomew*  
 The western part of Limington, a village and parish in Somerset, England, situated 5 miles north of Yeovil. The village has a population of 199.
- 244 Waterbury** *Connecticut*  
**Ruby Water** *tinyurl.com/waterbury-transposal*  
 The name of a company in Selangor, Malaysia, specialising in water dispensers and associated equipment.
- 245 Fargo** *North Dakota*  
**FRAGO** *tinyurl.com/fargo-transposal*  
 An Operations Order, or OPORD, is the primary order that is given for amilitary mission; however it is not the only type of order that may be issued for a mission. Other types of orders may be issued.This is to tell units that an Operations Order may be forthcoming, as a Warning Order, or to inform units during the execution of an Operations Order,that the situation has changed and,identifying changes in situation and mission, (Fragmentary Order). Once an OPORD is given,the situation may change before the mission is actually begun or,during the operation the situation may change so that the Operations Order must be modified. In these cases the commander will issue a Fragmentary Order, or **FRAGO**. The **FRAGO** will state exactly how the situation and/or,mission has been changed and what must be done to make up for the change.  
**go far** *W3*  
 To be successful.
- 246 Arvada** *Colorado*



**Davaar** *Gazetteer of the British Isles, published by Bartholomew*

This is a small island located at the mouth of Campbeltown Loch off the east coast of Kintyre, in Argyll and Bute, Scotland.

**Davara** *tinyurl.com/arvada-transposal*

The **Davara** was a British steam trawler during World War II that was sunk by the German submarine *U-27*. See Wikipedia

**Raavad** *tinyurl.com/arvada-transposal-2*

Rabbi Avraham ben David of Posquieres (Provence), known by the acronym "**Raavad**", wrote the famed *hagaot* critical notations to Maimonides' Mishneh Torah. Born approximately 1120, he passed away on the 26th of Kislev of the year 4959 from creation (1198).

**Radava** *tinyurl.com/arvada-transposal-3*

**Radava** is a village and municipality in the Nové Zámky District in the Nitra Region of south-west Slovakia.

**Varada** *tinyurl.com/arvada-transposal-4*

The **Varada** river originates near Vardamoola in Sagar taluk, Shimoga district of Karnataka, India. It flows through the Western Ghats and enters the central districts of Karnataka, Haveri and Bellary. The river joins the Tungabhadra River at Galaganath.

247 **Carlsbad** *California*

**crab lads** *tinyurl.com/carlsbad-transposal*

This line of text appears in *The Gollancz eBook Collection: Eight Fantastic Novels* by Robert Rankin: 'But, needless to say, there are pirates - the flying starfish from Uranus, and those **crab lads** from the nebula that bears their name.'

248 **Westminster** *Colorado*

**winter stems** *tinyurl.com/westminster-transposal*

These are versatile plants, such as dogwoods and willows, which provide different textures and stem colours to attract the eye and brighten the winter gloom in the garden.

**written mess** *tinyurl.com/westminster-transposal-2*

The name given to Westminster station on the anagram version of the London Tube Map (Tube = underground railway system).

249 **Rochester** *Minnesota*

**hectorers** *OED*

Individuals who hector, or brag, bluster, domineer.

**orchester** *W2*

Another word for an orchestra.

**orchestre** *W2*

Another word for an orchestra.

**torchères** *W3*

Tall ornamental stands for candlesticks or candelabra used in the 18th century and usually set on tripod bases.

250 **Gresham** *Oregon*

**Gersham** *tinyurl.com/gresham-transposal*

A boy's name which is a variant of Gershom (Hebrew), and the meaning of **Gersham** is "exile".

251 **Clearwater** *Florida*

- raw treacle** *tinyurl.com/clearwater-transposal*
- This occurs in the heading for a recipe for something called Italian Jumbles: "Italian Jumbles, or Brandy Snaps —6 lbs of flour, 7 lbs of good rich sugar, 1 1/4 lb of butter or lard, 2 oz of ginger or allspice, 6 lbs of **raw treacle**." The recipe then follows in considerable detail. The heading and recipe first appeared in *The Complete Biscuit and Gingerbread Baker's Assistant*, published in London in 1854.
- 252 **Lowell** *Massachusetts*  
**W Lello** *tinyurl.com/lowell-transposal*  
 A form of the name William Lello, listed on various census and ancestry websites.
- 253 **West Jordan** *Utah*  
**Jon Steward** *tinyurl.com/westjordan-transposal*  
 The name of various individuals appearing on several social networking websites, especially Facebook and LinkedIn.
- 254 **Pueblo** *Colorado*  
**Blue Op** *tinyurl.com/pueblo-transposal*  
 In its Arts, Crafts & Sewing › Beading & Jewelry-Making › Beads & Bead Assortments section, Amazon.com lists an item called 'Pony Beads, **Blue Op**, 6 x 9mm, 1000pc package'. **Blue Op** seems to be the colour of the beads.
- 255 **Ventura** *California*  
**vaunter** *W3*  
 One that boasts.
- 256 **Fairfield CA** *California*  
**Radcliffe IA** *tinyurl.com/fairfieldCA-transposal*  
 There is no transposal of 'Fairfield', so the state abbreviation for California (CA) has been added to the city name. Radcliffe is a city in Hardin County, Iowa - hence, **Radcliffe IA**. The population was 545 at the 2010 census.
- 257 **West Covina** *California*  
**W Stanovice** *tinyurl.com/westcovina-transposal*  
 The western part of Stanovice, a village and municipality in Trutnov District in the Hradec Králové Region of the Czech Republic.
- 258 **Billings** *Montana*  
**Bill Sing** *tinyurl.com/billings-transposal*  
 A named individual on Facebook.
- 259 **Murrieta** *California*  
**Arretium** *Webster's Geographical Dictionary*  
 The ancient Latin name of Arezzo, a city and commune in Italy.
- 260 **High Point** *North Carolina*  
**IHOP night** *tinyurl.com/highpoint-transposal*  
 An **IHOP night** is a special night held at any of the numerous IHOP (International House of Pancakes) outlets, perhaps with reduced prices, or to raise money for a specific charity. There are many IHOP nights listed on Facebook.  
**IHOP thing** *tinyurl.com/highpoint-transposal-2*

An **IHOP thing** is some quality or aspect of the food or service at an IHOP. There are many websites where customers can provide feedback about aspects of their local IHOP. One particular customer review says "Rest of the staff seemed in good moods as well, maybe a Virginia Beach thing, or an **IHOP thing**. I think the former as we've been to many IHOP's that lacked similar basic service perks."

- 261 Round Rock** *Texas*  
**Round Cork** *tinyurl.com/roundrock-transposal*  
A type of coaster for putting glasses on. **Round Cork coasters** are available in packages of 6. Round Corks are ideal for commercial, craft and home use and are popular as coasters. 4 inch Round Corks are great for use under small vases and small potted. Manufactured from fine Portuguese cork.
- 262 Richmond** *California*  
**Mirchond** *tinyurl.com/richmond-transposal*  
Mīr-Khʿānd, Moḥammad ibn Khʿāndshāh ibn Maḥmūd (1433/1434–1498) was a noted Persian-language historian of the fifteenth century. He is known in English also as Mir Khvand and in Latin and Greek as **Mirchond**.
- 263 Cambridge** *Massachusetts*  
**G MacBride** *tinyurl.com/cambridge-transposal*  
The name of various individuals listed on social networking and census websites.
- 264 Norwalk** *California*  
**rank low** *tinyurl.com/norwalk-transposal*  
A phrase appearing almost half a million times in an internet search, although not appearing in any dictionary. It typically appears in news headlines such as "Alaska Cities **Rank Low** in Equal Rights Survey", "Americans **Rank Low** in Health Study", "US Internet Speeds Still **Rank Low** on Global Scale " and "Republicans **rank low** on food policy scorecard"
- 265 Odessa** *Texas*  
**Adesso** *tinyurl.com/odessa-transposal*  
A brand of footwear.
- 266 Antioch** *California*  
**cathion** *W2*  
An erroneous form of 'cation', a positively charged ion.  
**Chatino** *W3*  
An Indian people of Oaxaca state, Mexico.  
**haction** *tinyurl.com/antioch-transposal*  
A movie genre composed of the two genres of "action" and "horror", although in most cases there is more action than horror.
- 267 Temecula CA** *California*  
**A cute camel** *tinyurl.com/temeculaCA-transposal*  
There is no transposal of 'Temecula', so the state abbreviation for California (CA) has been added to the city name. **A cute camel** is the title given to a specific photo uploaded to the TripAdvisor website.
- 268 Green Bay** *Wisconsin*  
**Ray Benge** *tinyurl.com/greenbay-transposal*

Raymond Adelpia Bengie, (1902-1997) - **Ray Bengie** - was a pitcher for the Cleveland Indians (1925–26), Philadelphia Phillies (1928–32 and 1936), Brooklyn Dodgers (1933–35), Boston Bees (1936) and Cincinnati Reds (1938).

- 269 Everett** *Washington*  
**Revette** *tinyurl.com/everett-transposal*  
A surname of various individuals appearing on numerous social networking websites, especially Facebook and LinkedIn
- 270 Wichita Falls** *Texas*  
**Witicha Falls** *tinyurl.com/wichitafalls-transposal*  
A frequent spelling error for Wichita Falls, appearing over 85,000 times in a Google search. The example referenced here is from a university website and is in large bold letters - you'd think a university might be able to spell the placename correctly!
- 271 Burbank CA** *California*  
**A Brunback** *tinyurl.com/burbankCA-transposal*  
There is no transposal of 'Burbank', so the state abbreviation for California (CA) has been added to the city name. **A Brunback** is a form of the name Annette Brunback, an individual from Lubbock, Texas.
- 272 Palm Bay** *Florida*  
**Lampbay** *lampbay.net*  
**Lampbay** Lighting is a Chinese high-tech corporation, integrating the R&D, manufacture and sale of LED lighting. It supplies professional LED lighting and technology solutions to clients. Its main products include LED bulbs, LED spotlights, LED downlights, etc.
- 273 Centennial CO** *Colorado*  
**Alien Connect** *tinyurl.com/centennialCO-transposal*  
There is no transposal of 'Centennial', so the state abbreviation for Colorado (CO) has been added to the city name. According to the itunes website, **Alien Connect** is a piece of software available for the iPhone and iPad which will find your near friends through bluetooth location.
- 274 Daly City** *California*  
**City Lady** *tinyurl.com/dalycity-transposal*  
The name of a women's clothes boutique, located in Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, Ireland.
- 275 Richardson** *Texas*  
**Chris Doran** *tinyurl.com/richardson-transposal*  
Christopher "**Chris**" **Doran**, from Waterford, Ireland, was the winner of Ireland's "You're a Star" 2003-2004 talent search competition to find Ireland's Eurovision Song Contest entry. The show was aired on RTÉ.
- 276 Pompano Beach** *Florida*  
**Pompona Beach** *tinyurl.com/pompanobeach-transposal*  
A frequent spelling error for Pompano Beach, appearing over 2,000 times following a Google search. The example referenced here is from the website of an Indian restaurant - you'd think they'd be able to spell the name of the city in which they were located!
- 277 Broken Arrow** *Oklahoma*  
**Brook Warner** *tinyurl.com/brokenarrow-transposal*  
The name of various individuals listed on social networking and census websites.

- Brook Warren** [tinyurl.com/brokenarrow-transposal-2](https://tinyurl.com/brokenarrow-transposal-2)  
The name of various individuals listed on social networking and census websites.
- Warner Brook** [tinyurl.com/brokenarrow-transposal-3](https://tinyurl.com/brokenarrow-transposal-3)  
The name of a horse stables providing a range of equine services - eg boarding horses, trail riding, riding lessons, training, etc, in Mount Jewell, Pennsylvania.
- Warrenbrook** [tinyurl.com/brokenarrow-transposal-4](https://tinyurl.com/brokenarrow-transposal-4)  
The name of a golf course located in Warren, New Jersey.
- 278 North Charleston** [South Carolina](https://tinyurl.com/northcharleston-transposal)  
**Charles Thornton** [tinyurl.com/northcharleston-transposal](https://tinyurl.com/northcharleston-transposal)  
Charles Inglis Thornton, (1850-1929), or **Charles Thornton**, nicknamed "Buns", was an English cricketer who played more than 200 first-class matches in the later 19th century, for no fewer than 22 different teams.
- 279 West Palm Beach** [Florida](https://tinyurl.com/westpalmbeach-transposal)  
**best whale camp** [tinyurl.com/westpalmbeach-transposal](https://tinyurl.com/westpalmbeach-transposal)  
Read all about the **Best Whale Camp For Budding Marine Biologists** at the website referenced here.
- 280 Boulder** [Colorado](https://tinyurl.com/boulder-transposal)  
**doubler** [W3](https://tinyurl.com/boulder-transposal)  
One that doubles.
- 281 Rialto** [California](https://tinyurl.com/rialto-transposal)  
**Litaro** [tinyurl.com/rialto-transposal](https://tinyurl.com/rialto-transposal)  
The name of a restaurant in Paris. Its address is 32, rue Delambre, 75014 Paris, France.  
**Lorita** [tinyurl.com/rialto-transposal-2](https://tinyurl.com/rialto-transposal-2)  
A genus of moths belonging to the subfamily Olethreutinae of the family Tortricidae.  
**oil tar** [W2](https://tinyurl.com/rialto-transposal-2)  
A tar formed in the manufacture of oil gas.  
**tailor** [W3](https://tinyurl.com/rialto-transposal-2)  
One whose occupation or business is making or altering men's or women's outerwear.  
**tar oil** [W3](https://tinyurl.com/rialto-transposal-2)  
Any of various oils obtained from tar (as coal tar or pine tar) usually by distillation.  
**Triola** [tinyurl.com/rialto-transposal-3](https://tinyurl.com/rialto-transposal-3)  
This is a children's musical instrument, a hand-tuned single tone wind harmonica, manufactured by C. A. Seydel Söhne in Klingenthal, Germany.
- 282 Santa Maria** [California](https://tinyurl.com/santamaria-transposal)  
**Aram Satian** [tinyurl.com/santamaria-transposal](https://tinyurl.com/santamaria-transposal)  
An Armenian classical composer and popular music songwriter, born in 1947.  
**Atarsamain** [tinyurl.com/santamaria-transposal-2](https://tinyurl.com/santamaria-transposal-2)  
An astral deity of uncertain gender, worshipped in the pre-Islamic northern and central Arabian Peninsula.  
**Sima Tarana** [tinyurl.com/santamaria-transposal-3](https://tinyurl.com/santamaria-transposal-3)  
An Afghan singer originally from parwan. She is popular in Afghanistan and Tajikistan. She currently resides in Canada from where she continues her music career.
- 283 El Cajon** [California](https://tinyurl.com/elcajon-transposal)  
**Jane Col** [tinyurl.com/elcajon-transposal](https://tinyurl.com/elcajon-transposal)

At coordinates 60°42'S 45°38'W, **Jane Col** is a col to the west of Jane Peak at the head of Limestone Valley on Signy Island in the South Orkney Islands. It was named in association with Jane Peak by the UK Antarctic Place-Names Committee.

- 284 Davenport** *Iowa*  
**Andover Pt** *tinyurl.com/davenport-transposal*  
A shortened form of Andover Point, a street address in Roaming Hills, Ohio.
- 285 Erie** *Pennsylvania*  
**Eire** *W3*  
Another name for the Republic of Ireland.
- 285 Las Cruces NM** *New Mexico*  
**USRC McLane's** *tinyurl.com/lascrucesNM-transposal*  
No transposal here for Las Cruces, so the state abbreviation for New Mexico (NM) has been added, giving us 'Las Cruces NM'. USRC McLane (in full: United States Revenue Cutter McLane) was one of 13 cutters of the Morris-Taney Class to be launched in 1833. It was named for Louis McLane, the tenth Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. USRC McLane was noted for her beautiful deck finish and cabinet work. The transposal shown here, **USRC McLane's**, is the possessive form of the ship's name.
- 287 South Bend** *Indiana*  
**boundeths** *wordincontext.com/en/boundeth*  
boundeth is the archaic third-person singular of the verb 'bound'. On the website wordincontext.com there are currently 3 **boundeths**, ie 3 occurrences of the word 'boundeth'
- 288 Flint** *Michigan*  
**lin ft** *www.thefreedictionary.com/lin+ft*  
An abbreviation for 'linear foot'.
- 289 Kenosha** *Wisconsin*  
**Hökåsen** *tinyurl.com/kenosha-transposal*  
A locality situated in Västerås Municipality, Västmanland County, Sweden with 2,956 inhabitants in 2010.  
**Khoesan** *tinyurl.com/kenosha-transposal-2*  
The term **Khoesan** is used to refer to a set of languages spoken by fewer than 500,000 people in Southern and Eastern Africa. The defining feature of these languages is their use of consonants known as clicks.  
**Shenako** *tinyurl.com/kenosha-transposal-3*  
A highland village in the eastern Georgian region of Kakheti, close to the border with Dagestan, Russia.

And here's the latest group of 21 places with populations bursting through the 100,000 mark:

- 290 Allen** *Texas*  
**ellan** *OED*  
An old name for an elk.  
**nalle** *OED*  
A pre-17th century Scots spelling of 'nail'.  
**neall** *OED*

- A pre-17th century spelling of 'nail'.  
**nella** *OED*
- 291 **Clinton**  
 An early Middle English spelling of the verb 'nill'.  
*Michigan*  
**non-clit** *tinyurl.com/clinton-transposal*
- 292 **Clovis**  
 A shortened form of 'non-clitoral', a term used on various sex-related websites.  
*California*  
**Scovil** *Dictionary of American Family Names, Oxford University Press, 2013*  
 A surname.  
**Volsci** *W3*  
 A people of ancient Italy dwelling between the Latins and Samnites and becoming part of the Roman republic about 373 BC.
- 293 **Davie**  
*Florida*  
**Advie** *Ordnance Survey Gazetteer of Great Britain, third edition*  
 A small village in Strathspey, in the Highland Council Area of Scotland.  
**Devia** *tinyurl.com/davie-transposal-1*  
 A genus of Iridaceae first described in 1990; it contains only one known species, *Devia xeromorpha*, endemic to the south-western part of Cape Province in South Africa.  
**Ediva** *Times Index Gazetteer*  
 A place in Angola.  
**Vaide** *Times Index Gazetteer*  
 A place in the former USSR.  
**Vedia** *Times Index Gazetteer*  
 A place in Argentina.
- 294 **Edison**  
*New Jersey*  
**Deinos** *W2*  
 A vase or vessel with a rounded base and without handles, used as a cinerary urn.  
**Denios** *Times Index Gazetteer*  
 The plural form of 'Denio', places in Nevada and Oregon.  
**Desino** *tinyurl.com/edison-transposal-1*  
 A mountain village in the municipal unit of Aroania, Achaea, Greece; in 2011, it had a population of 37.  
**Die Son** *tinyurl.com/edison-transposal-2*  
 An Afrikaans-language South African tabloid reporting sensational news essentially after the model of British tabloids.  
**diones** *OED*  
 A Middle English spelling of 'dionise', a precious stone, of a black colour streaked with red, reckoned by mediæval writers to be a preservative against drunkenness.  
**does in** *W3*  
 Ruins, cheats, kills.  
**Donsie** *W3*  
 Unlucky.  
**Edonis** *tinyurl.com/edison-transposal-3*  
 A supercar created by Italian automobile manufacturer B Engineering; the Edonis is based on the Bugatti EB110 Super Sport.

- Eidson** *tinyurl.com/edison-transposal-4*  
An unincorporated community located on the north side of Clinch Mountain in Hawkins County, Tennessee.
- Enodis** *tinyurl.com/edison-transposal-5*  
A British multinational food-making equipment manufacturing company headquartered in London; it was acquired by the American machinery manufacturer Manitowoc in October 2008.
- Inodes** *W3*  
A genus of fan palms comprising various arborescent palmettos of the southern US, the West Indies, and Mexico that are now usually included in the genus *Sabal*.
- Noised** *W3*  
Talked loudly.
- no-side** *W2*  
In Rugby football, signifying the end of a game (or session of play).
- Onside** *OED*  
Of a player (especially in football, hockey, or rugby): in or from a position on the field where the ball or puck may lawfully be played; not offside.
- Sendio** *tinyurl.com/edison-transposal-6*  
A California-based e-mail security company; the privately held company was founded in 2004.
- side-on** *W3*  
With one side facing in a given direction especially toward the observer.
- Sioned** *tinyurl.com/edison-transposal-7*  
A Welsh girl's given name.
- 295 **Greeley** *Colorado*  
**grey eel** *tinyurl.com/greeley-transposal*  
A greenish freshwater fish.
- 296 **Hillsboro** *Oregon*  
**Boor Hill's** *tinyurl.com/hillsboro-transposal*  
The possessive form of Boor Hill, a hill in the Highland county, Scotland.
- 297 **Jurupa Valley** *California*  
No transposal found.
- 298 **Lakeland** *Florida*  
**all-naked** *OED*  
Fully naked.
- 299 **League City** *Texas*  
**City League** *tinyurl.com/league-city-transposal*  
A European league built on physical e-sports venues.
- 300 **Lewisville** *Texas*  
**Lille views** *tinyurl.com/lewisville-transposal*  
Views over the French city of Lille.
- 301 **Renton** *Washington*  
**no-rent** *W2*  
Occurs in the term 'no-rent land', land yielding no economic rent.  
**Ronnet** *tinyurl.com/renton-transposal-1*



A commune in the Allier department in Auvergne in central France.

**tonner** *W3*

An object (as a ship) having tonnage.

**tornen** *OED*

A Middle English form of the verb 'turn', appearing in a 1320 quotation.

**Trenno** *tinyurl.com/renton-transposal-2*

A district of Milan, Italy, part of the Zone 8 administrative division of the city; it borders on green areas to the north and west (on the Boscoincittà city park) and to the south (on the Parco di Trenno); to the east, it is adjacent to the Gallarate district; before being annexed to Milan, in 1923, it was an autonomous *commune*.

**tronen** *OED*

A Middle English form of the verb 'throne', appearing in a 1400 quotation.

**302 San Angelo** *Texas*

**Sango Lane** *tinyurl.com/san-angelo-transposal-1*

One of the neighbourhoods of Lyari Town in Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan.

**Sean Logan** *tinyurl.com/san-angelo-transposal-2*

A Democratic politician and former member of the Pennsylvania State Senate who represented the 45th District from 2001 until his resignation on August 24, 2010, to accept a job at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

**303 San Mateo** *California*

**Easton, MA** *Times Index Gazetteer*

A town in Massachusetts.

**304 Sandy Springs** *Georgia*

**springy sands** *tinyurl.com/sandy-springs-transposal*

This description of nereids (sea-nymphs) appears online: They fly from the windy voices of the clouds, Most they love sleek seas and springy sands.

**305 Sparks** *Nevada*

**Srpska** *tinyurl.com/sparks-transposal*

One of two constitutional and legal entities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the other being the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**306 Tuscaloosa** *Alabama*

**Lousa Costa** *tinyurl.com/tuscaloosa-transposal*

A name appearing on Facebook.

**307 Tyler** *Texas*

**lyter** *OED*

A 15th-17th century spelling of 'lighter', a boat, vessel or barge.

**lytre** *OED*

A 16th century spelling of 'litre', a pound weight.

**Rytel** *tinyurl.com/tyler-transposal-1*

A village in the administrative district of Gmina Czersk, within Chojnice County, Pomeranian Voivodeship, in northern Poland; it lies approximately 9 miles west of Czersk, 11 miles east of Chojnice, and 55 miles south-west of the regional capital Gdańsk.

**Teryl** *tinyurl.com/tyler-transposal-2*

A female given name; one example is Teryl Rothery, a Canadian actress, best known for her role as Dr. Janet Fraiser on *Stargate SG-1*.

**tryle** *OED*

- A 15th century spelling of 'trill' a noun of uncertain meaning.
- 308 Vacaville** *California*
- No transposal found.
- 309 Vista** *California*
- Ivats** *tinyurl.com/vista-transposal-1*
- A Bulgarian noble and military commander in the late 10th and early 11th century; he served three Bulgarian Emperors - Samuil (997-1014); Gavril Radomir (1014–1015) and Ivan Vladislav (1015–1018).
- Tavis** *tinyurl.com/vista-transposal-2*
- A male given name; one example is Tavis Smiley, an American talk show host and author; Smiley was born in Gulfport, Mississippi; he worked during the late 1980s as an aide to Tom Bradley, the mayor of Los Angeles.
- Vasti** *tinyurl.com/vista-transposal-3*
- The plural of 'vastus'; **vasti** are the three separate skeletal muscles located in the thigh; the three muscles are vastus intermedius, vastus lateralis and vastus medialis, and are located in the middle, on the outside and inside of the thigh, respectively. Although W3 and medical dictionaries list vastus, none shows a plural form.
- Vitas** *OED*
- The plural of 'vita', a biography, the history of a life. The -s plural form appears in a 1979 quotation taken from the journal *American Speech*.
- Vitsa** *tinyurl.com/vista-transposal-4*
- One of the largest villages of central Zagori, Greece; it is situated at an altitude of 955 metres on a mountain slope near the Vikos gorge with roads linking it to Greek National Road 6; Vitsa is famous for its old double-arched bridge of Missios.
- 310 Woodbridge** *Connecticut*
- big redwood** *tinyurl.com/woodbridge-transposal*
- The following headline appears in a New Zealand news website in August 2018: Big redwood in Taradale gets the chop.

Eight of the 310 city names proved too difficult for me. They are: Cincinnati, Jersey City, Pembroke Pines, Rancho Cucamonga, Thousand Oaks, West Valley City, Jurupa Valley, and Vacaville. While it's possible to transpose these to mere collections of words (for example, Pembroke Pines = random pipe knobs), these have no obvious meaning, and aren't findable in dictionaries or on websites. If anyone can find transposals for these eight names, or can offer improvements or additions to the other 302 city names, please let *Word Ways* know.

## COLLOQUY

**JEFF GRANT** wrote:

Well done on the latest 'Word Ways'. Lots of interesting articles.

I enjoyed Tim Heath's 'Return of the Magnificent Seven - as Palimericks'. Just a couple of comments on his sources for the original palindromes:

'Satan! Oscillate my metallic sonatas' first appears in print (as far as we know) in 'Word Ways', May 1982, p80, in an article titled 'Epic Error Recipe', written by yours truly. It was later (1992) used as the title of an EP by Soundgarden. This has been confirmed by Mark Saltveit, 'Palindromist' magazine and website, who has been researching the origins of palindromes for around 20 years.

'Doc, note I dissent. A fast never prevents a fatness. I diet on cod' is considered one of the finest palindromes of all time. Quoting Michael Donner in his book 'I Love Me, Vol I, S. Wordrow's Palindrome Encyclopedia', re this palindrome: 'According to [Howard] Bergerson, it was told to James Mitchie by a mathematician in 1944 who did not make it up either. According to [Martin] Gardner, Mitchie won a prize for it in a *New Statesman* palindrome contest in 1967. So much for pinning down its authorship. Moreover, since the text is so greatly and widely loved, it is a good proof of the proposition that success has many fathers (while failure is a bastard).'

**ALAN FRANK** notes: "A while back, you printed a list of county names with transposals. One of my favorites is Lamoille (NY)/malleoli. I had been thinking of submitting this to the Enigma, but it does not lend itself well to being clued in light verse, so I would be pleased to have it noted in Colloquy."

**DARRYL FRANCIS** submits the following 2 Scrabble posers:

In a game where you can only play bonuses (ie all 7 tiles in a move), and ALL the tiles are blanks, what is the fewest number of moves possible that can be made where no more bonus words can be played?

Solution below from Nathan Benedict.

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      K
ZYZZYVAS
      R
ZYZZYVAS      >>>>> 3rd Z is on middle square
      T
VULCANIC
      C
```

## ANOTHER SCRABBLE POSER

Imagine this idealised version of Scrabble:

- Only bingos (bonuses) can be played - ie all 7 tiles must be played at each move;
- Any of the 100 tiles, with the usual distribution of letters, can be used.

What is the fewest number of moves possible that can be made after which no further moves can be played? Find a solution with this number of moves. Don't forget – only moves using all 7 tiles are allowed.

### Solution

This solution was created by Scrabble player Nathan Benedict, of Phoenix, Arizona.

**Four moves is the minimum number.** In the board layout below, the sequence of moves is:

1. QAWWALI (the 2nd W is on the central square)
2. KARSTIC, QAWWALIS
3. ZYzzYVAS (the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Z are blank tiles)
4. VIBRONIC

```
      K
     ZYzzYVAS
      R
    QAWWALIS
      T
     VIBRONIC
      C
```

According to Nathan, there are bingos (bonuses) down through the column with Y-L-O. They are YELLOCHING and any of 14 other words all beginning YELLOW, but all require either a C or W, both of which have already been played.

# AN “INSCRUTABLE” MAGIC SQUARE

**JEREMIAH FARRELL**

**Indianapolis, Indiana**

The “constant” anagrams on every row, column, and all diagonals.

I	N	S	C	R	U	T	A	B	L	E
L	E	I	N	S	C	R	U	T	A	B
A	B	L	E	I	N	S	C	R	U	T
U	T	A	B	L	E	I	N	S	C	R
C	R	U	T	A	B	L	E	I	N	S
N	S	C	R	U	T	A	B	L	E	I
E	I	N	S	C	R	U	T	A	B	L
B	L	E	I	N	S	C	R	U	T	A
T	A	B	L	E	I	N	S	C	R	U
R	U	T	A	B	L	E	I	N	S	C
S	C	R	U	T	A	B	L	E	I	N

## ANIMAL IDIOMS – 1

Steve Kahan

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The animal kingdom is a rich source of many familiar phrases in the English language. To wit, “one who stays up very late” is referred to as a night owl, while “one who arises at dawn” is deemed an early bird. Analyze the sixteen clues presented in the listing that follows to identify the *animal idioms* which they suggest.

1. unreservedly
2. sham legal proceeding
3. keenly enthusiastic hard worker
4. pretend to be dead
5. casual shoe
6. concept immune to criticism
7. misleading clue
8. insincere expression of sorrow
9. final public performance
10. greatest part
11. unauthorized work stoppage
12. irritate someone
13. sharp chop to the back of the neck
14. one paralyzed by fright
15. carelessly clumsy person
16. deteriorate in a shocking manner

## **ANIMAL IDIOMS – 1 – Answers**

1. WHOLE HOG
2. KANGAROO COURT
3. EAGER BEAVER
4. PLAY POSSUM
5. HUSH PUPPY
6. SACRED COW
7. RED HERRING
8. CROCODILE TEARS
9. SWAN SONG
10. LION'S SHARE
11. WILDCAT STRIKE
12. GET ONE'S GOAT
13. RABBIT PUNCH
14. DEER IN THE HEADLIGHTS
15. BULL IN A CHINA SHOP
16. GO TO THE DOGS

## And Then Limericks

William Brandt  
Oro Valley, Arizona

Working hard I didn't stint,  
Making chocolate hard as flint.  
I was loosing money,  
You know it wasn't funny.  
And then I changed and made a mint.

Staying up late was the key.  
Where the sun went I wanted to see.  
I stayed there all though the night,  
Waiting for just the right sight,  
And then it dawned on me.

Playing baseball, feeling free,  
Watching a ball that I could see.  
Something I couldn't figure,  
The ball was getting bigger,  
And then it hit me.



Outside the café I saw it rain  
So inside the shop I did remain.  
But I spilled coffee on my shirt,  
Looking dark, a lot like dirt,  
And then they viewed me with disdain.

My boomerang I could not see,  
And wondered where in the world it be.  
When I was in the yard,  
I'd thrown it very hard  
And then it came to me.

Pin factory job I did not shirk,  
Worked on the line, not as a clerk.  
We told the boss we're tired.  
The other guys got fired,  
And then I got stuck with all the work.

The bicycle's a great device,  
Assembling them it's quite precise.  
My job at the bicycle shop.  
Was to put them together and stop.  
And then I had to pedal the merchandise.

I wanted to work near the dunes,  
They said that job's for buffoons.  
Over time I did persist,  
To be an archeologist,  
And then my career was in ruins.

At the department store that day,  
A bathroom scale was on display.  
It was the thing I stole,  
Because that was my goal,  
And then to steal a weigh.

I thought a beard I'd like to see,  
I'd let it grow and let it be.  
I didn't like it at first,  
I thought it was the worst,  
And then it grew on me.

To a farm I did frequent,  
And many were the days I spent.  
Please don't ask me how,  
I watched a pregnant cow,  
And then it became apparent.

Into the elevator I drifted,  
Met a minister there who insisted  
We speak a little while.  
I almost had to smile,  
And then I felt uplifted.

As a banker I'd often invest  
In projects that people suggest.  
But I'm very sad to say,  
The projects didn't pay,  
And then I also lost interest.

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**51.4.1 Doubly True – Italian by Andrzej Bartz, Fuerth, Germany**

DUECENTO + CENTOSETTE + CENTOSEI + CENTOUNO + CENTO +  
VENTISETTE + VENTUON + DODICI + DIECI + NOVE + SETTE = SETTECENTO

$$(200 + 107 + 106 + 101 + 100 + 27 + 21 + 12 + 10 + 9 + 7 = 700)$$

**51.4.2 Doubly True – German by Andrzej Bartz, Fuerth, Germany**

HUNDERTZEHN + HUNDRETTZWEI + NEUNZEHN + 2(DREIZEHN) +  
9(ZEHN) + 37(NEUN) + 26(DREI) + 71(ZWEI) = NEUNHUNDERT

$$(110 + 102 + 19 + 2(13) + 9(10) + 37(9) + 26(3) + 71(2) = 900)$$

**51.4.3 Pythagorean Triple – 1 by Andrzej Bartz, Fuerth, Germany**

$$(ONE + ONE + ONE)^2 + (FOUR)^2 = (FIVE)^2$$

**51.4.4 Pythagorean Triple – 2 by Andrzej Bartz, Fuerth, Germany**

$$(FIVE + ONE)^2 + (TWO + TWO + ONE + ONE + ONE + ONE)^2 =  
(FIFTY – FORTY)^2$$

**51.4.5 Global Tour – 1 by Paul Boymel, Potomac, Maryland**

C U B A x M A L I = B E L G I U M

**51.4.6 Global Tour – 2 by Paul Boymel, Potomac, Maryland**

T O G O x L A O S = B A R B U D A

**SOLUTIONS TO ALPHAMETICS, Vol. 51, Number 4**

**51.4.1 Doubly True – Italian by Andrzej Bartz, Fuerth, Germany**

$$60838794 + 3879458998 + 38794582 + 38794074 + 38794 + 1879258998 + 1879074 + 646232 + 62832 + 7418 + 58998 = 5899838794$$

**51.4.2 Doubly True – German by Andrzej Bartz, Fuerth, Germany**

$$21473589324 + 21473589036 + 43149324 + 2(75369324) + 9(9324) + 37(4314) + 26(7536) + 71(9036) = 43142147358$$

**51.4.3 Pythagorean Triple – 1 by Andrzej Bartz, Fuerth, Germany**

$$(345 + 345 + 345)^2 + (1380)^2 = (1725)^2$$

**51.4.4 by Andrzej Bartz, Fuerth, Germany**

$$(5847 + 297)^2 + (302 + 302 + 297 + 297 + 297 + 297)^2 = (58536 - 52136)^2$$

**51.4.5 Global Tour - 1 by Paul Boymel, Potomac, Maryland**

$$1438 \times 2509 = 3607942$$

**51.4.6 Global Tour - 2 by Paul Boymel, Potomac, Maryland**

$$2606 \times 1863 = 4854978$$

## **All Words Begin With the Sound of W**

We once wisely wondered whether William Wordsworth's words would work when whispered while waltzing with wild women wearing wonderfully woven white woolly wigs.

Whenever wickedly waltzed, one wacky woman, woozy with whisky, washed with warm well water while watching woody woodpecker wantonly whistling with weird, whip-wielding witches whipping whales with wicker wands.

Woodcutters who worried when work waned wondered whether wages would withstand weakened workloads. What work would warrant worthwhile wages? Worried woodworkers would whittle worn wormwood wishing woebegone wallabies would walk willingly with winsome weasels wielding wildflowers.

What wizardry we witnessed when wretched weirdoes wore wiry walrus whiskers while waging war with wheezing wolverines whacking whirling wombats. Whereupon we woefully wandered westward, weary, wasted, weeping without Wordsworth's wistful wisdom.

Jerome Tietz  
Goleta, CA

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