

## EIGHT-LETTER METALLEGES

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In the February 1991 **Word Ways**, Darryl Francis exhibited a type-collection of metalleges (letter-swap transposals, as sLave to sALve, or sKaTe to sTaKe) of two through ten letters. This article examines eight-letter metalleges in more detail, listing all that can be found in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary. In general, adjacent letter-swaps are commoner than more distant ones, especially those that occur near the start or the end of a word. The full list of 283 OSPD metalleges is given below.

- 1-2 ALburnum ALTitude COhering DEifiers DEifying DOorless RUinated  
RUinates STardoms
- 1-3 BeRating BoLsters BuRblier BuRbling CaPtions CaScades CiPolins  
CoRkiest CoRklike DaWdlers DaWdling FeRrying GeLatine GeLating  
GeLation LaMeness LiMitary LiVeness MaNeless MaRblers MaRbling  
MaTeless MoNadism MoNarchs MoNarchy MoNistic MoNogram MoNology  
MoRaines NeTtiest NoTeless PoSiting PoTstone PyThonic ReTraced  
ReTraces ReTrains RoWdiest
- 1-4 AetHeric CouThier DanGered Dealings DonGolas Dormancy DruGging  
GarMents GodLings LatRines LeaSable LeaViest MooRiest SerVants
- 1-5 AltrUism AltrUist ClanGing DesiRers DesiRing EmprIses InsoUled  
LameNess LeveRing LoweRing LustRing MaceRate RecuSing
- 1-6 FerriTic GallaTes NatteRed SerraTes
- 1-7 MonetiZe RingleTs RippleTs RootleTs
- 1-8 DecanteR DeceiveR DeclineR DeferreR DefloweR DeformeR DegradeR  
DemandeR DeserveR DesigneR Detailer DetaineR DetesteR DwindleS
- 2-3 aERology aILments bARKiest bERaking cARvings cERatins cERVices  
cLUtches cORoners fALTboat fARMable fRUmenty kElsters pERcents  
pERcepts pERfects pERforms pERVious pORTends sALtiest sILvered  
sILverer wARstled wARstles wORTHful
- 2-4 gAtEways lEvIable pLaSters pLaStery rEpIners rEpIning sAtIrist  
sCePters sCePtral sCePtres sLiTting sNaPless sNaTched sNaTcher  
sNaTches
- 2-5 aNseRous cAssOcks cOstUmer halloOing hAptEnes pAstIche sLeePing  
sLeeTier sLeeTing sLowNess sNeaPing sNooPier sNooPing
- 2-6 cAramEls cHancRes halloOed laterIte pAtulEnt
- 2-7
- 2-8 pArrette
- 3-4 caSUally coINfers enISling guSTiest kiLTings liENable reALters  
reINform scARpers scARping spElling spElring stORying thORning
- 3-5 beMiRing exCePted maLeNess miLdNess miNiSter moLaRity reGeLate  
reLiVing urAnItes wiLdNess
- 3-6 gaRdeNed inDenTed inDenTer haNkeRed haNkeRer obSerVes reCraTed  
reCraTes reLeaSed reSerVed reSerVer unCraTed unLeaSed unSerVed

3-7 clEmatIs huRtleSs maRqueSs reCourSe taRtleTs  
 3-8 stOccatA  
 4-5 ginGKoes infARcts ochERous regARded schEMers  
 4-6 besLiMed besLiMes conCeNts nonRiVal  
 4-7 assERtOr conSerVe henEquIn misDeaLs  
 4-8 conDoleS outRideS  
 5-6 armoIRes cithERns compILed compILER compILES maliGner meagERly  
 somBERly untiLTed  
 5-7 antiMoNy gallAtEs gambLeRs handLeSs outsLePt quinNaTs skirReTs  
 tumbLeRs  
 5-8 reinSerT  
 6-7 calibERS compeERS curacAOs dioptERS electORs grandAMs misfiELd  
 pedicELs philtERS piastERS quickEST radicELs saltiERS sceptERS  
 spectERS terreNEs theaterS thickEST unmitERS  
 6-8 exploDeR milliMhO ozoniDeS unburDeN underDoG tetraCiD  
 7-8 accoutER alkaliES bayadeER blankeST botaniES briskeST cadastER  
 cascabEL coloniES decenter discreET drabbeST energiES eulogiES  
 fresheST grummeST melodiES sanitiES strongLY overbuSY overdoES  
 propenES tetaniES thickeST theorieS treatiES

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