

ALPHABETICAL NEIGHBOURS OUT!

Bigrams made of alphabetical neighbours are taboo here and must be ousted – as long as they leave another good word. A few of these word pairs make phrases (*).

Rapqon is in Uzbekistan, Raon in France, Daqran in Egypt, Daan in Namibia, Yavwi in C.A.R and Yai in Burma.

AB	F <u>A</u> BLE <u>D</u> – FLE <u>D</u>	BC	BO <u>B</u> CAT – BOAT	CD	M <u>C</u> DUFF'S MUFFS*	DE	STU <u>D</u> ENT STUNT*
EF	BE <u>R</u> EFT BERT*	FG	O <u>F</u> GOING – OOING	GH	L <u>I</u> GHT LIT*	HI	PH <u>I</u> AL – PAL
IJ	HI <u>J</u> ACK – HACK	JK	SI <u>J</u> K (sick) – SI	KL	W <u>I</u> NKLE – WINE	LM	BAL <u>M</u> Y BAY*
MN	SO <u>L</u> EMN – SOLE	NO	NO <u>T</u> ED TED*	OP	PR <u>O</u> POSE PROSE*	PQ	RAP <u>Q</u> ON – RAON
QR	DA <u>Q</u> RAN – DAAN	RS	CU <u>R</u> SE CUE*	ST	GU <u>S</u> TY – GUY	TU	MAT <u>U</u> RE MARE*
UV	LO <u>U</u> VRE LORE*	VW	YAV <u>W</u> I – YAI	WX	YOW <u>X</u> (a hiccup) – YO	XY	GAL <u>A</u> X <u>Y</u> GALA*
YZ	FE <u>Y</u> ZO (Afghanistan) – FEO (Argentina)						

SPUD.S PUD - A TAUTONYMIC TREAT?

Note: this item was written before I read Jim Puder's 'More Accidental Tautonyms' (WW2009) 74

MADAM ADA likes to think of herself as a chef extraordinaire and as a double palindrome. I prefer to think of her as a tautonym: MADA.M ADA (you get the idea). As to her culinary skills, I reserve judgement. She started her business with SLOAN.'S LOAN, which SHOW.S HOW naïve she is, Sloan being a crook, not a cook. These 2-word tautonymic phrases give some idea of what she gets up to and what is involved in her chosen career. She...

SPIKE.S PIKE	SHAKE.S HAKE	SPIN.S PIN (rolling)	START.S TART	STEAL.S TEAL
SPEAR.S PEAR	SCORN.S CORN	SHARE.S HARE	SPOT.S POT (cooking)	SPIE.S PIE

Did someone say that she SKIN.S KIN? Let us hope not!

AUN'T

SIR JEREMY MORSE

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Said I 'I must have tea now, aunt';
Said she 'You can't'.

She said the cakes she'd baked were burnt;
I said they weren't.

Said I 'I think I'm going to faint';
Said she 'You mayn't'.

Whenever anything's important
Aunt says I oughtn't.