

WEBSTERIAN HIGH-SCORING SCRABBLE

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The article "High-Scoring Scrabble Revisited" in the May 1981 Word Ways presented a set of rules for determining in a SCRABBLE® Brand Crossword Game (hereafter referred to simply as Scrabble) what words are to be allowed. Applying these rules, a single Scrabble move of 1757 points was devised, based on words in Webster's New International Dictionary, Second Edition. The article further stated that it would be an excellent idea to find the highest scores for the entire range of Merriam-Webster dictionaries to show their variation

with dictionaries. This has been done for Webster's New International Dictionary, Second Edition (1980), 1685 points using Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary (1980); 1510 points using the Merriam-Webster (Pocket) Dictionary (1974).

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P R E A C K N O W L E D G E D
                                A I
      F O R A M I N I F E R A
            O                T E Z
            T                D*O
            T                L   H
            L   G R*U B B E R Y
      U N E Q U I V A L V E D
            E T A      O   E R
                                O
                                A X
                                S W A M I
                                T O      I D
                                O        E
J U S T I C I A R Y S H I P S
  
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Moves: 1. gue 2. eta 3. grub 4. valve,uva,ba 5. lo 6. lev 7. grubber,blo,re 8.unequivalve+,rit 9. rattle 10. rami 11. foraminifer 12. eared 13. do,oh 14. et,te+ 15. ai 16. ledge 17. acknowledge 18. preacknowledge+ 19. ree,er 20. rox 21. ax,ami 22. swam 23. id,de 24. so 25. to,to 26. ary,toy 27.justiciary 28. justiciaryship+ 29. diazohydroxides (1,377), preacknowledged (87), foraminifera (20), tez (22), grubbery (15), unequivalved+ (84), swami (11), justiciaryships (96); adding the 50-point bingo bonus, the total score is 1,762 points. Words with a + are found below the line. The inflected forms preacknowledged, justiciaryships and diazohydroxides are explained in the May Word Ways; foraminifera has an uncapitalized definition.

I N E Q U I V A L V E D
 F E
 A O M
 R A D I O A U T O G R A P H Y
 R W A S T
 E H
 E T O
 M Y C O B A C T E R I A L
 N O
 R E L A X I N G
 A I
 S P E L T Z
 O S E I
 U N
 J E R K I N G

Moves: 1. act 2. bacteria 3. mycobacteria 4. greet 5. graph 6. auto-graph 7. radioautograph 8. ohs 9. was,aw,pa 10. om,em 11. afar 12. valve 13. inequivalve 14. tannate 15. to,oh 16. no 17. relaxin 18. ai 19. spelt 20. sei,ls 21. in 22. pour 23. jerkin 24. demythologizing (1,323), inequivalved (84), radioautography (29), wast (7), mycobacterial (72), relaxing (16), speltz (27), jerking (57); adding the 50-point bingo bonus, the total score is 1,665 points. According to the front of the Collegiate, relaxing, jerking and ohs are not given because they are regularly formed, and mycobacteria is not given because it is the plural of a compound word whose plural is to be looked up under bacterium.

H Y P O C*H O N D R I A C
 E T O
 S E M
 O B A L S A M
 S O E N W E
 A D V E R T I S E R
 T E L A C
 T R I U M*V I R I
 O P Y A
 I L
 L A N A I
 A D Z
 T U G I
 O O N
 J E R K I N G

Moves: 1. ever 2. advert 3. ant 4. balsa 5. awery 6. we 7. lac 8. pya 9. triumvir,lip 10. advertise,slip 11. reel 12. oat 13. pesos,so 14. hypo 15. hypochondria 16. at,to 17. om 18. moil 19. lanai 20. nag 21. ad,ad 22. tag 23. tor 24. jerkin 25. on,on 26. in 27. commercializing (1,242), hypochondriac (78), balsam (13), advertiser (14), triumviri (33), adz (23), jerking (57); adding the 50-point bingo bonus, the total score is 1,510 points. Jerking is not listed, but it is regularly formed from the word jerk.