

# AN IMPROVED ONE-MOVE SCRABBLE GAME

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In the November 1981 Word Ways, I presented a SCRABBLE<sup>®</sup> Brand Crossword Game (hereafter referred to simply as Scrabble) using Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary (1980) in which a single move scored 1665 points. By substantially modifying the diagram, I have increased this to 1677 points.

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

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An asterisk denotes a blank tile. Moves: 1. vertu 2. overwear 3. boar 4. libra 5. equilibrate 6. disequilibrate 7. fee, ef, ae, re 8. ore, om 9. em 10. conjunct 11. conjunctiva 12. to, ta 13. ho 14. tannate 15. no 16. buskin 17. ai 18. spelt 19. see, ls 20. er 21. pair 22. ai, bi 23. ago 24. day, do 25. ethoxy 26. methoxyflurane 27. demythologizers (1296 points), disequibrated (84), overweary (22), feet (7), conjunctival (78), busking (14), speltz (27), methoxyfluranes (99). Adding the 50-point bonus, the total score is 1677 points.

Explanatory notes: (1) ls is the plural of l; (2) disequibrated is a compound whose principal parts are to be looked up under equilibrate (where equilibrated is found) according to the Collegiate's explanatory notes; (3) busking, demythologizers and methoxyfluranes are not listed because they are regularly formed, according to these notes.