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 CoRkliest CoRklike DaWdlers DaWdling FeRrying GeLatine GeLating GeLation LaMeness LImitary LiVeness MaNeless MaRbiers MaRbling MaTe less MoNadism MoNarchs MoNarchy MoNistic MoNogram MoNology MoRaines NeTiest 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 Empires Insouled LaneNess LeveRing LoweRing LustRing MacerRate RecuSing
1-6 FerriTic GallaTes NaciteRed SerraTes
1-7 MonetiZe RingleTs RippleTs RootleTs
1-8 DecanTEx DeceiveR DeclineR DeferreR DefloweR DeformeR DegradeR DeManeR DeserveR DesiRers DetailEx 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 rePlners rePling sAtIrists sCePtals sCePtres sLiTting sNaPless sNaTched sNaTchers sNaTches
2-5 aSseRous cAssOcks cOstUmer hAlOing hAptEnes pAstiches sLeePing sLeeTier sLowNess sNeapings sNooPiers sNooPing
2-6 caramElis chancRes halloOed lAteriteit pAtulEnt
2-7 caramElis
2-8 pArrettE
3-4 caSually coINfers enISling kiLTings liEnable reAlters reInform scARPers scARPing spElings stOrying thORning
3-5 beMIRing eXCePTed maLeNess miLDness miNiSter moLaRity reGeLate reLIVING unCraTed unLeaSed unSerVed
3-6 gaRdenTed inDenTed inDenTer haNKeRed haNKeRers obSerVes reCraTed reGrates reLeaSed reSerVed reSerVer unCraTed unLeaSed unSerVed
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3-7 clematIs hurItleSSs marQueSSs reCOurSe tartleTts
3-8 stOccatA
4-5 ginGKoes infARcts ochERous regARded scheMers
4-6 besLiMed besLiMes conGeNts nonRiVal
4-7 asserTrOr conSeVe henEquIn misDeAlS
4-8 conDoleS outRideS
5-6 armoIres cithIers compiled compIler compIles maliGner meaGERly
somerEry untiIted
5-7 antiMoNy gallAtEs gambleRs handleSSs outsLePt quinNaTs skirReTs
tumbleRs
5-8 reiInserT
6-7 calibIers compereIrs curacAOs dioptIers electoRAs grandAMs misfiELd
pecIeLS phillIers piastIers quickEsT radicEs saltIErs sceptIers
spectIers terreNEs theaTerS thickEsT unmiIteRs
6-8 exploDeR millIMho ozoniDeS unburDeN underDoG tetraCId
7-8 accoutER alkaliEs bayadeER blankeST botaniES briskeST cadastER
cascabEL coloniES decentER discreET dрабbeST energIEs eulogiEs
freshEsT grummeST melodiEs sanItIEs strongly overbuSY overdoES
propenES tetaniES thicKEr theoRIEs treatIEs

WELL, SON, I HEARD
YOU GOT AN A
IN SCHOOL TODAY!
I SURE DID,
DAD!
AND SHE’S
THE PRETTIEST
GIRL IN CLASS!