HALF-HALF TRANSPOSALS

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Most readers will be familiar with split-word transposals such as HORSESHOER in which the letters of the first half of the word are repeated in the second half in a different order. The current exercise is similar, but different in that it concerns pairs of words rather than a single word. I set out to find pairs of words (such as ISOLATED and SOLIDATE) in which the letters of the first half of the first word, rearranged, form the letters of the first half of the second word; and the letters of the second half of the first word, rearranged, form the letters of the second half of the second word. I call these half-half transposals. They can only be found amongst words with an even number of letters. Some of the pairs of words below will have appeared in previous issues of Word Ways, purely in the context of being transposals. Most of the words below can be found in the OED Second Edition - head words, variant forms and text words including citations. Sources of non-OED words are given at the end.

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6-letter words
AFIELD  BRI.DAL  CLA.IRE  DAD.DLE  ESC.ORT  FLO.RET
FAILED  RIB.ALD  LAC.IER  ADD.LED  SEC.TOR  LOF.TER
GRUDGE  HOR.SED  INB.RED  JAC.ATE  KIS.SER  LOW.EST
RUGGED  RHO.DES  BIN.DER  CAJ.ETA  SKI.ERS  OWL.ETS
MALIGN  NEP.ALI  OST.END  PAS.SED  QUS.EIR  ROM.EOS
LAMING  PEN.IAL  STO.NED  SPA.DES  SQU.IRE  MOR.OSE
STA.TUE  TAR.RED  ULS.TER  VAC.ATE  WID.ENS  XES.TES
AST.UTE  TRA.DER  LUS.TRE  CAV.EAT  DWI.NES  SEX.EST
YEH.TEH  ZAB.RAS
HEY.ETH  BAZ.ARS

8-letter words
ANCE.STOR  BEAD.INGS  CHAR.ISMA  DESP.ISED  ERAS.URER  FORE.STER
ENAC.TORS  DEBA.SING  ARCH.AISM  DEPS.IDES  REAS.SURE  REFO.REST
GRAN.ITES  HARP.INGS  INCE.NSES  JAIN.ISTS  KERA.TOSE  LABR.ADOR
ANGR.IEST  PHRA.SING  NICE.NESS  JINA.SITS  KREA.SOTE  LARB.OARD
(coined phrase)
EXCHANGE HALF-HALF TRANSPOSALS
In exchange half-half transposals, the letters of the first half of the first word, rearranged, form the letters of the second half of the second word and vice versa. Reversals (such as STRE.SSED and DESS.ERTS) are a special type of exchange half-half transposal and are not included here.

6-letter words:
AVE.NGE  BEL.IED  CHE.EPS  DEA.RTH  ENI.GMA
GEN.EVA  EDI.BLE  SPE.ECH  THR.EAD  GAM.INE
FLU.ENT  GEI.GER  HEC.TOR  IGN.ITE  JAN.GER
NET.FUL  REG.GIE  TRO.CHE  TIE.ING  GRE.NJA
KIN.NEL  LAI.RED  MAN.UAL  NEC.TAR  ORN.ATE
ENL.INK  DER.AIL  ALU.MNA  TRA.NCE  TAE.RON
PIE.CER  QUI.LES  RES.EAT  SPE.ECH  TEM.PLE
REC.IPE  SEL.UQI  TEA.SER  CHE.EPS  PEL.MET
UNT.APE  VEI.NED  WRE.ATH  XER.IFO  YAT.TER
PEA.NUT  END.IVE  THA.WER  FIO.REX  TRE.ATY
ZAR.ISH  SHI.RAZ

10-letter words:
AUSTR.ALIAN  CARPE.TINGS  DECIM.ATERS  ETHOL.OGIES  FOREF.INGER
SATUR.NALIA  PRECA.STING  MEDIC.ASTER  THEOL.OGISE  REOFF.ERING
LIMIT.ARIES  MONOL.OGISE  NECRO.TISED  PERSI.STING  REDUN.DANTS
MILIT.ARISE  NOMOL.OGIES  RECON.DITES  PRIES.TINGS  UNDER.STAND
UNDER.SIGNS
UNDRE.SSING

12-letter words:
LATERI.SATION
RETAIL.ATIONS