

GENERIC ALTERNADES

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In *Language On Vacation*, Dmitri Borgmann defined an **alternade** as a word in which every other letter, beginning with the first letter, make another word; every other letter, beginning with the second letter, also make a word. An excellent example, often cited, is TRIENNIALY = TINILY + RENAL. My alternades, on the other hand, do not rely on words but rather examine the subject from a generic aspect. Here, all the alternades give rise to two letter sequences **at least one of which** has a Palindromic pattern, a Tautonymic pattern or a Miami (12312) pattern. Most of the words can be found in the Oxford English Dictionary 2nd Ed.

PALINDROMIC ALTERNADES

The letters of two palindromic patterns alternate.

Patterns 121 and 565

Examples include: CHURCH = CUC + HRH MAXIMA = MXM + AIA DECODE = DCD + EOE
TOMATO = TMT + OAO SAMOSAS = SMS + AOA UNSPUN = USU + NPN

In these words, one of the two palindromic patterns is a *word*:

AERATE = ART + EAE ANDEAN = ADA + NEN PROPER = POE + RPR
EDDIED = EDE + DID ESPIES = EPE + SIS

Patterns 1221 and 5665

These are split word pair isograms - the two halves consist of the same letters in a different order.

MEGAGAME = MGM + EAAE MESOSOME = MSSM + EOOE VETITIVE = VTTV + EIIE

Patterns 121 and 5665...and Patterns 1221 and 565...and Patterns 12321 and 5665

These are only obtainable from words which are themselves palindromes, so are not included here.

TAUTONYMIC ALTERNADES

Patterns 1212 and 5656... and Patterns 123123 and 567567

These are only obtainable from words which are themselves tautonyms, so are not included here.

MIAMI ALTERNADES

Patterns 12312 and 56756

MANNESMANN = MNEMN + ANSAN

GENERIC PATTERN ALTERNATES WITH LIKE LETTERS

Palindromic pattern 121

NAGANA = NGN + A x 3 REVERE = RVR + E x 3 MINIMI = MNM + I x 3
BONOBO = BNB + O x 3 LURULU = LRL + U x 3

Palindromic pattern 1221

YAKAKAYA (Turkey) = YKKY + A x 4

Palindromic pattern 12321

WALATALAWA (Sri Lanka) = WTLW + A x 5

Tautonymic pattern 1212

ANAPANAPA = NPNP + A x 5

Tautonymic pattern 123123

YANAC-A-YANAC (Australia) = YNCYNC + A x 5

Miami pattern 56756

BASARABASA (Romania) = BSRBS + A x 5

GENERIC PATTERN ALTERNATES WITH A *WORD*

Palindromic pattern 121

ECHOES = EHE + *COS* ESPIED = EPE + *SID* OPTION = OTO + *PIN* SADISM = SDS + *AIM*
SCOUSE = SOS + *CUE* SLYEST = SYS + *LET* PROPER = *POE* + RPR

Palindromic pattern 1221

ENTITLE = ETTE + *NIL* GAINING = GIIG + *ANN* ROE-DEER = REER + *ODE*

Palindromic pattern 12321

SPEARLESS = SERES + *PALS* TERRE-VERTE = *TREET* + ERVRE
SLEEKNESS = SEKES + *LENS* PROTRACTER = *PORCE* + RTATR

Tautonymic pattern 1212

HATCHET = HTHT + *ACE* MANXMEN = MNMN + *AXE* LOYALTY = LYLY + *OAT*

Tautonymic pattern 123123

TOODLE-LOODLE = *TOL-LOL* + ODEODE

Miami pattern 12312

ALSATIANS = ASTAS + *LAIN* BREEDABLE = BEDBE + *REAL*
THROWSTER(S) = TRWTR + *HOSE(S)*

PALINDROMIC PATTERN AND TAUTONYMIC PATTERN

Palindromic pattern 121 and Tautonymic pattern 5656

BELIBEL = EIE + BLBL CHERCHE = HRH + CECE FELAFEL = EAE + FLFL
MANXMAN = AXA + MNMN

Palindromic pattern 1221 and Tautonymic pattern 5656

These words are split word pair isograms.

ADINIDAN = AIIA + DNDN ROCKCORK = RCCR + OKOK
LUPAPULA (DR Congo) = LPPL + UAUA

Palindromic pattern 12121 and Tautonymic pattern 5656

CUBI-CUBIC = CBCBC + UIUI

Palindromic pattern 12321 and Tautonymic pattern 5656

ERITHRITE = EIHIE + RTRT SENTIENTS = SNINS + ETET SINGLINGS = SNLNS + IGIG

PALINDROMIC PATTERN AND MIAMI PATTERN

Palindromic pattern 1221 and Miami pattern 56756

OVERDROVE = VRRV + OEDOE

Palindromic pattern 12321 and Miami pattern 56756

LOHARKHOLA (Bangladesh) = LHRHL + OAKOA

Palindromic pattern 11211 and Miami pattern 56756

NINETYNINE = NNTNN + IEYIE

Palindromic pattern 121121 and Miami pattern 56756

RIVER-DRIVER = RVRRVR + IEDIE

TAUTONYMIC PATTERN AND MIAMI PATTERN

Tautonymic pattern 1212 and Miami pattern 56756

NOSECONES = OEOE + NSCNS MENAGE-MAN = EAEA + MNGMN

Tautonymic pattern 123123 and Miami pattern 56756

ARGLEBARGLE = AGEAGE + RLBRL EIGHTYEIGHT = EGTEGT + IHYIH