

SYNONYM SQUARES

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Synonym Squares is a solitaire variation of the well-known word game of Guggenheim or Categories. From the Second or Third Edition of the Merriam-Webster New International Dictionary, select a word fully spelled out in boldface type (nothing inferred) which shall be known as the base-word. Collect from the same dictionary all possible synonyms of the base-word that specify it in the definition, or specific examples of the same class as the base-word. From these accumulated synonyms, extract those having the same letter-length as the base-word. Arrange examples of your selection one above another, vertically, in such a manner that a "square" is formed, with the base-word reading downwards at some letter-position within that square (see example at the right). (Note that this is not a true word square, since the other "down" words do not exist.) Try to achieve this with the longest possible base-words.

spaCe
favOr
forUm
daiRi
garTh

To show what can be done, here are the longest base-words that I have been able to find, starting with each letter of the alphabet except for JXYZ (can the reader find examples for these?).

marshAl	hoBbet	resaCa	Darbyism	embowEl
conceRt	crAdle	dromOs	Optimism	impouNd
prepaRe	wiSket	cursUs	Cynicism	embraCe
bespeAk	boKaꝛk	arteRy	Typology	capsuLe
appoiNt	clEave	schuSs	Regalism	embosOm
enranGe	peTara	careEr	Ideology	compaSs
tailzEe			Nihilism	embowEr
			Energism	

caFfoꝛ	groGram	Heavy	I gneri	liKe
alAcha	sweAter	Acerb	Nootka	faIr
doBbie	shoRtie	Raspy	Dakota	heNd
taRtan	raiMent	Stern	I sleta	moDe
chIntz	palEtot	Husky	Agawam	
daCron	burNous		Navaho	
	bunTing			

Landsmal	e Mulsor	sou Nd	regid Or	Poppet
Abaneeme	m Angler	rum Or	baili Ff	Entity
Numidian	s Calper	bru It	sheri Ff	Rascal
Galician	s Hearer	bla St	duumv Ir	S inner
Uigurian	d Ibbler	bab El	condu Ct	Oyster
Achinese	e Ncoder		al nag Er	Nitwit
Germanic	b Ellows		feoda Ry	
Elamitic				

s Quat	sho Rts	cor S let	didac Tic	issUe
q Uell	bre Eze	tro Oper	pasto Ral	mou Th
s I lky	raf Fle	hop Lite	almag Est	gra Te
p Eace	scr Uff	fee Dman	lapid Ary	she Er
s Till	nay S ay	pal I kar	geome Try	sta Rk
	rej Ect	cat Eran	exerc I se	
		mat Ross	monum Ent	

tra Vois	t Wicer
spe Eder	b Ooker
mac Hine	b Racer
kib I tka	s Kiver
tra C tor	f Eller
uti Lity	f Ramer
cal Eche	

A greater challenge is to place the base-word in all positions and repeat no words in any of the synonym squares. Here is how it works out for the base-word LANGUAGE.

Landsmal	a Lbanian	de L aware	cha L dean
Abaneeme	t A hitian	sl A vonic	pol A bian
Numidian	a N zanian	an Nameese	ono N daga
Galician	e G yptian	wo G ulian	die G ueno
Uigurian	y U kaghir	sq U arnish	etr U scan
Achinese	r A bbinic	sh A mbala	tam A shek
Germanic	u G aritic	li G urian	mon G olic
Elamitic	v E netian	se E chelt	sab E llic

lega L ese	alaca L uf	gorkha L i	marshal L
lihy A nic	subti A ba	prussi A n	hadendo A
sebu N doy	custe Nau	nechua Na	kasubia N
phry Gian	galle G an	mandin G a	caingan G
talm U dic	bhojp U ri	chemak U m	guaicur U
mahr A tti	kanaw A ri	chingp A w	amahuac A
mala G asy	portu Gal	pampan G o	barolon G
chey E nne	baIn E se	muskog E e	ammonit E

A similar set of synonym squares ought to be possible for INDIAN; however, I was unable to find one with the letters in the second position. Can readers help?