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Over the years Word Ways has published numerous transposals, groups of words such as CARTHORSE/ORCHESTRA and TRANSPIRE/TERRAPINS. Recently I went on a transposal-finding spree, setting myself the target of finding exactly one hundred new sets of transposals involving words of ten or more letters. My finds are listed below. All transposals are of a non-trivial nature; that is, the letters are reasonably well-mixed. As far as I know, these transposals are new to the world of published logology; none appears in books of transposals such as those by Ball, Edwards, Wetterau, Curl and Hunter, nor in more general books on logology by Borgmann, Espy and Brandreth. None has appeared in earlier issues of Word Ways.

Furthermore, these transposals are all new to my own card file collection of over twelve thousand transposals which has been built up over the last 15 years from an extensive range of sources as well as from my own private researches.

This, I think, demonstrates just how many good sets of long well-mixed transposals are still waiting to be discovered. Readers of Word Ways are encouraged to add examples.

In the list which follows, the 100 sets of transposals have been arranged first by word-length and then in alphabetical order of their alphabetically-reduced forms (the meaning of alphabetically-reduced will become apparent from the entries in the list). All words are marked as coming from at least one of four impeccable sources:

W3 Webster's Third New International Dictionary  
W2 Webster's New International Dictionary, Second Edition  
Ch Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary, 1983 Edition  
Co Collins English Dictionary, 1979 Edition

10 aabcilrstu ARCUBALIST W3, ULTRABASIC W3  
aabeilrrst ARBALISTER W3, BREATRAIL W3  
aaccdelrst CARDCASTLE Ch, CAT'S-CRADLE W3  
aacdeiorrt CORTADERIA W3, ERADICATOR W3  
aaceeinprt CAPERNAITE W3, PARAENETIC W3  
aacehilmpt ALPHAMETIC Ch, EMPHATICAL W3  
aaceilmnto CELTOMANIA Ch, NOEMATICAL W2  
aacelmprst CAMPESTRAL W3, SCRAP-METAL Ch  
aacgilnpy ANAGLYPTIC W3, PLAYACTING W3  
aadelmnpstu DATUM-PLANE Ch, PALUDAMENT W3

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aacggh abbb ci abbc abgeh  
accelf aceeh aceheh acehil aceiel  
aceif aceil aceile aceimo aceiof aceigh

acli chidc ede  
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adeel aedel

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aadilprst LAPI DAR IST W3, TRIAPS IDAL W3
aadilmesrt MAGISTRATE W3, STERIOMATA W3
aailmmrs LAMINARISE Ch, SEMINARIAL W2
aaiinoprst PATRIATION Ch, TRITANOPIA W3
aaimmoorttu MATURATION W3, N ATATORIUM W3
bdelfiloost FIELD BOOTS Ch, SOFT-BOILED W3
beeeimrii EMBITTERER W3, TIMBER-TREE Ch
cbaiimilor HomILETICs W3, M ESOLITHIC W3
cenioprrst PROSTHETIC W3, ROPE-STITCH Ch
cemnooprtty CHROMOTYPE W3, CORNPHYTE W3,ECTOMORPHY W3
eeimprrsssu IMPRESSURE W3, PRESUMI SE W2
eeoaprrssstu STREPEROUS W2, SUPERSTORE Ch
einnoossuy NEUROLYSIS W3, RESINUOSLY W3
eolopprstuv POLYTERUS W3, SUPPLETORY W3

11 aacdeilmpsr PARAMEDICAL W3, PRE-ADAMICAL Ch
aacbeecelnrsc SCARLET-BEAN Ch, TABERNACLES W3
aacbeccilenr BARONETICAL W3, CARBONALITE Ch
aaccelmpttt METAPLASTIC W3, PALMATISECT Ch
aaccelelprttu CATAPULTIER W2, PARTICULATE W3
aaccefiinorst FRACTIONALS W3, INFRACOSTAL W2
aacccgilinotu CATALOGUING W3, COAGULATING W3
aaccegilimstt STAL AGMATIC W3, STIGMATICAL W3
abciliorstt SCOR BUTICAL W3, SUBCORTICAL W3
abeghiinrrt HIBERNATING W3, INBREATHING W3
acceehnoryt CONYCATCHER W3, TECHNOCRACY W2
aceeehilnrrt CHAIN-LETTER Ch, THRENETICAL W2
aceeehorrrst ORCHESTRATE W3, SACHERTORE Ch
aceehiillinr TILLER-CHAIN Ch, TRICHELINNA W3
aceeilllnrstt PERISTALTIC W3, TRIPLOCATES W3
aceiiinprtty ANTIPYTIC W3, PERTINACITY W3
aceilnorrtuv COUNTERVAIL W3, INVOLUCRATE W3
aceimopprtty CRYPTOMRIA W3, IMPREGNATIVE W3
aceioprrsstt TETRASPIC W3, TRICERATOPS W3
acghimpopst MYCO PHAGIST W3, PHAGOCYTISM W2
achiioopprtt HAPTOTROPIC W3, PROTOPATHIC W3
acilinnoosst COLONIALIST W3, OSCILLATION W3
addeehirstw W EATHERISED Ch, W EATHER-SIDE Ch, WISEHEARTED W3
addeelrnruu ADULTERINES W2, NEUTRALISED Ch
adehimmoprst HAND-PROMISE Ch, PREADMONISH W2
adeelnooprrt DEPIORATION W3, PERIODONTAL W3
adhimooppsu AMPHIPODOUS W3, HIPPODAMOUS W2
aeeligilmttv INTEGRATIVE W3, VINAIGRETTE W3
aeelhilirttw THEREWITHAL W3, WHITLEATHER W3
aeewooprulpt M CEPSTRATOR W3, PRET-A-PORTER Ch
aeghooprrst OSTEOCRACY W3, OSTREOPHAGY Ch
aeghiillnnt NIGHTINGALE W3, TILE HANGING W3
aehinprrst PARTNERSHIP W3, TRANSHIPPER Ch
In addition to the transposals above, I have also managed to improve a number of already known transposal sets by the addi-

tion of one from existing known trans

1. The transposal set W3 has been implemented it

2. The phrase in my card in the book CREATIANISM

3. The phrase around for LATERISATION

4. The phrase known to me

5. My card with W3 and W3 added to the words, this

6. Dmitri allege for for example W2 i

7. MENTIS (Pa is Eric English.) But W3.

8. Similar W3 and INFE involving the

9. Another W3. Pluralize NEOVITALIST

10. There involving words ending in NISE W3, one

11. The phrase has been in words allows NESS W3.
managed to by the addi-
tion of one word; and I have created new sets by extrapolation from existing sets, which involves the pluralization of singular known transposals:

1. The transposal pair CHEATABLENESS W2 and TEACHABLENESS W3 has been in my card file for years, but I have only just supplemented it with BALANCE-SHEETS Ch.

2. The pair AMERICANIST W3 and MARCIANITES OED was already in my card file, also appearing in the May 1976 Word Ways and in the book Names and Games. It can now be supplemented with CREATIANISM Ch.

3. The pair ARISTOTELIAN W3 and RETALIATIONS W3 has been around for years, but a third word can now be added to this set, LATERISATION Ch.

4. The pair VENATORIAL W3 and VENOATRIAL W2 was previously known to me, but I am now in a position to add VOLTAIREAN W3.

5. My card file included the not-so-well-mixed pair GRAPHOTYPIC W3 and TYPOGRAPHIC W3. This pair can now have PICTOGRAPHY W3 added to it. Although the pentagram GRAPH appears in all three words, this trio no longer constitutes a trivial case!

6. Dmitri Borgmann in Language on Vacation uses the term 'metallege' for a transposal effected by the interchange of two letters (for example, EXAMINATION/EXANIMATION). COPULATION W3 and COPULATION W2 is a relatively well-known metallege. If these two words are pluralized, UNAPOSTOLIC W3 can be added to make a transposal trio.

7. MENTISENTAL Pa and SENTIMENTAL W3 is another metallege (Pa is Eric Partridge's Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English.) But overlooked until now is the third transposal, ENTAILMENTS W3.

8. Similar to a metallege is the transposal pair FESTINATION W3 and INFESTATION W3. Whether there is a name for a transposal involving the switch of two letters, I don’t know. I suspect not! This is a relatively boring transposal until one realizes that a third, well-mixed item exists - SINFONIETTA W3.

9. Another metallege is given by LEVITATION W3 and VELITATION W3. Pluralize both, and a third transposal can be added to these: NEOVITALIST W3.

10. There are hundreds, if not thousands, of metalleges involving words ending in -IES and -ISE. To SCRUTINIES W3 and SCRUTINESE W3, one can add SINECURIST W3.

11. The trio GREENSIDE W3, NIGER-SEED Ch and RESEEDING W3 has been in my card file for some years. Pluralizing these three words allows a fourth, only just identified, to be added: GREEDINESS W3.