

SOME NEW LONG TRANSPOSALS

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Over the years *Word Ways* has published numerous transposals, groups of words such as CARTHORSE/ORCHESTRA and TRANSPIRE/TER-RAPINS. 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

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| 10 | aabcilrstu | ARCUBALIST W3, ULTRABASIC W3 |
| | aabeilrrst | ARBALISTER W3, BREASTRIL W3 |
| | aaccdelrst | CARDCASTLE Ch, CAT'S-CRADLE W3 |
| | aacdeiorrt | CORTADERIA W3, ERADICATOR W3 |
| | aaceeinprt | CAPERNAITE W3, PARAENETIC W3 |
| | aacehilmp | ALPHAMETIC Ch, EMPHATIC W3 |
| | aaceilmnot | CELTOMANIA Ch, NOEMATICAL W2 |
| | aacelmprst | CAMPESTRAL W3, SCRAP-METAL Ch |
| | aacgilnpty | ANAGLYPTIC W3, PLAYACTING W3 |
| | aadelmnp | DATUM-PLANE Ch, PALUDAMENT W3 |

aadiilprst	LAPIDARIST W3, TRIAPSIDAL W3
aaegimrstt	MAGISTRATE W3, STERIGMATA W3
aaeiilmnrs	LAMINARISE Ch, SEMINARIAL W2
aaainoprstt	PATRIATION Ch, TRITANOPIA W3
aaaimnorttu	MATURATION W3, NATATORIUM W3
bdefiloost	FIELDBOOTS Ch, SOFT-BOILED W3
beeeimrrtt	EMBITTERER W3, TIMBER-TREE Ch
cehiilmst	HOMILETICS W3, MESOLITHIC W3
cehioprstt	PROSTHETIC W3, ROPE-STITCH Ch
cehmooprty	CHROMOTYPE W3, CORMOPHYTE W3, ECTOMORPHY W3
eeimprssu	IMPRESSURE W3, PRESURMISE W2
eeoprssstu	STREPEROUS W2, SUPERSTORE Ch
eilnorssuy	NEUROLYSIS W3, RESINOUSLY W3
elopprrstuy	POLYPTERUS W3, SUPPLETORY W3
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aaacdeilmpr	PARAMEDICAL W3, PRE-ADAMICAL Ch
aabceelnrst	SCARLET-BEAN Ch, TABERNACLES W3
aabceilnort	BARONETICAL W3, CARBONALITE Ch
aaceilmprstt	METAPLASTIC W3, PALMATISECT Ch
aaceilprttu	CATAPULTIER W2, PARTICULATE W3
aacfilnorst	FRACTIONALS W3, INFRACOSTAL W2
aacggilnotu	CATALOGUING W3, COAGULATING W3
aacgiilmstt	STALAGMITIC W3, STIGMATICAL W3
abccilorstu	SCORBUTICAL W3, SUBCORTICAL W3
abeghiinnrt	HIBERNATING W3, INBREATHING W3
acccehnorty	CONYCATCHER W3, TECHNOCRACY W3
aceehilnrtt	CHAIN-LETTER Ch, THRENETICAL W2
aceehorrstt	ORCHESTRATE W3, SACHERTORTE Ch
acehiillnrt	TILLER-CHAIN Ch, TRICHINELLA W3
aceiilprstt	PERISTALTIC W3, TRIPLICATES W3
aceiinprtty	ANTIPYRETIC W3, PERTINACITY W3
aceilnortuv	COUNTERVAIL W3, INVOLUCRATE W3
aceimoprty	CRYPTOMERIA W3, IMPRECATORY W3
aceioprrstt	TETRASPORIC W3, TRICERATOPS W3
acghimopsty	MYCOPHAGIST W3, PHAGOCYTISM W2
achiooprtrt	HAPTOTROPIC W3, PROTOPATHIC W3
aciillnoost	COLONIALIST W3, OSCILLATION W3
adeeehirstw	WEATHERISED Ch, WEATHER-SIDE Ch, WISEHEARTED W3
adeeilnrstu	ADULTERINES W2, NEUTRALISED Ch
adehimnprs	HAND-PROMISE Ch, PREADMONISH W2
adeilnoopr	DEPLORATION W3, PERIODONTAL W3
adhimooppsu	AMPHIPODOUS W3, HIPPODAMOUS W2
aeggiinrttv	INTEGRATIVE W3, VINAIGRETTE W3
aeehilrttw	THEREWITHAL W3, WHITLEATHER W3
aeopprrrtt	PERPETRATOR W3, PRET-A-PORTER Ch
aeghooprsty	OSTEOGRAPHY W3, OSTREOPHAGY Ch
aegghiilnnt	NIGHTINGALE W3, TILE HANGING W3
ahinpprrst	PARTNERSHIP W3, TRANSHIPPER Ch

- aeiillrrstt ARTILLERIST W3, TRILITERALS W3
aeiilmmorst IMMORTALISE Ch, MEMORIALIST W3
aeiilmnostv LOVE-IN-A-MIST W3, NEOVITALISM W3
aeiilnrrtty INTERNALITY W3, ITINERANTLY W3
aeiilnrsstv SILVESTRIAN Ch, TRIVIALNESS W3
aeilmoprty POLARIMETRY W3, TEMPORARILY W3
aghimoprsty MYOGRAPHIST W2, PYTHAGORISM W3
bdegloorttu BOTTLE-GOURD Ch, GUTTERBLOOD W2
ccehimooprct CHEMOTROPIC W3, ECTOMORPHIC W3
cchimooprty CORMOPHYTIC W3, MYCOTROPHIC W3
ceehiloprst ELECTORSHIP W2, HELICOPTERS W3
cegilnoosty INSECTOLOGY W3, SCIENTOLOGY Ch
cehiimnopst PHONEMICIST W3, PHONETICISM W3
ceimnorsstu CONSUMERIST Ch, MISCONSTRUE W3
ceinooprstu POINT-SOURCE Ch, PROSECUTION W3
eeeinnprstt PRESENTIENT W3. SPINNERETTE W3
eegiinnorst NEOTERISING Ch, NITROGENISE Ch
eegilnrrsty RESENTINGLY W3, SINGLE-ENTRY W2
eghinoprssu SPRINGHOUSE W3, SURGEONSHIP W2
egiinoprssu SERPIGINOUS W3, SPINIGEROUS W2
egilnooopst POENOLOGIST Co, STOOL-PIGEON Ch
ehiooprstt ORTHOEPISTS W3, PHOTO-RESIST Ch
hilnooppsty POLYPHONIST W3. PSILOPHYTON W3
- 12 aaceehlprst CHAPELMASTER W3, SPERMATHECAL W3
aaceghimopr ANEMOGRAPHIC W3, PHANEROGAMIC W3
aacehmnorrst MARCH-TREASON Ch, STREAM-ANCHOR Ch
aaciinnottv INACTIVATION W3, VATICINATION W3
aaciimmorst COMMISSARIAT W3, MARCATISSIMO W3
aacilmorrctu COURT-MARTIAL W3, MATRICULATOR W3
aaeiloprstt POSTARTERIAL W2, PROLETARIATS Ch
aaiiilmnosst ASSIMILATION W3, ISLAMISATION Ch
abeiilnnostu NEBULISATION Ch, SUBLINEATION W3
abeinooprst PROBATIONERS W3, REABSORPTION W3, REPROBATIONS W3
abiilmnoost ABOLITIONISM W3, MOBILISATION Ch
aceilooprst CORPOREALIST W3, PROSECTORIAL W3
aciilnoostt COALITIONIST W3, SOLICITATION W3
adeeegimnrst DEMAGNETISER Ch, DISAGREEMENT W3
bceeloorrttu BUTTER-COOLER Ch, ROOT-TUBERCLE Ch
eeginoprstt PROGENITRESS W3, RESTING-SPORE Ch
- 13 acdiimnorrst DISCRIMINATOR W3, DOCTRINAIRISM W3
adeeiinorstt DESERTISATION Ch, DISORIENTATES W3
agiinnoprstt STARTING-POINT Ch, TRAIN-SPOTTING Ch
cceefiijnprst INTERSPECIFIC W3, PRESCIENTIFIC W3

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 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 'met-allege' for a transposal effected by the interchange of two letters (for example, EXAMINATION/EXANIMATION). COPULATION W3 and POCULATION 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 - SINFONETTA 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 -LES and -ISE. To SCRUTINIES W3 and SCRUTINISE 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.