

FURTHER STRUGGLES WITH A TEN-SQUARE

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In the May 1988 *Word Ways* I described my struggle to construct a non-tautonymic ten-square -- with less than stellar results. Since that time, I have collaborated with Eric Albert of Auburndale, Massachusetts, who has programmed his PC to search for useful combinations of the three or four bottom words. By useful combinations, I mean that these words are chosen to generate plausible endings such as -ENCE, -ING, -TION, etc., for all ten proposed words of the square.

Armed with several partial squares of this nature, I have spent the past several months searching for possible words or phrases to complete the square. My best interim effort is given below:

J A S J A S C H E R
 A Q U A M A R I N E
 S U F F I S A N T S
 J A F F A S F O R T
 A M I A T A T I E R
 S A S S A N I D A E
 C R A F T I N E S S
 H I N O I D E O U S
 E N T R E A S U R E
 R E S T R E S S E D

Words 2 and 8 are found in Webster's Second, and words 6, 7, 9, and 10 in Webster's Third. The other four require explanation:

JASJASCHER is the name of James J. Ascher, found by Jeff Grant in a Kansas City telephone directory

SUFFISANTS is the citation-word plural for the obsolete adjective suffisant(sufficient), found below the line in Webster's Second

JAFFASFORT: the Encyclopedia Britannica refer's to Jaffa's fortifications; this phrase probably occurs somewhere in written text

AMIATATIER: **Amiata** is a mountain in the Apennine range in central Italy, part of a long chain which could plausibly be named the **Amiata Tier**