

## FOUR UNIVERSAL-RECIPIENT WORDS

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In "The Suet Alphabet", Nyr Indictor noted that one can add each letter of the alphabet (except for Z) to SUET and rearrange to form new words. Finding such universal-recipient words is a time-consuming challenge but not a mission impossible. In the four examples below, all words are OED except ROEUX'S (can someone find XEROUS in a dictionary?), ROSETUM (Webster's Second Edition) and TROUSSEZ (a French word).

LAUSE (loose), BLUES, CLUES, DUELS, LEUSE (to set free), FLUES, GLUES, HULES (rubber trees of the genus *Castilloa*), ILEUS, JULES, LUKES, USELL (wretched), MULES, LUNES, LOUSE, PULSE, QUELS (wheels), RULES, SLUSE (sluice), LUTES, SUUEL (relish: any kind of food eaten with bread, as meat or cheese), SULVE (self), SULWE (to soil, defile, sully), LUXES, YULES, ZULES (chess rooks as bearings).

AROUSE, BESOUR, COURSE, SOURED, EUROSE (rose-water), FEROUS, GROUSE, HOUSER, IREOUS (irascible), SEJOUR (the act of sojourning in a place), SOUKER (sucker), LOUSER, MOUSER, UNSORE, ROOVES (roofs), POSEUR, ROQUES (rocs), SOURER, ROUSES, ROUTES, EUROUS (luck), OUVERS (overs, as in cricket), ROUWES (coughs), ROEUX'S (blonging to Roeux, France), SYOURE (sewer), ROUZES (drinking bouts)

SOUTARE (shoemaker), OBTUSER, COUTERS (slang: sovereigns), ROUSTED, ESTOURE (stir, tumult), FOUTERS (fosters), ROUGETS (red mullet), SHOUTER, STUORIE (a mat), JOUSTER, SURKOTE (outer coat or garment), STROULE (stroll), ROSETUM (a live rose collection), TONSURE, STOOVER (stover), POSTURE, QUESTOR, TROUSER, OESTRUS, STOUTER, SUTOURE (suitor), VESTOUR (boaster), WESTOUR (waster), SEXTOUR (sextet), YOUSTER (fester), TROUZES (trousers)

OSSATURE (the arrangement and disposition of bones of the skeleton), OBSTRUSE (erroneous form of abstruse), SCOUTERS, OUTDRESS, ESTOURES, FOUSTRES (fosters), GESTOURS (jesters), SHOUTERS, TROUSIES (trousers), JOUSTERS, STOUKERS (those who fit vessels with handles), SOULTERS (swelters), STRUMOSE (having a struma, a swelling on a plant organ), TONSURES, OESTROUS, POSTURES, QUESTORS, TROUSERS, TUSSORES (coarse brown silks made in India), TUTORESS, SUTOURES, VESTOURS, WESTOURS, SEXTUORS, YOUSTERS, TROUSSEZ (from the French verb, *trousser*, to truss)