

HOT SUN, OR LIFE IN A CAR

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Josefa Heifetz Byrne's famous anagram of Southern California, given in the May 1970 Word Ways, is an apt description of my recent three-week holiday in the American southwest. Actually, I spent very little time there; about 75 per cent of the visit was spent in the neighbouring state of Arizona, with forays into Mexico, Utah and Nevada. While driving, I was mentally noticing placenames that looked anagrammatically interesting. I managed to convert some of the placenames into acceptable words on the spot, but others had to wait until I got back and process them in the computer. Here are 25 placenames that yielded one or more anagrams apiece:

Anegam	agname, manage
Artesia	aristae, asteria, atresia
Champie	impeach
Chinle	lichen
Cochise	choices
Cordes	coders, credos, decors, scored
Crestline	stenciler
Durango	aground
Escalante	elastance
Gila Bend	blindage
Gisela	ligase, silage
Las Vegas	salvages
Morenci	incomer
Naslini	anilins
Nogales	engaols
Palo Verde	overpedal
Piedra	diaper, paired, pardie, repaid
Pintura	Puritan, uptrain
Quartzsite	quartziest, quartzites
Rosemont	mesotron, monteros
Saint George	segregation
San Simon	mansions, onanisms
Sedona	anodes [a reversal]
Teec Nos Pos	copestones
Tucson	counts