

# SCRABBLE-FRIENDLY EIGHT SQUARES

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There have been many articles on word squares in Word Ways over the last ten years or so. Many eight-squares have appeared, a few nine-squares, and even fewer (flawed) ten-squares.

One of the top-rated Scrabble players in England is David Acton. David is also a programmer, and has produced top-flight software for playing Scrabble. Recently he has been extending his interests to word squares. He has both the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (OSPD) and Official Scrabble Words (OSW), the English equivalent to OSPD, in computer-readable form.

David recently sent me over forty eight-squares. I believe that nearly all of these are brand-new discoveries, not having appeared in Word Ways or elsewhere previously. David's squares are presented below.

According to David, the word squares here include the complete set of eight-squares which can be found using OSW and OSPD. All words can be found in either or both of OSW and OSPD, with the exception of BASSETTS (squares 6-7) and TIME BASE (squares 25-26). If anyone can find a reference for the solidly-spelled TIMEBASE, please let me know.

Sources for the words are given to the right of each square: C for Chambers Dictionary, W for the unabridged Merriam-Webster (either the Second or Third Edition), E for Official Scrabble Words (Third Edition), and A for Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Third Edition). I have only bothered to search for a word in Webster's Second if it doesn't exist in Webster's Third.

Square 1	Squares 2-3 (E/L)	Square 4
A N O S M I A S cwea	A T T R A C T S cwea	B A C K A C H E cwea
N A S C E N C Y cwea	T E R E B R A E cwe	A P H E L I A N cwea
O S T R A C O N cwea	T R A P L I K E cwea	C H A R A C I D c e a
S C R O L L E D cwea	R E P * A T E D w a	K E R O S E N E cwea
M E A L T I M E cwea	A B L A T I O N cwea	A L A S T R I M cwea
I N C L I N E S cwea	C R I T I Q U E cwea	C I C E R O N I cwea
A C O E M E T I cwe	T A K E O U T S cwea	H A I N I N G S c e
S Y N D E S I S cwea	S E E D N E S S cwe	E N D E M I S M cwea

Square 1 is of excellent quality; only ACOEMETI is not in all four dictionaries. In Square 2, REPEATED is in all four dictionaries. Square 4 was published in the Aug 1995 Word Ways.

Square 5	Squares 6-7 (O/U)	Square 8-31 (B/R)
B A S E L A R D cwe	B A S S E T T S	* E C L A S P S wea
A N I M A T E R cwea	A X L E T R E E w a	E P H E M E R A cwea
S I D E N O T E cwe	S L * S H I E R wea	C H A P E R O N cwea
E M E T I N E S cwea	S E S T E T T E c e	L E P O R I N E cwea
L A N I T A L S a	E T H E R I O N cwe	A M E R I C A N cw
A T O N A B L E w a	T R I T I A T E c e	S E R I C I T E cwe
R E T E L L E R c e a	T E E T O T A L cwe	P R O N A T E S cwea
D R E S S E R S cwea	S E R E N E L Y cwea	S A N E N E S S cwea

BASSETTS is in the Merriam-Webster 10th New Collegiate. In Squares 6-7, SLOSHY and SLUSHY can be found in Chambers.

Square 9	Squares 10-17 (C/M)	Squares 11-43 (C/V)
C A R B O R A S w a	* A S C A R A S cwea	* I T E S S E S a
A P E R I E N T cwea	A U T O N O M Y cwea	I S O T H E R E cwea
R E C A L L E R a	S T U N T M E N cwea	T O X A E M I A cwea
B R A S S I C A cwea	C O N F I N E D cwea	E T A E R I O S cwe
O I L S E E D S w a	A N T I M E R E w a	S H E R W A N I cwe
R E L I E V O S cwea	R O M N E Y A S c w	S E M I A R I D w a
A N E C D O T E cwea	A M E E R A T E a	E R I O N I T E cwe
S T R A S S E S cwea	S Y N D E S E S cwea	S E A S I D E S cwea

Webster's Third has STUNT MAN as two words.

Square 12	Squares 13-14 (D/S)	Square 15
C R A B W I S E cwea	E S C A P A D O c e	G R A P P L E S cwea
R A T L I N E S cwea	S P A R E R I B w a	R E F E R E N T cwea
A T L A N T E S w a	C A R E L E S S cwea	A F F R O N T E cwe
B L A S T E M A cwea	A R E O L A T E cwea	P E R I P T E R a
W I N T E R L Y cwea	P E L L A C H S c e	P R O P P A N T c e
I N T E R T I E cwea	A R E A C H E S cwe	L E N T A N D O cwea
S E E M L I E R cwea	D I S T H E N E cwe	E N T E N D E R cwe
E S S A Y E R S cwea	O B S E S S E * cwea	S T E R T O R S w a

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Square 16	Square 18	Square 19
H A L F B A C K w a	M I S T R E A T cwea	M O L L U S C S cwea
A N A L O G U E cwea	I S C H E M I A cwea	O R I E N T A L cwea
L A C U N A T E cwea	S C O W D E R S cwea	L I N C T U R E c e
F L U E N C E S cwe	T H W A I T E S cwe	L E C T U R E D cwea
B O N N I E S T wea	R E D I V I D E cwea	U N T U R N E D cwea
A G A C E R I E cwe	E M E T I C A L cwe	S T U R N I N E cwe
C U T E S I E R e a	A I R E D A L E cw	C A R E E N E R w a
K E E S T E R S w a	T A S S E L E D cwea	S L E D D E R S w a

In Square 16, Chambers has BONNIE (or BONNY) and CUTESY.

## Square 20

NAVICERT cwea  
ANIMATER cwea  
VICARAGE cwea  
IMAMATES cwea  
CARABINS cwea  
ETATISTE c e  
REGENTAL w a  
TRESSSELS cwea

## Square 21

NAVICERT cwea  
ANIMATER cwea  
VICINAGE cwea  
IMITATES cwea  
CANAKINS cwea  
ETATISTE c w  
REGENTAL w a  
TRESSSELS cwea

## Square 22

NEREIDES cwea  
ENERGISE cwea  
RESONATE cwea  
EROTIZED w a  
IGNITERS cwea  
DIAZEPAM c ea  
ESTERASE w a  
SEEDSMEN cwea

Squares 20 and 21 have five words in common.

## Square 23

NEREIDES cwea  
ETERNISE c ea  
RELOCATE cwea  
EROTIZED w a  
INCITERS cwea  
DIAZEPAM c ea  
ESTERASE w a  
SEEDSMEN cwea

## Square 24

NEREIDES cwea  
ETERNISE c ea  
RENOVATE cwea  
EROTIZED w a  
INVITERS cwea  
DIAZEPAM c ea  
ESTERASE w a  
SEEDSMEN cwea

## Squares 25-26 (E/O)

OCTOBERS cw  
CHIVAREE cwea  
TIMEBASE w  
OVEREDIT w a  
BABELISH cwe  
ERADIATE cwea  
RESIST \* R w a  
SEETHERS cwe

Squares 22-23 have five words in common, Squares 22 and 24 have five words in common, and Squares 23-24 have six words in common. In Squares 23-24, Webster's Third has ETERNIZE. In Squares 25-26, Webster's Third has TIME BASE. RESISTOR in Square 26 is found in all four dictionaries.

## Square 27

PANDEMI A cwe  
AMOOVING c e  
NORMANDE w a  
DOMINION cwea  
EVANESCE cwea  
MINISKIS a  
INDOCILE cwea  
AGNESSES w a

## Squares 28-29 (D/S)

PLAGUIER e  
LAMINATE cwea  
AMULETIC cwe  
GILLAROO cwe  
UNEASILY cwea  
IATRICAL w a  
ETIOULATE cwea  
RECOYLE \* c e

## Square 30

POSTCARD cwea  
OUTROPER cwe  
STRATOSE cwe  
TRAPESSES cwea  
COTERIES cwea  
APOSITIA cwe  
RESEEING w a  
DRESSAGE cwea

In Square 27, Webster's Third has NORMANDE SAUCE. In Squares 28-29, Chambers and Webster's Third have PLAGUY and PLAGUEY.

## Square 32

RESPADES w a  
ETHERISE c e  
SHIPMATE cwea  
PEPTIZED cwea  
ARMIGERS cwea  
DIAZEPAM c ea  
ESTERASE w a  
SEEDSMEN cwea

## Squares 33-34 (D/S)

SASARARA cwe  
ACHIEVES cwea  
SHORTIES cwea  
AIRFRAME cwea  
RETRATES c e  
AVIATORS cwea  
REEMERGE w a  
ASSESESE \* cwea

## Square 35

SCABBARD cwea  
COLLEGER cwea  
ALLUSIVE cwea  
BLUETTES c e  
BESTIALS cwe  
AGITABLE w a  
REVELLER cwea  
DRESSERS cwea

In Square 32, Webster's Third has ETHERIZE.

## Square 36

SCRABBLE cwea  
 CHOLERIC cwea  
 ROSTRATE cwea  
 ALTRICES cwe  
 BERIBERI cwea  
 BRACEROS wa  
 LITEROSE ce  
 ECESISES wa

## Square 37

SPREATH E ce  
 PLENCHES a  
 REDSHORT cwe  
 ENSNARER wa  
 ACHAENIA ce  
 THORNING cwea  
 HEREINTO wa  
 ESTRAGON wa

## Squares 38-39-40 (G/T/W)

STRABISM cwe  
 TRECENTO cwea  
 RE\*ARDE R cwe  
 ACAPNIAS cwea  
 BERNICLE wa  
 INDICIAL cwea  
 STEALAGE wa  
 MORSELED wa

Square 36 was published in the Aug 1995 Word Ways. In Square 37, Webster's Third has RED-SHORT. In Square 40, REWARDER is in all four dictionaries.

## Square 41

TOPMASTS cwea  
 OCTANTAL cwea  
 PTOMAIN E cwea  
 MAMILLA E cwe  
 ANALYTIC cwea  
 STILTISH cwe  
 TANAISTE ce  
 SLEECHES cwe

## Square 42

UPS PRUNG cwea  
 PRERENAL wa  
 SENILITY cwea  
 PRIMATIC cwe  
 RELATIVE cwea  
 UNITIZER wa  
 NATIVELY cwea  
 GLYCERYL cwea

The excellence of these squares has prompted me to encourage David Acton to explore further the world of geometric forms. David has already confirmed that there are no nine-squares which can be produced using only the words in OSW and OSPD. David has also produced a number of other geometric forms (diamonds, triangles, etc.) that I hope to share with Word Ways readers soon.