

THREE NEW TRANSDELETION PYRAMIDS

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In "Two New Transdeletion Pyramids" in the May 1988 Word Ways, the editor gives two 17-letter transdeletion pyramids found by Kyle Corbin, the first of which consists of words from either Webster's New International Dictionary of the English Language, Second Edition or Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language. I believe that a word found in Webster's Third is better than one found in Webster's Second but not the Third, because (whatever the faults of the Third or the merits of the Second), the Third superseded the Second. Accordingly, I pass on three 17-letter transdeletion pyramids consisting entirely of words in the Third or inflections implied by the Third, assuming that section 4.1 of the explanatory notes is deemed to allow indiscriminate pluralising.

The three pyramids were originally found by James Allen and posted to the Usenet newsgroup rec.puzzles in 1994. Two of them as given below have been improved a bit by me, to replace obscure words by commoner ones. In the first, I replaced RODENTIAN by RENDITION, and in the second I replaced AREOLATIONS SENATORIAL LAIRSTONE by ELABORATION AREOLATION RATIONALE. In each case the words following the change differ from James's. NITROSOGUANIDINE can be found in 12000 Words, a Supplement to Webster's Third New International Dictionary.

NITROSOGUANIDINES	OBSERVATIONALISMS	FEATHERLESSNESSES
NITROSOGUANIDINE	OBSERVATIONALISM	FATHERLESSNESSES
NITROGUANIDINES	MALOBSERVATIONS	HEARTLESSNESSES
NITROGUANIDINE	MALOBSERVATION	TEARLESSNESSES
REAUDITIONING	OBSERVATIONAL	ARTLESSNESSES
UNORIGINATED	ELABORATIONS	TEARLESSNESS
DENIGRATION	ELABORATION	ALERTNESSES
INORDINATE	AREOLATION	REALNESSES
RENDITION	RATIONALE	SNARELESS
RETINOID	RELATION	REALNESS
EDITION	LATRINE	EARLESS
DITONE	RETAIN	RESALE
TINED	IRATE	LEASE
EDIT	TEAR	SEAL
TIE	RAT	LEA
IT	AT	LA
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