

MY FIRST TEN-SQUARE

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A ten-square should consist of ten different 10-letter words, all to be found in reputable dictionaries or perhaps gazetteers, arranged one under another so that the first row word is the same as the first column word, and so on, ie something like:

A B A P T I S T U M	Pulliam
B A H R A M T A P A	in Azerbaijan, 39° 44' lat, 47° 57' long, NIMA
A H L E R B R U C H	in Germany, 52° 12' lat, 8° 29' long, NIMA
P R E P A R A T O R	OED
T A R A D A N O V A	in Russia, 54° 45' lat, 86° 41' long, NIMA
I M B R A N G L E S	OED imbrangle, verb
S T R A N G F O R D	in Hereford & Worcester, England (Autostreet 2000 lite)
T A U T O L O G I A	Late Latin (or Greek), whence tautology, qv in OED
U P C O V E R I N G	OED
M A H R A S D A G I	Mahras Dagi in Turkey, 36° 43' lat, 33° 17' long, NIMA

Only one location or source is given for a name: there may be more, eg Strangford is also in New Zealand, at -43.28° lat, 172.10° long (www.linz.govt.nz).

TARADANOVA can be substituted by TARAKANNOVA, 55° 21' lat, 38° 57' long, also in Russia

NIMA = National Imagery and Mapping Agency's database

“Mahras Dagi” is equivalent in form to “Mount Everest”. The g in Dagi should have a circumflex, which does not sound, but lengthens the preceding vowel.

I believe it was Jeff Grant who wrote that the first person to find a ten-square would achieve immortality: perhaps his thought was really that any such person must have achieved immortality to have had the required time. With the above square, I almost have intimations of immortality: immorality, perhaps.