

COLLOQUY

Rex Gooch adds numerous examples to Susan Thorpe's "Noah's Consonants" article. Let 2xn be shorthand for "two or more of n different consonants":

2x7 Ignoring tens of medical terms and obscure chemicals, consider dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (cdhlprt), the full name of DDT; electroencephalographist (chlprst) in Chambers, hyphenated in OED; pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis (clmnrps); pseudautohermaphroditism (dhmprst), a Borgmann coinage.

2x8 Omitting tens of medical and unfamiliar chemical names, and staying within the OED, there are dimethylamidophenyldimethylpyrazolone (dhlmnpty), the full name of Pyramidon; 6-dimethylamino-4, 4-diphenyl-3-heptanone (dhlmnpty), the full name of methadone; Wilhelm Friedrich Benedict Hofmeister (cdfhlmrt) in the Bloomsbury Thesaurus.

2x9 Simplest of a dozen chemicals and placenames is 4,6-bisopropylamino-2-methylthio-1,3,5-triazine (hlmnrsty), the full name of prometrine in the OED.

2x10 The shortest of two or three chemicals, curiously all having the same repeated consonants, is tetramethyldiaminobenzhydrylphosphinous (dhlmnrsty) in the OED under Michler.

2x11 The shorter of two chemicals is 1,2,3,4,5,6-hexahydro-8-hydroxy-6,11-dimethyl-3-(3-methyl-2-butenyl)-2,6-methano-3-benzazocine (bdhlmnrstxyz), the full name of pentacozine listed in the OED.

2x12 There is a choice between the amazing solid porkchopbeefsteakhamandeggamburgersteak-orliverandbacon (bcdghkmnrst) in the OED under Hamburger, or the hyphenated feeling-upset-physcially-and-mentally-with-anticipatory-excitement-and/or-anxiety (cdhlmnrstxy) in the OED under Journey).

2x14 There is a placename located at 45°35'N, 42°54'E in Russia, Plodovodcheskiy Uchastok Ipatovskogo Mekhanizirovannogo Lespromkhoz (cdghklmnrstvxz), given in the United States Board on Geographic Names (NIMA).

Susan Thorpe mined the OED and the United States Board on Geographic Names to improve on 7 of Darryl Francis's 12 non-optimal transdeletions and on 13 of his 15 non-optimal transadditions in "Visiting the State Capitals Yet Again". Single-letter transdeletions and transadditions are labeled with an asterisk; multiple-letter ones are identified by number.

Baton Rouge: tongue-bar* (OED) and Tougonbare* (populated place in Mali)

Bismarck: barmstick* (OED)

Cheyenne: meynchene* (OED)

Columbia: comunabil* (OED)

Columbus: columbous* (Bloomsbury Thesaurus)

Frankfort: Knockaterriff 4 (mountain in Ireland)

Honolulu: Lohulun* (stream in East Timor) and Chonbulolu 2 (stream in Kyrgyzstan)

Indianapolis: Ponindilisa* (cape in Indonesia) and adenosalpingitis 4 (Stedman's Medical Dict)

Juneau: Daujenu* (populated place in Lithuania)

Lincoln: Nancillo* (stream in Panama)

Little Rock: cötterill* (OED) and Lower Kilcott 2 (place in Gloucestershire)

Nashville: halvelings* (OED)

Oklahoma City: Yokotamachi* (populated place in Japan) and phakomatotically 4 (inferred from 'phakomatotic' in Stedman's Medical Dict)

Providence: covered-in* (Chambers)

Salt Lake City: tail-tackles* (OED)

Ed Wolpow points out that there is certainly as much homonymy in English (and other languages) as there is in Danish ("Word Repetition in Danish" in the February issue). Nash's comment that 'Christmas' and 'wheel' are homonyms in Danish (jul, hjul) should also have noted that the best English-language cognates, 'Yule' and 'wheel' are near-homonyms in English.

Darryl Francis notes that the Century Dictionary (1889-91), considered by many to be the finest US dictionary ever produced (and the longest dictionary ever published apart from the OED), is now available on the Internet: www.global-language.com/century/.

Richard Sabey writes "Thank you for publishing...the results of Steve Root's research into ten-squares of full names... For the word square enthusiast who will accept personal names in squares, this is surely the way to construct elegant examples of what we have sought for so long."

Jeff Grant writes "I'm surprised that PEPPERTREE hasn't been noted in Word Ways before. I've been aware of it as a pyramid word for years. The name is quite common in this part of the world—it was a popular woman's clothing brand (Australian, I think?)—don't know if they sold SLEEVELESS jumpers. As the trees are quite common, there are also restaurants, motels, cafes, etc. with the name, often as a solid word."

In "Unseen Consonants", a dash was omitted prior to the U in example 22.

Will Nediger adds a couple of examples to Susan Thorpe's "Permed Ends" in the February issue: dexTROROTaTORY and PREtERPluPERfect.

Melvin Schwarzkopf of Alton IL is cited in *Making the Alphabet Dance* as an example of a long isogrammatic name. The AOL White Pages now lists a Melvin Schwartzkopf of Altona IL, using 18 out of the 26 alphabetic letters. Recently Alan Frank crossed all the first names in a database with all the last names, finding one 19-letter example, Geny Schlamowitz-Burk. Needless to say she does not seem to be a real person!

Sir Jeremy Morse replaces the three inferred inflections reported in "Shared Transadditions by the Numbers" with 0,1 BRONZE; 4,5 FAVOURITE; 11,12 TELEVIEWING (in Chambers).