

HALF-HALF TRANSPOSALS

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Most readers will be familiar with split-word transposals such as HORSESHOER in which the letters of the first half of the word are repeated in the second half in a different order. The current exercise is similar, but different in that it concerns pairs of words rather than a single word. I set out to find pairs of words (such as ISOLATED and SOLIDATE) in which the letters of the first half of the first word, rearranged, form the letters of the first half of the second word; and the letters of the second half of the first word, rearranged, form the letters of the second half of the second word. I call these **half-half transposals**. They can only be found amongst words with an even number of letters. Some of the pairs of words below will have appeared in previous issues of Word Ways, purely in the context of being transposals. Most of the words below can be found in the OED Second Edition - head words, variant forms and text words including citations. Sources of non-OED words are given at the end.

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6-letter words

AFI.ELD	BRI.DAL	CLA.IRE	DAD.DLE	ESC.ORT	FLO.RET
FAI.LED	RIB.ALD	LAC.IER	ADD.LED	SEC.TOR	LOF.TER
GRU.DGE	HOR.SED	INB.RED	JAC.ATE	KIS.SER	LOW.EST
RUG.GED	RHO.DES	BIN.DER	CAJ.ETA	SKI.ERS	OWL.ETS
MAL.IGN	NEP.ALI	OST.END	PAS.SED	QUS.EIR	ROM.EOS
LAM.ING	PEN.IAL	STO.NED	SPA.DES	SQU.IRE	MOR.OSE
STA.TUE	TAR.RED	ULS.TER	VAC.ATE	WID.ENS	XES.TES
AST.UTE	TRA.DER	LUS.TRE	CAV.EAT	DWI.NES	SEX.EST
YEH.TEH	ZAB.RAS				
HEY.ETH	BAZ.ARS				

8-letter words

ANCE.STOR	BEAD.INGS	CHAR.ISMA	DESP.ISED	ERAS.URES	FORE.STER
ENAC.TORS	DEBA.SING	ARCH.AISM	DEPS.IDES	REAS.SURE	REFO.REST
GRAN.ITES	HARP.INGS	INCE.NSES	JAIN.ISTS	KERA.TOSE	LABR.ADOR
ANGR.IEST	PHRA.SING	NICE.NESS	JINA SITS	KREA.SOTE	LARB.OARD

(coined phrase)

MORA.INES	NITR.ATES	OUTR.EIGN	PARE.NTIS	QUAE.STOR	RESI.DUES
ROMA.NISE	INTR.EATS	ROUT.EING	REPA.INTS	EQUA.TORS	REIS.SUED
SPAR.SELY	TERP.ENES	URIC.ASES	VERO.NESE	WORD.INGS	XENO.SINA
PARS.LEYS	PRET.ENSE	CUIR.ASSE	OVER.SEEN	DROW.SING	EXON.IANS

YMAN.ERED ZOOG.LEAS
 MANY DEER GOZO SEAL
 (coined phrase) (coined phrase)

10-letter words:

AUSTR.ALIAN	CARPE.TINGS	DECIM.ATERS	ETHOL.OGIES	FOREF.INGER
SATUR.NALIA	PRECA.STING	MEDIC.ASTER	THEOL.OGISE	REOFF.ERING
LIMIT.ARIES	MONOL.OGISE	NECRO.TISED	PERSI.STING	REDUN.DANTS
MILIT.ARISE	NOMOL.OGIES	RECON.DITES	PRIES.TINGS	UNDER.STAND

UNDER.SIGNS
 UNDRE.SSING

12-letter words:

LATERI.SATION
 RETALI.ATIONS

EXCHANGE HALF-HALF TRANSPOSALS

In **exchange half-half transposals**, the letters of the first half of the first word, rearranged, form the letters of the second half of the second word and vice versa. Reversals (such as STRE.SSED and DESS.ERTS) are a special type of exchange half-half transposal and are not included here.

6-letter words:

AVE.NGE	BEL.IED	CHE.EPS	DEA.RTH	ENI.GMA
GEN.EVA	EDI.BLE	SPE.ECH	THR.EAD	GAM.INE
FLU.ENT	GEI.GER	HEC.TOR	IGN.ITE	JAN.GER
NET.FUL	REG.GIE	TRO.CHE	TIE.ING	GRE.NJA
KIN.NEL	LAI.RED	MAN.UAL	NEC.TAR	ORN.ATE
ENL.INK	DER.AIL	ALU.MNA	TRA.NCE	TAE.RON
PIE.CER	QUI.LES	RES.EAT	SPE.ECH	TEM.PLE
REC.IPE	SEL.UQI	TEA.SER	CHE.EPS	PEL.MET
UNT.APE	VEI.NED	WRE.ATH	XER.IFO	YAT.TER
PEA.NUT	END.IVE	THA.WER	FIO.REX	TRE.ATY
ZAR.ISH				
SHI.RAZ				