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 ISOL.ATED and SOLI.DATE) 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.ET  DWI.NES  SEX.EST

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)
MORAINES NITRATES OUTR.EIGN PARENTIS QUAE.STOR RESI.DUES
ROMANISE INTR.EATS ROUT.EING REPAINS EQUA.TORS REIS.SUED
SPARSELY TERP.ENES URIC.ASES VERO.NESE WORDINGS XENO.SINA
PARS.LEYS PRET.ENSE CUIR.ASSE OVER.SEN DROW.SING EXON.IANS
YMAN.ERED ZOOG.LEAS MANY DEER GOZO SEAL (coined phrase) (coined phrase)

10-letter words:
AUSTRALIAN CARP.TINGS DECIM.TERS ETHOL.GIES FOREF.INGER
SATURNALIA PRECA.STING MEDIC.ASTER THEOL.GISE REOFF.ERING
LIMITARIES MONOL.GISE NECR.ISED PERSI.ING REDUN.DANTS
MILITARISE NOMOL.GIES RECON.DIRES PRIESTINGS UNDER.STAND
UNDERSIGNS UNDRESSING

12-letter words:
LATERISATION RETALIATIONS

EXCHANGE HALF-HALF TRANPOSALS
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 STRESSSED and DESSERTS) 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 ENIGMA
GEN.EVA EDI.BLE SPE.ECH THR.EAD GAM.INE
FLU.ENT GEIGER HEC.TOR IGNITE 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 PEL.MET
UNT.APE VEI.NED WRE.ATH XER.IFO YAT.TER
PEA.NUT END.IVE THA.WER FIO.REX TRE.ATY
ZARISH SHI.RAZ