

## TEN-SQUARE WITH PLACE NAMES

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Although the words in the following square only score 36 out of 50 on my crude scale of merit (because of proper names and spaces), the square as a whole deserves better, as all names are places, and from the same source.

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| B A C K S B A C K A | Backsbacka, Finland, 63°27', 23°07'                  |
| A N H U M I N H A S | Ribeirao Anhuminhas, Brazil, -22°53', -50°50'        |
| C H A H A R G A L A | Chahargal'a-i-Wazirabad, Afghanistan, 34°33', 69°09' |
| K U H E S H A H I N | Kuh-e Shahin, Iran, 35°24', 46°32'                   |
| S M A S V A L E N E | Smasvalene, Norway, 60°58', 4°38'                    |
| B I R H A S A N A H | Bi'r Hasanah, Finland, 30°27', 33°46'                |
| A N G A L A C A N E | Angalacane, Mozambique, -22°28' 31°31'               |
| C H A H E N A S I R | Chah-e Nasir, Iran, 27°43', 58°01'                   |
| K A L I N A N I N A | Kalinanina, Zambia, -14°23', 24°44'                  |
| A S A N E H E R A D | Asane Herad, Norway, 60°28', 5°25'                   |

The following square is very nearly as good (actually preferable for hyphenophobics):

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| B A G A N B A T A K | Baganbatak, Columbia, 3°12', 99°40'                    |
| A R A B A R R A M L | 'Arab ar Raml, Egypt, 30°31', 31°12'                   |
| G A R A N Y E M B E | Garanyembe, Zambia, -14°25', 26°56'                    |
| A B A G K A N A L I | Abag Kanali, Azerbaijan, 39°11', 48°36'                |
| N A N K U N S H A N | Nankunshan, China, 23°38', 113°53'                     |
| B R Y A N T B A N K | Bryant Bank, an undersea feature, 28°01', -92°28'      |
| A R E N S B U R G A | Arensburga, Estonia, 58°14', 22°30'                    |
| T A M A H A R B O R | Tama Harbor, Japan, 34°28', 133°56'                    |
| A M B L A N G O D A | Amblangoda, Sri Lanka, 7°00', 81°11'                   |
| K L E I N K A R A S | Klein-Karas, Namibia, railroad siding, -27°34', 18°06' |

Nan-k'an Shan, Taiwan is a slightly worse substitute for Nankunshan

Only one location is given for a name: there may be more. Locations are given as latitude, longitude. All names are from NIMA, the National Imagery and Mapping Agency's database.

It is notable that there are no places from English-speaking countries.