SMONYMS OR DEFINITIVE PALINDROMES

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A definitive palindrome consists of a word or phrase plus its definition (loosely speaking) which together form a palindrome, like Susan Thorpe’s diary-yr. aid (97-186). The ideal case is a pair of synonymic reversals like pat—tap, the first to appear in Word Ways (74-172). Such reversals deserve a palindromic name. I offer “smyonyms”—SyMmetrical SYNONYMS, or, in anagrams, M synonyms, the M representing symmetry—M mystery as in palindromes—I “M” a splendor. It’s a tongue-twister but a perfect phonetic palindrome—s-m-y-n-o-n-y-m-s. In lower-case it’s a flat-top crocodile with two heads! They seem to breathe fire, but that’s just medium hype. It’s actually quite gentle: all its letters are rounded, even its legs. Not so in upper-case where Rounded and Straight letters make a yummy double-decker sandwich, RSSSRRSSSR. Salami on dark Rye?

Dmitri Borgmann in Language on Vacation (Scribners, ’65, p.44) introduced both synonymic and antonymic reversals. Tom Pulliam dug up eleven more synonyms (75-111) based on uncommon meanings or variant spellings. More recently Dan Tilque and Dave Morice introduced antonyms to Word Ways (03-146), citing suer—reus (plaintiff v. defendant) and tip—pit C’ (high v. low points). I added ban—nab (keep out v. grab in) and nonce de-/re- swaps like deleveler—releveled (03-190). Tip—pit is a double, antonyms and synonyms, as both mean garbage dump in Oz. A

I gave 90 definitive or antonymic palindromes in up/dn. I’ve now located four times as many and present the best half, by the criteria of 03-91. Counting unequal two-worders like lie—veil 39% are smyonyms. I exclude non-definitive cognates like auk—skua D’ (related birds), bok—kob (related antelopes, Francis 74-172), boo—oob (two cries, cf. 80-250), RAC—car (Royal Auto. Club, Gooch 98-267), leer—reel C’ (vbs or nouns), a tonic—“Cuppa cappuccino, ta!” and Ais—Sia (American Indian tribes). A Can readers add other good ones, or attribute any of the “new” (unmarked) ones?

- A = Anil, up/dn (WW Monograph 5, ’02) or “Definitive Anagrams” 03-91 & 279, 04-274
- B = D. Borgmann, WW 74-241
- P = T. Pulliam, 75-111
- T = S. Thorpe, 97-186
- C = in S.J. Chism, From A to Zotamorf (WW Monograph 4, ’92)
- D = in M. Donner, I Love Me, Vol. I (Algonquin, NC, ’96)
- A, C, D = modified therefrom

Unmarked are new as far as I know. A few resemble C’s or others but are meaning-modified.

| air aria | bucket elk cub A |
| bandit “I’d nab.” | bun nub [knot] P |
| baobab a boab [same tree (Oz)] | burger re grub [maggots?] |
| bargain an “I a grab!” | burn rub [literal and figurative] |
| bit tib [girl] | but tub [cask] P |
| bog gob [brag] | case sac C |
| bonk knob [= = double synonyms, as nouns (hill) and as slang vbs (have sex with)] [Gooch 98-264] | decision “(No!)?” is iced. |
| | Deity Lo, Holy-tied |
delivered depreviled [eg, the Exodus]  29  lie veil

denier reined  C

denude ‘duned’  A

duced ‘decued’ [haven’t got a clue!]  A

diary yr. aid  T

dick CID  A

dignitary “rating” ID [after C. McManus 97-117]  A

dilapidate set a dip, a lid  A

dilemma jam-me lid  A

Dogma I. “I am... God” [First Commandment]  A

editorial “lair o’ tide”  A

erase so loses “are”  A

ered were (Ere we were here we were.)  A

erebous sub ‘ere  A

erotic “it” ore  A

“evil” Is a name of a foe man, as I live!  A

fib a fab “if”  A

“from” late of foetal morf  A

gateman sees name tag  A

girdle held rig  A

gulped deplug [throat clearing]  A

ID “I”  A

initiate Set a ‘it’ in, I.  A

[i’t’ = whatever]  A

iota (1) ‘at’ 0 (2) “i” [near zero; Greek.]  A

knifeman Name fink.  A

knur ‘tar’ a trunk [tar-looking excrecence on tree]  A

laggard “drag gal” [not a drag racer gal—or guy]  A

lava E (hp) upheaval [Energy (horsepower)]  A

loom mool [rich soil (variants of loam, mold)]  P

mas sam [collect (mas = mass)]  P

maw wam [belly (wam = womb)]  P

mediate net-aid ‘em  A

mimic “I’m ‘im.”  A

moot toom [toom = empty (Scot.)]  T

moron “no ROM”  T

nix “ex” in  A

noose I die soon.  A

not new went on  A

pacifism ire-rims if I cap [stopper anger, hate]  A

parabola a lob (a ‘rap’) [wrap, ‘in sum‘]  A

paste set sap  A

pat tap [antonyms in poker!]  B

patron (or “tap”’)  A

plea ‘Elp!  A

PM #1 MP [Prime Minister, top Memb. Parliament]  B

“Pogo” bog op. [swamp creatures!]  A

pot top [outdo]  T

pull a bat I hit a ball up.  T

pupa a ‘pup’  A

purr “r-r-r” up  A

put tup [to butt]  A

Rd. Dr.  C

relapse He’s paler.  A

retard a bad rater  C
revere “Her, ever!”
revote vet over
Rex ER [King Elizabeth, to be p.c.]
Rise! Nor prone, Sir! [a knightig?]
Ross essay assessor [Eckler's own definitive logo]
ROTC a raw war actor
same Dig “idem”, “as”.
sce-fi ‘If-ics’
semantic It names. [see also Antonyms]
*senile* Gat age lines. [gat: a senile form of got] C
[sic] 
sign in I fed defining “I”s. [cf.ID] A
slang is signals D(C)
spot-on no tops [Couldn't be closer. (Monokinis?!)]
states ‘set-ats’ [conditions]
stew to potato-pot wets
stolid lo, ‘cold I’ lots
strategy “get” arts
stress asserts
*testes* ‘rock corset’ set [jock contents]
testate “Set” at, set ‘testate set’ at “set”. [A well-off sets up hir heirs, the ‘testate set’ (turtles?).]
tiff “fit” [fought (dial.) or threw a fit]
tiny “nit”
tola a lot [Hindi weight, c. 11 gm (not a lot!]]
toper re pot
*to ripen* epi-rot
*turn* un-rut
vulgar “rag luv” [pulp fiction]

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w/l = 1/(1+w) \quad \text{[Golden Rectangle, width/length]} \]

Xerxes eX-Rex
y- re “very” [intensifying prefix]
Yo-ho! Hoy!

*some macaronics:*
ape *epa* [E.=Welsh]
ari *eira* [threshing floor, Rom.=Port.]
el *le* [masculine the, Sp.=Fr.]
etat *state* [Fr.=E.]
“States” “Etats” [the U.S. in France]
*sol los* [solution. dissolve(d), E.=G.]
*Sirs* Sirs [respected misters, Hindi = E.]

**POLYS and COMPOSITES**

*castration* no “it”-art sac,
no ‘1/1 tarts’ a/c [account]
die de-ID
dies ‘reverse’ ID
dissipate Set a piss ID, *piss sip.* [beer]
doze “e-z” OD
*e-z = e’er “breeze”*
drawn (1) inward (2) onward
food do of A (doo food??) [Ain't it all?]
tug, food ado of gut

“G” Genome DNA (+ RNA ’n’ raa dem on egg. Gametes set ‘em a G.)

knock conk, C *knap*, spank, rap, spar [striking similarities (a 3-pals composite)]

“No!” It is opposition.
“No” it, pose “yes” option.
“No!” It agendas a sad negation.

no. n / none no n

*nonet* “ten on” none ten on [“Going on ten” but can’t add a tenth and still be a nonet.]
"one mind"

id 'n' I + me? no,
id 'n' I = me! no?

Palindrome
Par-in model led omni-rap
on relap 'mid dim, paler 'no'.
[4 anagrams forming 2 palindromes and a weak definition:
"Amid dull number(s) a reversal shines." Par-in means ideal, as in golf. (Included for pertinence, not quality!)]

pals Slap-swap paws.
["high five" (These two "pals" also define palindromes!)]

pass sap

gas pass sap, sag [No, balloons!]

Pirates
Sea trip, ...set a rip! D'

"Lob my symbol, sail an alias. C
To pirate, tar I pot, pirate, 'Ta! R.I.P.,'."
[So long and thanks for all the flesh. 5-pal composite A
plus 'sea trip', a metathetic pal: _PRAl S )

power re wop" A "wop! pow!" [Gooch 98-268]

spools loops / loop spool [nouns / vbs]

Tao "Be!" boat "Tao L, float!"
['Be here now. Go with the flow.' Tao basics for Learners]

wayward Draw yaw. A (yaw = sway) C

"we" I've wide-bed I=we view. [editorial we]
we, I--very rare 'til literary review C

woe ow! / w/o woe o, wow!

yen o' money: yen = one ¥ D+ A

yobbo (1) SOB boy (2) mob boy
[Oz hooligan 2: in gang, or ganger up on innocents]

1+12 = 2+11 (I+XII = II+XI) [etc, cf 02-308] A

ANTONYMS and Doubles (ant. or syn.)
"Reversed Spelling, Reversed Meaning" (Moric 03-146)

ban nab [a double: contraband] [Anil 03-190]

devastate set at saved

ANTONYMS (continued)

ebb be

firm "Mr. If"

hear a ear, a "eh?" [a double]

level non-level [a type--can use any word pal] C*

meet teem [a double double: both = fill, P meet also = scant (arch.) and teem = abound or empty out]

no bra garb on [D. Woodside 96-138]

no 'in' union

"No!" it. Air a variation. [a double]

no tell let on

OK KO [vbs]

one no [binary system]

pin nip [vbs; a double: syn. (seize), B
ant. (hold down v."lift")]

rapture rut, par [a double: good sex and golf!]

regal liveliness: senile villager [a double?]

semantic illicit names

straps parts (trap, part) [4 tr. vbs]

suer reus [see introduction] [Tilque 03-146]

ta-ta sat at [said goodbye v. stayed put]

tip pit [a double: see introduction] C*, A
tiptop pot pit

tramp "up mart"

way yaw [a double: syn. (movement of a vessel thru water), B ant. (on vs. off course)]

wonky know [ideea or data; a double to skeptics] A*

yo! oy! [yes! v. no!]

yoni no (y) A*