

SMYNONYMS 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**,^B the first to appear in Word Ways (74-172). Such reversals deserve a palindromic name. I offer "**smynonyms**" --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 phonic 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, **RSSSRSSSR**. 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--relevelled** (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-words like **lie--veil** 39% are smynonyms. 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** (Amerindian tribes).^P Can readers add other good ones, or attribute any of the "new" (unmarked) ones?

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| ^A = Anil, <i>up/dn</i> (WW Monograph 5, '02) or "Definitive Anagrams" 03-91 & 279, 04-274 | |
| ^B = D. Borgmann, WW 74-241 | ^P = T. Pulliam, 75-111 |
| ^C = in S.J.Chism, <i>From A to Zotamorf</i> (WW Monograph 4, '92) | ^T = S. Thorpe, 97-186 |
| ^D = in M. Donner, <i>I Love Me, Vol. I</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. | |

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

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|--|-----|---|------|
| delivered dereviled [eg, the Exodus] | C, | lie veil | |
| denier reined | C | loom mool [rich soil (variants of loam, mold)] | P |
| denude 'duned' | A | mas sam [collect (mas = mass)] | P |
| deuced 'decued' [haven't got a cue!] | A | maw wam [belly (wam = womb)] | P |
| diary yr. aid | T | mediate net-aid 'em | |
| dick CID | A | mimic "I'm 'im." | |
| dignitary "rating" ID [after C.McManus 97-117] | | moot toom [toom = empty (Scot.)] | |
| dilapidate set a dip, a lid | | moron "no ROM" | T |
| dilemma jam-me lid | A | nix "ex" in | |
| Dogma I. "I am... God" [First Commandment] | A | noose I die soon. | |
| editorial "lair o' tide" | | not new went on | |
| erase so loses "are" | | pacifism ire-rims if I cap [stopper anger, hate] | |
| ere were (Ere we were here we were.) | C,C | parabola a lob (a 'rap!) [wrap, 'in sum'] | D |
| Erebus sub 'ere | | paste set sap | |
| erotic "it" ore | | pat tap ^B [antonyms in poker!] | |
| " evil " Is a name of a foe man, as I live! | C | patron (or "tap") | |
| fib a fab "if" [Anil 02-28] | | pint "nip" | A,C |
| " from " late of foetal morf | A | plea 'Elp! | |
| gateman sees name tag | D, | PM #1 MP [Prime Minister, top Memb. Parlaiment] | |
| girdle held rig | A | " Pogo " bog op. [swamp creatures!] | |
| gulped deplug [throat clearing] | | pot top [outdo] | B |
| ID "I" | | pull a bat I hit a ball up. | C, |
| initiate Set a 'it' in, I. ['it' = whatever] | | pupa a 'pup' | T |
| iota (1) 'at' 0 (2) "i" [near zero; Greek i] | A | purr "r-r-r" up | |
| knifeman Name fink. [C. McManus 97-117] | | put tup [to butt] | P |
| knur 'tar' a trunk [tar-looking excrecence on tree] | | Rd. Dr. | |
| laggard "drag gal" [not a drag racer gal--or guy] | | relapse He's paler. | A,C, |
| lava E (hp) upheaval [Energy (horsepower)] | A | retard a bad rater | |

revere "Her, ever!"

revote vet over

Rex ER [King Elizabeth, to be p.c.]

Rise! Nor prone, Sir! [a knighting?]

Ross essay assessor [Eckler's own definitive logo!]

ROTC a raw war actor

same Dig "idem", "as".

sci-fi 'lf-ics'

semantic It names. [see also Antonyms]

senile Gat age lines. [gat: a senile form of got]

[sic] (Is!)

sign in I fed defining "I"s. [cf. ID]

slang is signals

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]

A

A

A

A

A

D(C)

A

A

A

D,

A

w/l = $l/(l+w)$ [Golden Rectangle, width/length]

Xerxes ex-Rex

y- re "very" [intensifying prefix]

Yo-ho! Hoy!

some macaronics:

ape *epa* [E.=Welsh]

arie *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.]

Sris *Sirs* [respected misters, Hindi = E.]

POLYS and COMPOSITES

castration no "it"-art sac,
no 'I/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' ran
dem on egg. **Gametes** set 'em a G.)

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

"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.]

A'

C

A

B

B

B

C

B'

A

A

A

A

A

A

C,C

A'

A

C

A,C'

A'

“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.

D,D

[“high five” (These two “pals” also define palindromes!)]

pass sap**gas pass** sap, sag [No, balloons!]**Pirates**

A'

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: PIR^AT^{ES}]

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” (Morice 03-146)

ban nab [a double: contraband] [Anil 03-190]**devastate set at saved**

A

ANTONYMS (continued)**ebb be**

C

firm “Mr. If”

A

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!]

re gal liveliness: senile villager [a double?]**semantic illicit names****straps parts (trap, part)** [4 tr. vbs]

C'

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

C

tramp “up mart”**way yaw**[a double: syn. (movement of a vessel
thru water),^P ant. (on vs. off course)]**wonky know** [idea or data; a double to skeptics] A'**yo! oy!** [yes! v. no!]**yoni no (Y)**

A'