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, 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 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 synonym (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- swipes 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—ule 39% are smyonyms. I exclude non-definitive cognates like auk—skuaD (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 tribes). B Can readers add other good ones, or attribute any of the “new” (unmarked) ones?

I = 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

bandit “I’d nab.”

baobab a boab [same tree (Oz)]

bargain an “I a grab!”

bit tib [girl]

bog gob [brag]

bonk knob = double synonyms, as nouns (hill) and as slang vbs (have sex with) [Gooch 98-264]

bucket elk cub

bun nub [knot]

burger re grub [maggots?]

burn rub [literal and figurative]

but tub [cask]

case sac

decision “((No!?)?)” is iced.

Deity Lo, Holy-tied

delivered dere

denier reined

denude ‘dune
deuced ‘decem
diary yr. aid
dick CID
dignitary “rat
dilapidate set
dilemma jam-

Dogma I. “I a editorial “lair
erase so loses
er ere were (Er
Erebus sub ’er
“evil” is a nam

fib a fab “it”

“from” late of
gatemant sees:
girdle held rig
gulped deplag

ID “I”

initiate Set a'
iota (1) ‘at’ 0

knifeman Name

knur ‘tar’ a true

laggard “drag

lava E (hp) uph
delivered derviled  [eg, the Exodus]
denier reined
denude ‘duned’
decided ‘decued’  [haven’t got a clue!]
diary yr. aid
dick CID
dignitary “rating” ID  [after C. McManus 97-117]
dilapidate set a dip, a lid
dilemma jam-me lid
Dogma I. “I am... God”  [First Commandment]
editorial “lair o’ tide”
erase so loses “are”
ear were (Ere we were here we were.)
Erebus sub ‘ere
erotic “it” ore
“evil” Is a name of a foe man, as I live!  C
fib a fab “if”  [Anil 02-28]
“from” late of foetal morf
gatem an sees name tag
girdle held rig
gulped deplug  [throat clearing]
ID “I”
initiate Set a ‘it’ in, I.  [‘it’ = whatever]
iota (1) ‘at’ 0  (2) “i”  [near zero; Greek]  A
knifeman Name fink.  [C. McManus 97-117]
knur ‘tar’ a trunk  [tar-looking excrecence on tree]
laggard “drag gal”  [not a dr a racer gal–or guy]
lava E (hp) upheaval  [Energy (horsepower)]
lie veil
loom mool  [rich soil (variants of loam, mold)]
mas sam  [collect (mas = mass)]
maw wam  [belly (wam = womb)]
mediate net-aid ’em
mimic “I’m ’im.”
moot toom  [toom = empty (Scot.)]
moron “no ROM”
nix “ex” in
noose I die soon.
not new went on
pacifism ire-rims if I cap  [stopper anger, hate]
parabola a lob (a ’rap!)  [wrap, ‘in sum’]
paste set sap
pat tap  [antonyms in poker!]
patron (or “tap”)”
pint “nip”
plea ‘Elp!
PM #1 MP  [Prime Minister, top Memb. Parlaiment]
“Pogo” bog op.  [swamp creatures!]
pot top  [outdo]
pull a bat I hit a ball up.
pupa a ‘pup’
purr “r-r-r” up
put tup  [to butt]
Rd. Dr.
relapse He’s paler.
retard a bad rater
revere "Her, ever!"
revert vet over
Rex ER [King Elizabeth, to be p.c.]
Rise! Nor prone, Sir! [a knight?
Ross essay assessor [Eckler's own definitive logo]
ROTC a raw war actor
same Dig "idem", "as".
sci-fi 'If-ics'
semantic It names. [see also Antonyms]
senile Gat age lines. [gat: a senile form of got] C,
[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-at's' [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
[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!)]
topper re pot
to ripen epi-rot
turn un-rut
vulgar "rag luv" [pulp fiction]

w/l = 1/(1+w) [Golden Rectangle, width/length] A
Xerxes ex-Rex
y- re "very" [intensifying prefix]
Yo-ho! Hoy!
some macaronics:
ap e apa [E.=Welsh]
arie eira [threshing floor, Rom.=Port.]
el le [masculine the, Sp.=Fran.] B
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
castation no "it"-art sac,
no '1/1art's 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 ^ (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.]
"one mind"

id 'n' 1 + me? no,
id 'n' 1 = 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!
"Lob my symbol, sail an alias.
To pirate, tar 1 pot, pirate, 'Ta! R.I.P.'":

[So long and thanks for all the flesh. 5-pal composite plus 'sea trip', a metathetic pal: \( \text{PRAl S} \) ]

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 ¥ \(^D\)

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 "ch?" [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 village [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]
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 [idea or data; a double to skeptics]

yo! oy! [yes! v. no!]
yoni no (¥)