

ALL-DIAGONAL SEVEN-SQUARES FROM THE OED

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If I have found no 9-square with words for all its diagonals, and needed place names to produce all-diagonal 8-squares, then 7-squares can be produced solely from the OED. Omitting place names reduced the crucial elements from 4486 reversible words and 878 palindromes, to 584 reversible words and 661 palindromes. These sufficed to produce several thousand all-diagonal squares. A selection of these is presented below in three groups: in the first group, the squares each have about half-a-dozen OED headwords out of the 10 words; in the second group, every word is to be found in the OED somewhere; the third group consists of a single square in which some familiar words are to be found – readers may prefer this square to the others. In all groups, some squares were discarded. In the second group, some effort was made to include a variety of palindromes, and consequently a few place names from the Ordnance Survey were permitted. These may be the only all-diagonal seven-squares ever published: they are certainly the most accessible.

Following each square are the diagonals, as read from NE or SW, NW, and SE.

Note all five squares immediately below have the same diagonals:

D R A B B E S	drab 1, 1515q
R E T R U S T	
A T S I S T A	Pa (Latvian)
B R I S K E N	or BRISSEN
B U S K E L L	or BUSSELL
E S T E L L E	forename
S T A N L E Y	Stanley, OED headword
SSSSSSS	Pa, 1973 movie
DESSELY	
YLESSED	

Third square with ATSOSTA (Pa) and
BROSSEN

D R E D L E S	dreidel, 1934q
R E N U E N T	
E N S I E G E	
D U I S T R E	
L E E T E E L	Pa (Lee Teel)
E N G R E L E	
S T E E L E Y	US Census
SNESENS	Pa Danish, = of the score
DESSELY	
YLESSED	

D R A G M A S	drachma 1, 1614q
R E T R U S T	
A T S O S T A	Pa
G R O S S E N	
M U S S E L L	
A S T E L L E	shide, 1440q or ESTELLE
S T A N L E Y	
SSSSSSS	Pa, 1973 movie
DESSELY	
YLESSED	

Second square with DRAGMES (abate 3)

D I C K A S S	Dick-ass, see Dick
I R R I T E R	see haze
C R A N I C E	
K I N G N U T	king-nut, king
A T I N G L E	
S E C U L E R	secular
S R E T E R S	Pa, name
SEIGIES	Pa from telephone dir
DRAGGES	dragge
SEGGARD	

fam = family name. Pa is the Palindromicon.

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SLEFFIS	sleeve 1a, 1505q
LEGORNO	now Livorno, see leghorn
EGRRAFT	egg-raft, egg 7
FORGNAW	
FRANARE	clamber 1, 1611q
INFARRE	
SOTWEED	sot-weed, sot 3
SNAGANS	Pa, plural of Gaelic word
SEGGARD	
DRAGGES	

Second Group

all OED (or nearly), assorted palindromes

SEIKAND	shear b, 1568q
ENDITEE	see indictee
IDONEUS	II 3 c, 1876q, Latin
KINDNES	kindness 2, 1536q
ATENDRE	see attend, Old French
NEUEREN	morpheme a, 1896q, Ger
DESSENS	sausage 4, 1956q, fam
DEEDEED	
SNODDES	snod, 1584q
SEDDONS	Seddon's, coaster 3b, 1907q, family name

DREFEDD	dreve, 1200q
RENOMER	see renomed
ENPLUME	see inplume
FOLLOWID	commons 1a, 1382q
EMUWREN	emu 4
DEMIETE	halfness, 1530q
DREDNES	dreadness 2, 1300q
DEUOUED	devove, 1567q
DEPORTS	
STROPED	see strope

GNABBLE	
NITRIAN	Nitrian (desert in Egypt)
ATTESTE	see attest
BRETTEN	see britten
BISTORT	
LATERNE	
ENENTES	see enent
EASTSAE	eastsæ, wall I 1 a, 900q
GITTONS	geton, 1548q
SNOTTIG	see snotty

LABROSE	
AERISHE	airish 1, 1551q
BRUSTEL	
RISEEND	Rise End, Ord. Survey
OSTENDI	see telescope (Latin)
SHENDEN	unworth2, 1200q
EELDINS	yealing, 1728q
EHTETHE	see eighth. 2nd <i>th</i> is edh
LEUENES	hail 1, 1250q
SENEUEL	senvy 1, 1265q

SCHILAO	pilau, 1687q
CAINITO	sapodilla 1, 1753q
HIGHTES	fair 5a, 1300q
INHHEART	see impride
LITANIE	zodiac 3b, 1631q, Donne
ATERIEN	see Aterian
OOSTENS	Oosten's Dutch Gardener, flame 5, 1711q
OTTETTO	octet 1, 1880q (Grove)
SAGENES	plural of sagene
SENEGAS	plural of senega

SLESIAS	Silesia b, 1727q
LISENCE	frater 2, 1561q
ESLIORS	plural of ESLIORS
SEILLIT	seal 1b, 1600q
INOLITE	
ACRITER	instand b, 1382q, Latin
SESTERS	plural od sester
SCOLOCS	plural of scoloc
SILLIES	silly B, 1858q
SEILLIS	changing 1a, 1513q
CHAMELS	camel 1, 1382q
HALOGEN	
ALLREDY	up II 10a, 1487q
MORDRED	murder 1, 1330q
EGERERE	drite, 1483q
LEDERER	lederite, named for von Lederer
SNYDERS	Snyders, either 4c, 1796q (painter)
SEEDEES	Yahudi, 1862q
CALDEES	plural of Caldee
SEEDLAC	seed-lac

C R I S P U S	dock b: Rumex crispus
R A N T R E E	
I N L E E D E	inlead 1, 1382q
S T E D Y E R	operator 3a, 1597q
P R E Y E R E	see prayer
U E D E R E S	yepe 1, 1225q
S E E R E S S	
S E E D E E S	Yahudi, 1862q
C A L D E E S	plural of Caldee
S E E D L A C	seed-lac
S O U B A H S	plural of soubah
O E N O G E N	
U N D W E L Y	unduly 2, 1423q
B O W D L E D	
A G E L O N G	spider 10, 1954q Tolkien
H E L E N N E	heal 3, 1175q
S N Y D G E S	snodge, 1548q
S E E D E E S	Yahudi, 1862q
S E D D O N S	Seddon's, coaster 3b, 1907q, family name
S N O D D E S	snod, 1584q
S E A C O B S	sea-cob
E N L I V E N	
A L O N E L Y	
C I N D R E D	cinder, 1557q
O V E R D U E	
B E L E U E R	ask 16, 1544q
S N Y D E R S	either 4c, 1796q
S E E D E E S	Yahudi, 1862q
S N O D D E S	snod, 1584q
S E D D O N S	Seddon's, coaster 3b, 1907q, family name
S E A G O D S	sea-god
E N L E V E N	
A L O N E L Y	
G E N D R I D	arain, 1398q
O V E R D U E	
D E L I U E R	deliver I 1b, 1549q
S N Y D E R S	either 4c, 1796q
S E E D E E S	Yahudi, 1862q
S N O D D E S	snod, 1584q
S E D D O N S	Seddon's, coaster 3b, 1907q, family name

Six squares may be based on the above, using:
row 1: SEARODS (sea-rod)

row 4: GENDRYD (remiss 1b, 1412q),
RENDRID (render 9b, 1483q), RENDRIT
(render I 1, 1362q), RENDRYD (acceptation 1,
1483q), RENDRYT (render II 7, 1375q)
row 6: DELYUER (see deliver)
row 7: SNYTERS (sniter 1, 1382q)

S H A K E L S	shackle III 11, 1446q
H E R N S E U	see heronsew
A R N E M A N	vacant A 1 a, 1805q (family name)
K N E E E N D	knee-end, knee 13
E S M E U T E	
L E A N T E R	see lean-to
S U N D E R L	intermess, 1690q, abbrev. for Sunderland?
S E M E M E S	plural of sememe
S E N E U E L	senvy 1, 1265q
L E U E N E S	fire 7, 1250q
O P P I A N S	Oppian's, sea-hawk 1, 1722q
P I E D B O T	pied-bot, see butt
P E L Y O N E	see pillion
I D Y L L E R	
A B O L E T E	
N O N E T T O	see nonet
S T E R E O S	
S O O L O O S	cris, 1779q
O I L L E T S	plural of oillet
S T E L L I O	

Third Group: some popular words

S E B I L L A	
E T O N I A N	
B O R D A R E	see border
I N D A I G N	
L I A I S E S	
L A R G E S T	
A N E N S T E	anent 6, 1483q
A A A A A A A	Pa, shoe width
S T R A S S E	strass 2, 1926q (waxed straw)
E S S A R T S	plural of essart