

PALI NDROMIC TRIADS: NOT QUITE AGAMEMNON

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Logologists recognize Agamemnon, the leader of the Greeks in the Trojan War, as the only common dictionary entry that is made up of three consecutive palindromic triads. In the challenge that follows, you are asked to find twenty-seven more words that begin and end with a palindromic triad. An eight-letter illustration is - - - C U - - -, which would yield the word ABACUSES. Similarly, - - - B - - - would lead to the seven-letter result ALABAMA. Most demanding are six-letter examples that consist of two palindromic triads, since no central anchor letters exist. One such, not included below, is EGESTS.

How many can you decipher? A score of 10-14 is good, 15-19 is fine, 20-24 is excellent, and 25-26 is superb. Determination of all 27 is surely a sign of genius!

Eight-letter Words

1 - - - G I - - -
2 - - - L I - - -
3 - - - L I - - -
4 - - - L I - - -
5 - - - L Y - - -
6 - - - L Y - - -
7 - - - O O - - -
8 - - - P I - - -
9 - - - P E - - -

Seven-letter Words

10 - - - D - - -
11 - - - E - - -
12 - - - H - - -
13 - - - I - - -
14 - - - L - - -
15 - - - N - - -
16 - - - O - - -
17 - - - R - - -
18 - - - S - - -

Six-letter Words

19 - - - - -
20 - - - - -
21 - - - - -
22 - - - - -
23 - - - - -
24 - - - - -
25 - - - - -
26 - - - - -
27 - - - - -

For answers, see Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.

Editor's Note: To learn more about Agamemnon words, see Susan Thorpe's "The World of Agamemnons" in the Feb 2004 Word Ways, and Rex Gooch's "Beyond Agamemnon" in the Aug 2005 issue.