

UPWARDS EDGE WORDS

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The letters of certain words can be made into one of a series of geometrical forms when arranged, row by row, in the order in which they occur in the word. These forms sometimes exhibit edge words which read upwards, downwards, or both. In *Edge Words* (WW98274), I searched for right hand and left hand edge words which read downwards. Examples included:

6-letter triangle	10-letter triangle	8-letter pentagon	4-letter rhombus	9-letter rhombus
paella	parliament	heartier	tory	deaneries
P A E L L A	P A R L I A M E N T	H E A R T I E R	T O R Y	D E A N E R I E S
pal + pea	palm + prat	here + hair	toy + try	Denis + dares

By way of contrast, I now search for words with left hand and right edge words which read *upwards*. The search is restricted to the larger forms with 4- or 5-letter edges, specifically the **10-letter triangle**, the **8-letter pentagon** and the **9-letter rhombus**. In these forms, each pair of upwards edge words ends with the same letter. Below, I offer an A-Z of last letter examples for each of the three forms. In some cases one, or both, of the edge words are reversals, so producing the bonus of one or two downwards edge words.

Unreferenced words can be found in the Oxford English Dictionary, Second Edition unless stated otherwise. Non-OED references are: *ch* = Chambers Dictionary; *cld* = Cassell's Latin Dictionary; *OSPD* = Official Scrabble Players Dictionary; *w2* = Webster's Second Edition.

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10-LETTER TRIANGLES

In some examples below, the four basal letters also form a word. Halopenium is a chemical term.

algaeology A L G A E O L O G Y lala (a fan palm) + yoga	burn-baking B U R N B A K I N G knob + garb	creakiness C R E A K I N E S S narc + siec (sick)	drearihood D R E A R I H O O D hard + died
erraticism E R R A T I C I S M care + mire	fool-doctor F O O L D O C T O R clof (cleft) + roof	guarantees G U A R A N T E E S trug + snag	halopenium H A L O P E N I U M Noah + Melh (Algeria)

<p>imbelishes</p> <p>I</p> <p>M B</p> <p>E L I</p> <p>S H E S</p> <p>semi + sibi (sieve)</p>	<p>Jaulabamba (Peru)</p> <p>J</p> <p>A U</p> <p>L A B</p> <p>A M B A</p> <p>Alaj (Qatar) + Abuj (Sudan)</p>	<p>kenematics</p> <p>K</p> <p>E N</p> <p>E M A</p> <p>T I C S</p> <p>teek + sank</p>	<p>leadbeater</p> <p>L</p> <p>E A</p> <p>D B E</p> <p>A T E R</p> <p>adel (addle) + real</p>
<p>meat-reiver</p> <p>M</p> <p>E A</p> <p>T R E</p> <p>I V E R</p> <p>item + ream</p>	<p>nail-tacker</p> <p>N</p> <p>A I</p> <p>L T A</p> <p>C K E R</p> <p>clan + rain</p>	<p>Oklahomans</p> <p>O</p> <p>K L</p> <p>A H O</p> <p>M A N S</p> <p>mako (shark) + solo</p>	<p>pest-master</p> <p>P</p> <p>E S</p> <p>T M A</p> <p>S T E R</p> <p>step + rasp</p>
<p>Quilitapia (Chile)</p> <p>Q</p> <p>U I</p> <p>L I T</p> <p>A P I A</p> <p>Aluq + Atiq (both Syria)</p>	<p>road-header</p> <p>R</p> <p>O A</p> <p>D H E</p> <p>A D E R</p> <p>ador + rear</p>	<p>stratocrat</p> <p>S</p> <p>T R</p> <p>A T O</p> <p>C R A T</p> <p>cats + tors</p>	<p>talotibial (<i>Sted</i>)</p> <p>T</p> <p>A L</p> <p>O T I</p> <p>B I A L</p> <p>boat + lilt</p>
<p>utlagaries (outlawries)</p> <p>U</p> <p>T L</p> <p>A G A</p> <p>R I E S</p> <p>ratu + salu (salute)</p>	<p>Veretillum (animal genus)</p> <p>V</p> <p>E R</p> <p>E T I</p> <p>L L U M</p> <p>leev (believe) + mirv v. (<i>ch</i>)</p>	<p>wool-dealer</p> <p>W</p> <p>O O</p> <p>L D E</p> <p>A L E R</p> <p>alow (below) + roew (= row, as in boat)</p>	<p>xeromatous</p> <p>X</p> <p>E R</p> <p>O M A</p> <p>T O U S</p> <p>Toex (surname) + sarx (flesh-<i>ch</i>)</p>
<p>ysustained</p> <p>Y</p> <p>S U</p> <p>S T A</p> <p>I N E D</p> <p>Issy (name) + Dauy (name)</p>	<p>Zaalheuvel (Netherlands)</p> <p>Z</p> <p>A A</p> <p>L H E</p> <p>U V E L</p> <p>Ulaz (Croatia) + Leaz (France)</p>		

8-LETTER PENTAGONS

<p>Annigoni</p> <p>A</p> <p>N N</p> <p>I G O</p> <p>N I</p> <p>Nina + Iona</p>	<p>book-post</p> <p>B</p> <p>O O</p> <p>K P O</p> <p>S T</p> <p>skob (a box desk) + toob (tub)</p>	<p>calmness</p> <p>C</p> <p>A L</p> <p>M N E</p> <p>S S</p> <p>smac (smack) + selc (silk)</p>	<p>Danegelt</p> <p>D</p> <p>A N</p> <p>E G E</p> <p>L T</p> <p>lead + tend</p>
<p>enravish</p> <p>E</p> <p>N R</p> <p>A V I</p> <p>S H</p> <p>sane + hire</p>	<p>fall-door (trapdoor)</p> <p>F</p> <p>A L</p> <p>L D O</p> <p>O R</p> <p>Olaf + Rolf</p>	<p>gormless</p> <p>G</p> <p>O R</p> <p>M L E</p> <p>S S</p> <p>smog + serg</p>	<p>halo-zone</p> <p>H</p> <p>A L</p> <p>O Z O</p> <p>N E</p> <p>Noah + eolh (elk - <i>ch</i>)</p>

intimely I N T I M E L Y	Jalavand (Iran) J A L A V A N D	kneaders K N E A D E R S	lawproof (w2) L A W P R O O F
lini (plant sp. name) + yeti	Naaj (Iraq) + Dalj (Croatia)	rank + seek	opal + fowl
meatiest M E A T I E S T	neatness N E A T N E S S	octogild (w2) O C T O G I L D	poetless P O E T L E S S
stem + team	Sten + Sean	loco (plant) + dito (finger)	stop + seep
Quirimba (Angola) Q U I R I M B A	reappear R E A P P E A R	sweetens S W E E T E N S	tastiest T A S T I E S T
Bruq (Egypt) + Amiq (Iraq)	aper + rear	news + sees	stat + test
utlagary U T L A G A R Y	voyagers V O Y A G E R S	woolless W O O L L E S S	Xiuzhuan (China) X I U Z H U A N
ratu + Yalu (Cyprus)	Raov (Bosnia-Herzegovina) + seyv (to follow)	slow + seow (sow, as in crop)	Azix (Azerbaijan) + Nuux (Somalia)
yawless Y A W L L E S S	zoogless Z O O G L E A S		
slay + sewy	Agoz (Morocco) + seoz (see v.)		

9-LETTER RHOMBUSES

DEER-LICKS are places where the deer lick salty water.

angelicas A N G E L I C A S	board-head B O A R D H E A D	caeruleus (a bluetit) C A E R U L E U S	deer-licks D E E R L I C K S
scena + saiga (an antelope)	derob + Dahab (Egypt)	serac (a cheese) + Sulec (Czechoslovakia)	scred (to clothe) + skied

entericus (succus e.)

E
N T
E R I
C U
S

scene + suite

Fourboria (Guinea)

F
O U
R B O
R I
A

Arrof + Aiouf (both Morocco)

gonoducts

G
O N
O D U
C T
S

scoog (a shelter) + stung

hair-seals

H
A I
R S E
A L
S

Sarah + sleih (sly)

inemulous

I
N E
M U L
O U
S

somni (to assemble) + Sulei
(Nigeria)

Jiebetaan (Marshall Is.)

J
I E
B E T
A A
N

nabij (near by) + Natej
(Iran)

kilomoles (OSPD)

K
I L
O M O
L E
S

sloik (to cease) + seolk (silk)

Leavisian

L
E A
V I S
I A
N

nivel (snivel) + nasal

meal-trees

M
E A
L T R
E E
S

Selem (Algeria) + Seram
(India)

neolalias

N
E O
L A L
I A
S

silen (a species of satyr)
+ salon

ostracoid

O
S T
R A C
O I
D

dorso (*cld*) + dicto (*cld*)

peleliths (w2)

P
E L
E L I
T H
S

steep + shilp (w2)

quaverous

Q
U A
V E R
O U
S

Sovuq + Suraq (both Iran)

re-edifier

R
E E
D I F
I E
R

rider + refer

septfoils (tormentils)

S
E P
T F O
I L
S

sites + slops

terawatts (*ch*)

T
E R
A W A
T T
S

staet (state) + start

Ulladulla (Australia)

U
L L
A D U
L L
A

Alalu (Uganda) + Alulu
(Nigeria)

veraments

V
E R
A M E
N T
S

snaev (slender) + sterv (starve)

wool-trees

W
O O
L T R
E E
S

Selow (a surname) + serow
(an antelope)

Xanthians

X
A N
T H I
A N
S

Satax (surname) +
Sninx (a US surname)

yshildred (shouldered)

Y
S H
I L D
R E
D

Zuidbruek (Netherlands)

Z
U I
D B R
U E
K

Drisy (Czechoslovakia) + Kuduz (Turkey) + Keriz (Kazakhstan)
Dedhy (Indonesian male first name)