CONFUSED ALTERNADES – 1

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Just to reminisce a bit, an alternade is a word which can be divided into two smaller ones when every other letter is considered. Consequently, SCHOOLED qualifies for the label, since the odd-positioned letters spell SHOE and the even-positioned ones spell COLD. Here, we present the constituent parts of two dozen eight-letter confused alternades. To clarify, the first member of each given pair is a permutation of the letters which occupy the odd slots of the answer, while the second is a permutation of the letters which fill its even slots. Accordingly, the pair PURE / STEM can be used to form the confused alternade PERMUTES. Can you successfully unravel the twenty-four examples which follow?

1. ANTS / AIRS 9. GRIM / AREA 17. SALT / MAIN
2. BINS / HONE 10. HOOF / SOFT 18. SANE / BEET
3. BOAS / SETS 11. KILT / SNOB 19. SLUR / PARK
4. CAST / HIES 12. LIEU / MAKE 20. TEAR / PURE
5. CRAG / HERE 13. MICA / RASH 21. TRIO / REIN
6. DENY / NOSE 14. OUST / THUS 22. VEER / WIRE
7. EASE / WEDS 15. PILE / ODDS 23. WART / YARN
8. ECRU / ALSO 16. RITE / GAME 24. YARD / DAME