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