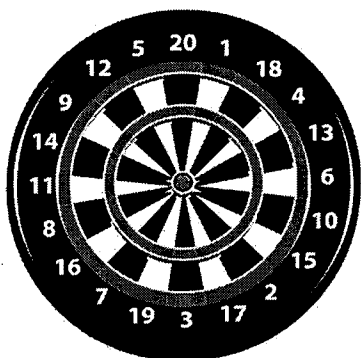


DARTBOARD WORDS

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The standard dartboard should be familiar to most readers, although most would be hard pressed to reel off the exact arrangement of the numbers 1 to 20. So, here is a standard dartboard:



From a logologist's perspective, the layout of the numbers isn't particularly interesting until the numbers are converted to their alphabetical equivalents – A=1, B=2 and so on. The question which then arises is: what words and names can be spelled out from the letters on adjacent sections of the board, both clockwise and anticlockwise?

Clockwise from top, the letters would be:

T A R D M F J O B Q C S G P H K N I L E

Reading clockwise, here are the words which can be spelled out:

TA TAR TARD AR ARD JO JOB OB CS NIL NILE IL ILE LE LET ET ETA

Reading anticlockwise, here are the words which can be spelled out:

EL ELI LIKE LIN LINK IN INK GS BO DRAT RA RAT RATE RATEL AT ATE TE TEL

All these words and names can be found in Webster's Second and/or Third Editions. I have chosen not to list **PH** as a valid word, as the dictionaries list it either as a symbol or an abbreviation.

How about searching for words which can be spelled out, clockwise and anticlockwise, using alternate letters? And every third letter? And fourth letter? And so on.