

## AERST TRANSPOSALS UPDATE

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My article 'Transposing Rates' in the November 1987 *Word Ways* has examples for 63 of the 120 possible transposals of the letters AERST. Further research expanded the collection to 85 in 'AERST Transposals' (*Word Ways*, Nov 2006), with many of the original entries improved as well.

Here is an attempt to include something for all 120 combinations. Some acronyms, abbreviations and derivatives (RTase, TSAer, etc.) are listed, as well as unverified personal names, mainly from Facebook. Names with initials (e.g. T.S.Rae) and purely foreign words are omitted. Owing to the nature of the source (Facebook in particular), some examples are suspect. The combinations most in need of confirmation or improvement are marked with an asterisk (\*).

AERST	early form of <i>erst</i> , first [OED]
AERTS	plural of <i>aert</i> , Shetland Is. form of <i>earth</i> [SND, eart] The Frisian and Dutch surname <b>Aerts</b> is listed over 500 times in US TDs [White Pages]
AESRT*	<b>Aesrt</b> Araidy and <b>Aesrt</b> Meles are on Facebk.
AESTR	female given name, possibly a variant of <i>Ester</i> , e.g. <b>Aestr</b> Bnam of Kuwait, also <b>Aestr</b> Senegal, <b>Aestr</b> Kahissaun, and others [Facebk]
AETRS	persons with the given name <i>Aetr</i> , such as Iraq residents <b>Aetr</b> Namawe and <b>Aetr</b> Aljannah [Facebk] Short for <b>average effective tax rates</b> 'What explains the recent decreases in <b>AETRs</b> ?' [ <a href="http://slideplayer.com">slideplayer.com</a> (Net)]
AETSR*	Sivakumar <b>Aetsr</b> of Coimbatore, India is on Facebk.
AREST	obsolete form of <i>arrest</i> and <i>erst</i> [OED]
ARETS	reckons, ascribes, imputes [Web2]
ARSET	backwards, a Scots term [SND]
ARSTE	Middle English form of <i>erst</i> , first [MED, erest, c1450 quote.]; surname listed 5 times in US TDs [White Pages]
ARTES	plural of <i>arte</i> , a 14-17th century spelling of <i>art</i> [OED]
ARTSE	Ashkenazic male given name [DAGN]
ASERT	brand name of the antidepressant sertraline [Net]
ASETR*	female given name of Ethiopians <b>Asetr</b> Bekele, <b>Asetr</b> Hayila, <b>Asetr</b> Kebede, and others [Facebk]
ASRET	male and female given name recorded 17 times in 6 different countries, mostly in Russia [Names]
ASRTE*	Ethiopian personal name, e.g. <b>Asrte</b> Wagre, Abayneh <b>Asrte</b> , Hana <b>Asrte</b> and Tamru <b>Asrte</b> [Facebk]
ASTER	in sponges, a star-shaped spicule [Web2]
ASTRE	a hearth or home [OED]
ATERS	plural of <i>ater</i> , an early form of <i>atter</i> , poison, gall [OED] Don <b>Aters</b> is an American rock (music) photographer [Net]

ATESR*	dubious first name of <b>Atesr</b> Beat and <b>Atesr</b> Nicholas [Facebk]
ATRES	genitive singular form of <i>ator</i> , an old word for ‘poison, venom’ [ <i>A Concise Anglo-Saxon Dictionary</i> , J.R.Clark Hall, 1960]
ATRSE*	male given name of Ethiopians <b>Atrse</b> Alemayehu, <b>Atrse</b> Ato, <b>Atrse</b> Keto, and others [Facebk]
ATSER	community in Benue state, east-central Nigeria [GeoNames]
ATSRE*	Ghanaians Emmanuel <b>Atsre</b> , Innocent <b>Atsre</b> , <b>Atsre</b> Wisdom, and others are on Facebk.
EARST	obsolete variant of <i>erst</i> , not long ago [OED]
EARTS	plural of <i>eart</i> , Shetland Is. form of <i>earth</i> [SND]
EASRT*	<b>Easrt</b> Sekh and Rafeek <b>Easrt</b> are on Facebk. Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology [ <i>World Who is Who and Does What in Environment and Conservation</i> , L.M.Curme, 1997, p560]
EASTR	possible variant of the surname <i>Easter</i> . Bridgett <b>Eastr</b> and Margaret <b>Eastr</b> of Atwick, Yorkshire both married in 1663 [IGI, British Isles] Lesli <b>Eastr</b> is a resident of Chandler, Arizona [White Pages]
EATRS	(pronounced ‘eaters’) short for Energetically Autonomous Tactical Robots ‘Just imagine an army of <b>EATRs</b> in the future.’ [ <a href="http://www.coolthings.com">www.coolthings.com</a> (Net)]
EATSR*	coined acronym for Extended Area Test System Radar or Eastern Area Trans-Siberian Railway An evocative error for <i>Easter</i> , as in ‘ <b>Eatsr</b> eggs’, <b>Eatsr</b> chocolate, etc. [Net]
ERAST	earliest, soonest [DOST]
ERATS	grazing area in the Syunik region, southern Armenia [GeoNames]
ERSAT	Turkish male given name, e.g. <b>Ersat</b> Hurmuzlu, an adviser to former Turkish president Abdullah Gul [Net]
ERSTA	settlement in the Uppsala region, east Sweden [GeoNames]
ERTAS	populated place in the Kastamonu province, north Turkey [GeoNames]
ERTSA	male or female given name or nickname, e.g. <b>Ertsa</b> Asek, <b>Ertsa</b> Duncham, <b>Ertsa</b> Ampeldenta [Facebk], Erik “ <b>Ertsa</b> ” Mandelin [Net], and <b>Ertsa</b> , a woman villager in <i>Gravity</i> , a fantasy story by ‘Hades Phoenix’. [ <a href="http://www.fanfiction.net">www.fanfiction.net</a> , 21 Feb 2008 (Net)]
ESART	surname recorded 6 times in the 1930 Federal U.S. Census, including Vincent and Margaret <b>Esart</b> and their children Vincent Jr. and Marguerita of Suffolk County, Massachusetts. Arlene <b>Esart</b> is a resident of Concord, Massachusetts [ <a href="http://ussearch.com">ussearch.com</a> (Net)] There are 53 historical entries for <b>Esart</b> in England [IGI]
ESATR*	dubious given name of <b>Esatr</b> Palo and Jorge <b>Esatr</b> Man Tyu [Facebk]
ESRAT	Bangladeshi female given name (sometimes rendered <i>Israt</i> or <i>Ishrat</i> ), such as lawmaker <b>Esrat</b> Sultana Elen Bhutto and AMAL founder and director <b>Esrat</b> Karim [Net] The name <b>Esrat</b> appears many times on Facebk and Tomer <b>Esrat</b> lives in New York [White Pages]
ESRTA*	dubious female given name of Malawi resident <b>Esrta</b> Yasin and <b>Esrta</b> Kuau of Turkey [Facebk]
ESTAR	populated place in Palawan province, west Philippines [GeoNames]
ESTRA	island in Ostergotland region, southeast Sweden [GeoNames]
ETARS	plural of <i>etar</i> , a 15th century form of <i>eater</i> [OED]

ETASR\* highly suspect surname of Asdasd **Etsar** [Facebk]  
Short for **Engineering, Technology and Applied Science Research**, an international journal [Net]

ETRAS persons with the surname *Etra*, such as the 125 listed in U.S. TDs [White Pages]

ETRSA\* dubious given name of **Etrsa** Hydera [Facebk]  
Navy acronym for **Electronics Technician (radar) Seaman Apprentice** [[abbreviations.com](http://abbreviations.com)] (Net)]

ETSAR an **e-tsar** is someone appointed to get more people using the Internet  
'Will the minister say more about the e-envoy or **e-tsar**?' [UK Parliament, House of Commons Hansard Debates for 29 Nov 1999 (Net)]  
Indonesian male given name, e.g. Dr **Etsar** Mukhtasar of Yogyakarta University and **Etsar** Ariansyah from Jakarta [Net]

ETSRA small town in northern Saudi Arabia [EB, 10th Ed.,1903]

RAEST early form of the noun *rest* [OED]

RAETS surname of William **Raets**, a 16th century Flemish mathematician [DUB]

RASET variant of *reset*, an old Scots form of *receipt* [DOST, reset, 1556 quote.]

RASTE early variant of the verb *rest* [MED, resten, v,1]

RATES chides, scolds [OED]

RATSE an Ashkenazic female given name [DAGN]

RAEST variant of *reest*, to become rancid [OED]

REATS plural of *reat*, an offence [DOST]

RESAT past tense of *resit*, to sit (an exam) again [OED]

RESTA community in the Orebro region, south-central Sweden [GeoNames]

RETAS surname listed 22 times in U.S. TDs [White Pages]; people with the surname *Reta*, such as over 1000 in U.S. TDs [White Pages]  
The **Retas** Awards recognise U.K.'s best card retailers [Net]

RETSA first name of over 100 people (mostly female) on Facebk.  
A surname, possibly Greek in origin ([name-list.net](http://name-list.net)), e.g. actress Maria **Retsa**, psychologist Chrysa **Retsa** and pharmaceutical director Peny **Retsa** [Net]

RSAET\* dubious first name of **Rsaet** Love and **Rsaet** Oop [Facebk]

RSATE\* Johanne Christiane **Rsate** Reimann was born in Goldberg, Prussia in 1805 [IGI], and **Rsate** Mone of Magora, Ukraine is on Facebk

RSEAT a racing simulator seat for electronic gaming, where realistic physics affects the car and driver [Net]  
'The **rseat** is a little narrow in the shoulders for my frame.' [[www.reddit.com](http://www.reddit.com), 7 Dec 2015 (Net)]

RSETA\* female given name of Thai **Rseta** Domdod and **Rseta** Uanis [Facebk]  
Milan **Rseta** of St Petersburg, Florida, U.S. is recorded on various websites [Net]

RSTAE\* dubious last name of Sery **Rstae** [Facebk]

RSTEA\* Lelti and Abeba **Rstea** went to school in Humera, northern Ethiopia [Facebk]

RTAES\* in physics, short for **Resonant Toroidal Alfvén Eigenmodes**, natural vibrations in magnetically confined plasmas [[www.allacronyms.com](http://www.allacronyms.com)]  
'The excitation of **RTAEs** is predicted even though the usual resonance condition is not satisfied.' [[www.researchgate.net](http://www.researchgate.net)] (Net)]

	Persons with the dubious first name <b>Rtae</b> , such as the 2 <b>Rtaes</b> on Facebk, <b>Rtae</b> Case and <b>Rtae</b> Rod.
RTASE	reverse transcriptase ( <b>RTase</b> ), a retrovirus enzyme that synthesises DNA from viral RNA [ <i>The Dictionary of Genomics, Transcriptomics and Proteomics</i> , G. Kahl, 2005] Compare <b>RNase</b> [OED]
RTEAS*	people named <b>Rtea</b> , such as <b>Rtea</b> Anha, <b>Rtea</b> Diaz, <b>Rtea</b> Rooi Malapile and others [Facebk] Short for <b>Rapid Trade and Environmental Assessments</b> [ <a href="http://www.allacronyms.com">www.allacronyms.com</a> ] (Net) 'Data availability was also more limited... compared to the <b>RTEAs</b> conducted in Asia and Latin America.' [National Report for Namibia, <a href="http://www.iisd.com">www.iisd.com</a> , 2009 (Net)]
RTESA*	given name of <b>Rtesa</b> Rohoman, <b>Rtesa</b> Nzu and <b>Rtesa</b> Yuti, and surname of Ana <b>Rtesa</b> and Demeiram <b>Rtesa</b> [Facebk]
RTSAE*	highly dubious name of Efwrtjdsaghyf <b>Rtsae</b> [Facebk]
RTSEA*	<b>RTSea</b> Productions (from <b>Richard Theiss</b> + <b>Sea</b> ) is an underwater filming company based in Irvine, California, U.S. [Net]
SA'ERT	a former subdivision of the province of Kurdistan in Turkey [EB, 9th Ed., 1876] Also <b>Saert</b> [Net quotes., 19th century sources]
SAETR	the name of a farm in Norway [NG, Vol19] <b>Saetr</b> is an old Norse word meaning 'mountain pasture' [see etym. <i>saeter</i> (OED)]
SARET	populated place in east Afghanistan [GeoNames]
SARTE	populated place in southwest Ethiopia [GeoNames]
SATER	variant of <i>saeter</i> , a meadow associated with a dwelling in the Shetland Islands [OED]
SATRE	a hilly spur in central southern Serbia [GeoNames] There are over 600 people with the surname <b>Satre</b> in U.S. TDs [White Pages]
SEART	Conrad and Elisabeth <b>Seart</b> of Blairsville, Indiana are recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census, and Walter and Alice <b>Seart</b> of St Clair, Illinois in the 1910 U.S. Census [ <a href="http://www.myrelatives.com">www.myrelatives.com</a> ] (Net)] The surname <b>Seart</b> is listed 10 times in U.K. and 8 times in N. America [IGI]
SEATR*	<b>seatr</b> is an online seating arrangement software, for use in restaurants, conferences, etc. [ <a href="http://eventrsuite.com">eventrsuite.com</a> ] (Net) <b>Seatr</b> Eh, <b>Seatr</b> Jaozu and Ejdorav <b>Seatr</b> are on Facebk.
SERAT	a mountainous region in Yemen [ <i>Times Index-Gazetteer</i> , 1965] The ordeal bridge across the gulf of hell over which all Muslims have to pass at the resurrection [ <i>Dictionary of Phrase and Fable</i> , E. Cobham Brewer, 1903]
SERTA	the modern Syriac cursive script [Web2]
SETAR	variant of <i>sitar</i> , a guitar-like Indian musical instrument [OED]
SETRA	a settlement in central Java, Indonesia [GeoNames]
SRAET*	given name of <b>Sraet</b> Huang, <b>Sraet</b> Luba, <b>Sraet</b> Satirmirgal, and others. Many names are obviously contrived from <i>tears</i> spelt backwards, e.g. Naip <b>Sraet</b> , <b>Sraet</b> Drolraw and <b>Sraet</b> ni Nevaeh [Facebk]
SRATE	surname of twins Caroline and Friedrich <b>Srate</b> , born 3 Oct 1868 in Ludenhausen, Germany; their father was Heinrich <b>Srate</b> [IGI]

SREAT	surname of a Hannibal, Missouri family of 5 recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census [ <a href="http://search.ancestry.com">search.ancestry.com</a> (Net)]
SRETA	a male and female given name recorded over 200 times in 8 different countries, mostly Serbia [Names]
SRTAE*	dubious name of <b>Srtae</b> Wera and Thai Aeaeza <b>Srtae</b> [Facebk] Someone called <b>Srtae</b> is an avid fanfic reader [ <a href="http://fanfiction.net">fanfiction.net</a> ]
SRTEA*	dubious surname of Vietnamese Pkuc <b>Srtea</b> and Catherine <b>Srtea</b> [Facebk] Short for <b>Swedish Road Transport Employers Association</b> [Net]
STAER	old Scots variant of <i>stair</i> [DOST]
STARE	a fixed gaze [OED]
STEAR	one of the weasel tribe [EDD]
STERA	town in southern Socotra, Yemen [GeoNames]
STRAE	Scots form of <i>straw</i> [OED]
STREA	dialectic form of <i>straw</i> [EDD]
TAERS	Shetland Islands and Cornish form of <i>tears</i> [EDD]
TAESR*	Arabic(?) male given name, e.g. <b>Taesr</b> Ali (Egypt), <b>Taesr</b> Balbaki (Syria) and <b>Taesr</b> Jader (Libya) [Facebk]
TARES	the cultivated vetch grown as fodder [OED]
TARSE	the tarsus, first part of the foot [OED]
TASER	a type of stun-gun [OED]
TASRE	surname recorded 22 times in India in 2014 [ <a href="http://forebears.io">forebears.io</a> (Net)], e.g. Rajendra <b>Tasre</b> , Suraj <b>Tasre</b> , and others [Facebk] A West African male given name, e.g. <b>Tasre</b> Belem, <b>Tasre</b> Lonfo, <b>Tasre</b> Ouedraogo (all Ivory Coast), and others [Facebk]
TEARS	drops of any liquid [OED]
TEASR*	dubious given name of <b>Teasr</b> Mia, <b>Teasr</b> Mughal and <b>Teasr</b> Oner [Facebk]
TERAS	a monster [Web2]
TERSA	populated place in southeast European Russia [GeoNames]
TESAR	surname meaning ‘carpenter’ in Czech and Slovak [ <i>New Dictionary of American Family Names</i> , E.C.Smith, 1973] <b>Tesar</b> is listed over 1200 times in U.S. TDs [White Pages]
TESRA	mainly female given name recorded 23 times in U.S. and Brazil [Names] Many people named <b>Tesra</b> are listed in U.S. TDs [White Pages] and on Facebk.
TRAES	variant of <i>thraes</i> , suffers from a serious illness [SND]
TRASE	obsolete form of <i>trace</i> [OED]
TREAS	16th century form of the noun <i>trace</i> [OED]
TRESA	stream in southeast Norway [GeoNames]
TRSAE*	given name of <b>Trsae</b> Lee, a female resident of Penang, Malaysia, who is on Facebk and other sites.
TRSEA*	dubious given name of <b>Trsea</b> Uiy (male) of Guarulhos, Brazil [Facebk], and <b>Trsea</b> Taylor (female) of Hampton, Georgia [White Pages]
TSAER	surname recorded 110 times in Russia in 2014 [ <a href="http://forebears.io">forebears.io</a> (Net)] An employee of the Transport Security Administration (TSA): ‘At least you have a fighting chance with the <b>TSAer</b> at 1st stage security.’ [ <a href="http://www.travelok.net">www.travelok.net</a> , 4 sep 2003 (Net)]

TSARE	surname listed 4 times in the TD of Kazan, Russia and once in the TD for Khabarovsk, Russia [ <a href="http://english.spravkaru.net">english.spravkaru.net</a> (Net)] There are 21 people in Russia with the surname <b>Tsare</b> recorded on MyHeritage [ <a href="http://lastnames.myheritage.com">lastnames.myheritage.com</a> (Net)]
TSEAR	surname of S.Y. <b>Tsear</b> of Toronto, Canada [White Pages], who has been listed in Toronto TDs since the early 1980s. Abe <b>Tsear</b> (b1887) immigrated from Russia to Massachusetts, U.S. in 1905 [ <a href="http://myheritage.com">myheritage.com</a> (Net)]
TSERA	town in northwest Burma (Myanmar) [GeoNames]
TSRAE*	acronym for <b>Torres Strait Regional Authority Election</b> [TSRAE.doc, 30/7/10 (Net)]
TSREA*	<b>Top Shelf Real Estate Advisors</b> , a consultancy firm based in Clarksburg, Maryland, U.S. [Net]

### References

DAGN	Dictionary of Ashkenazic Given Names, Alexander Beider, 2001
DOST	Dictionary of the Older Scottish Tongue, 1937-2002
DUB	Dictionary of Universal Biography, Albert Hyamson, 1951
EB	Encyclopaedia Britannica
EDD	English Dialect Dictionary, Joseph Wright, 1905
Facebk	Facebook, online social networking site [Net]
GeoNames	National Imagery and Mapping Agency placename database [ <a href="http://geonames.usgs.gov">geonames.usgs.gov</a> ]
IGI	International Genealogical Index [ <a href="http://familysearch.org">familysearch.org</a> ]
MED	Middle English Dictionary, 1959-2001
Names	Names Encyclopaedia [ <a href="http://namespedia.com">namespedia.com</a> (Net)]
Net	the Internet, using Google search program (2016)
NG	Norske Gaardnavne (A Register of Norwegian Farm Names), Oluf Rygh, 1936
OED	Oxford English Dictionary, 2nd Edition, 1989
SND	Scottish National Dictionary, 1931-76
TD	telephone directory
Web2	Webster's New International Dictionary, 2nd Edition, 1961
White Pages	<a href="http://whitepages.com">whitepages.com</a> , an Internet database of names listed in U.S. and Canadian telephone directories (2016)