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Trigrams and Tetragrams Again

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In the August 2018 Word Ways, it was good to see Jeff Grant revisiting his May 1999 article Alphabetic Trigrams and Tetragrams, and providing some additional examples of words and names using three and four consecutive letters of the alphabet. I’ve taken the opportunity to search for some further examples. Additionally, I’ve decided to treat the letters of the alphabet as a circle, and have included here the additional trigrams YZA and ZAB, and the tetragrams XYZA, YZAB and ZABC. My finds (and their sources) are presented below. My thanks to Jeff for the XYZA item.

CDE  ecederon  OED online
CDE  ecedemite  OED online
HIJ  nashiji  OED online
HIJ  Shiţō  OED online
TUV  statuvolence  OED online
TUV  statuvolent  OED online
TUV  statuvolic  OED online
TUV  statuvolism  OED online
TUV  statuvolize  OED online
XYZ  hydroxyzine  OED online
YZA  coryza  W3
ZAB  sizable  W3
IJKL  lijkli  OED online (Middle English form of 'likely')
IJKL  lijkly  OED online (Middle English form of 'likely')
LMNO  almnoress  OED online (at 'almoness')
LMNO  Filmnotes  OED online (at 'labouring')
MNOP  apotemnophilia  OED online
MNOP  cremnophobia  OED online
MNOP  gymnophthalmate  OED online
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<td>analyzable</td>
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SURPRISINGLY RELATED SYNONYMS
(More Strange Bedfellows)

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It’s no surprise these pairs are synonyms, they have a common origin or part origin. But they surely don’t look it. They are what linguists call doublets, words with a common ancient ancestor but arriving at the present form via different paths. Doublets usually arrive at different meanings, while mine double back to the same meaning. They are a special class of strange bedfellows (10-150), pairs of words with deceptively related etymologically. Pairs often share only a piece of their spelling from a common ancestor, with other parts being unrelated. While most of the below are reversible synonyms, some are one-way definitions or descriptions only.

SRS are nice complements to my coincidental self-synonyms (04-45, 129), words with two same or close meanings from different roots. For example, net means gain/obtain in two senses: catch fish (Germanic, prob. <L. nodus); and make as a clear profit (<neat [clear], OE <Fris/Ir).

Pairs up first are so different that they have no common letters in crash positions of relevance or in embedded core phonemes. Crash means the same letter (or phoneme) or sound in the same position in both words. Here comparable position applies. The rest, up second, have crashes but are still surprising and don’t really look related.

This study is based mostly on the 1966 edition of Eric Partridge’s Origins etymology dictionary. Most pairs are distantly related and won’t be found together in regular dictionaries’ brief etymologies. I include tenuous relationships, Partridge’s “probable,” “perhaps,” etc, treating them as if definite, denying any pretense of rigorous scholarship, aiming only to amuse or bemuse.

1. Etymologically Related Synonyms with NO CRASHES

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<td>brew</td>
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<td>elite</td>
<td>privileged</td>
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<td>eyed</td>
<td>oculate</td>
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<td>food</td>
<td>1 repast; 2 pasture fodder</td>
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<td>indigenous</td>
<td>native</td>
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<td>hemp</td>
<td>cannabis</td>
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lachrymose: tearful
lanyard: noose

syzygy: joint
vigil: watch-wait
zero: cipher dated synonyms

level: equilibrate
occult: clandestine: concealed
odious: noisome
pretext: ‘tissue’

since: thus because: causing
sun: Helios
vertical: upward
water: aqua: H₂O via hydrogen
Zeus: Jupiter (Jove)

2. Synonyms WITH CRASHES, but still surprising; 2a. single pairs
ail: ache
benign: gentle
buoy: beacon (figurative)
condone: pardon
denial: negativity
gradual: progressive
handle: manage
homology: sameness
incident: occasion
integrity: intactness
mangle: maim
ornery: insubordinate
pen: feather quill
protract: drag

attenuate: thin
brotherhood: fraternity
capture: catch
contend: maintain
genre: kind
grotto: crypt
higgledy-piggledy: haywire
implemented: accomplished
instead: as substitute
juvenile: youth
mellow: mild
painting: picture
prison: penitentiary
push: propel
right: correct
shovel: scoop
sustained: continued
taciturn: reticent
tame: domesticated
tenor: toner (anagram)
inguent: ointment
verbose: wordy
vice: wickedness
wardrobe: garments
widowed: vidual

scratch: grate
shorten: curtail

violin: fiddle
wick: village
zest: gusto

2b. Multiples, longs, special cases
ascertain: critically discern discrete criteria
borough: burrow group residences (homophones)
bottom: 1 foundation; 2 bum
break: 1 fracture; 2 burst
communication interceptions: captured
precepts espionage, bugs, hacks, mail theft, etc.

cooking: kitchen concoction
cybernetics: government control systems
duty: debt shared double meanings—tax + responsibilities
flood: Fluctuating flow inflates, surfs. (Influences effluent influenza influx!)
Few surprises but a flowing self-definition. Flu added for chills & thrills and social relevance.
foul: filthy: purulent: putrid
garden: 1 orchard; 2 yard (Oz usage)
laughter: layer’s litter A laughter, no joke, is a clutch (‘litter’) of eggs; the layer is the hen.
nexus: connection node
plane: flat place (a plain?)
stable: stationary; still; stolid; staid; steady; persisting; staying; stalled:
standing: consistent retained/maintained: continuous/continued
strange bedfellows record, 15 ~synonyms
tranquil: quiet: coy (dated)
vote: devout: devotee monk etc.
vade (go): mosey: vamoose: invade: wade: waddle forms of moving, bipedal or optional
yodel: jubilant yowl
wind: fanned air
REVERSE TRIGRAMS AND TETRAGRAMS

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Over the last five decades, Word Ways has carried many articles and Colloquy items about trigrams and tetragrams – some with all vowels, and some with all consonants. Three particularly relevant ones to this article are these:

- Undominated Alphabetic Sequences, Ross Eckler, volume 15/2 (May 1982)
- Alphabetic Trigrams and Tetragrams, Jeff Grant, volume 32/2 (May 1999)
- Alphabetic Trigrams and Tetragrams Update, Jeff Grant, volume 51/3 (August 2018)

We decided to search for words and names containing reverse trigrams and tetragrams. Instead of searching for words with, for example, the trigram ABC, we searched for words with CBA. And likewise for tetragrams – for example, searching for PONM instead of MNOP. And so on through the alphabet. And for completeness, we chose to treat the alphabet as a circular arrangement of letters, thus YZA, ZBA, XYZA, YZAB and ZBAC. Our findings are in the table below.

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<td>Obscured, dim, unclear, vague</td>
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<td>bazooka</td>
<td>A light portable shoulder weapon for firing rockets</td>
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<td>BAZ</td>
<td>bombazine</td>
<td>A silk fabric</td>
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<td>CBA</td>
<td>bacbakiri</td>
<td>A shrike of southern Africa</td>
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<td>CBA</td>
<td>ecbatic</td>
<td>Denoting a consequence</td>
<td>W2</td>
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<td>CBA</td>
<td>lucban</td>
<td>The shaddock, a citrus fruit related to the grapefruit</td>
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<td>DCB</td>
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<td>Nothing!</td>
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<td>EDC</td>
<td>bedchamber</td>
<td>A bedroom</td>
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<td>redcap</td>
<td>A person wearing a red cap; in Britain, a military policeman</td>
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<td>redcoat</td>
<td>A member of the British armed forces in America during the Revolutionary War</td>
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<td>seedcake</td>
<td>A cake or cookie containing aromatic seeds</td>
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<td>FED</td>
<td>confederacy</td>
<td>A league, compact or alliance</td>
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<td>fed</td>
<td>Past tense of the verb 'feed'</td>
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<td>wifedom</td>
<td>The state or condition of being a wife</td>
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<td>bigfeet</td>
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<td>slugfest</td>
<td>A struggle or boxing match.</td>
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<td>songfest</td>
<td>An informal session of group singing.</td>
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<td>Guschgfiel</td>
<td>A mountain, Liechtenstein.</td>
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<td>Maihgawan Tank</td>
<td>A place, Uttar Pradesh, India.</td>
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<td>Maihgaura</td>
<td>A populated place, Uttar Pradesh, India.</td>
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<td>jihad</td>
<td>A bitter strife or crusade undertaken in the spirit of a holy war.</td>
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<td>kjimsie</td>
<td>In the Shetland Islands, Scotland, a dialect word for fellow.</td>
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<td>Kurkjian</td>
<td>Surname of Tim Kurkjian, a baseball analyst on ESPN.</td>
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<td>milkjug</td>
<td>A breast or manboob; other dictionaries spell this as a hyphenated word or two words.</td>
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<td>stolkjaerre</td>
<td>A 2-wheeled cart used in Norway.</td>
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<td>Domlkachara</td>
<td>A populated place, Chittagong region, India.</td>
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<td>Houyhnhnmland</td>
<td>The land of the Houyhnhnms, the fictional race of intelligent horses described in Jonathan Swift's satirical <em>Gulliver's Travels</em>. In the OED, the word appears in a 1726 quote at 'houyhnhnm'.</td>
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<td>A dealer in iron and hardware.</td>
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<td>conman</td>
<td>Definition needed.</td>
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<td>cottonmouth</td>
<td>A venomous pit viper of the southern USA that is closely related to the copperhead.</td>
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<td>environment</td>
<td>Surroundings.</td>
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<td>nonmember</td>
<td>An individual who is not a member.</td>
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<td>pond</td>
<td>A small body of water.</td>
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<td>QPO</td>
<td>Qpod</td>
<td>A make of car.</td>
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<td>QPO</td>
<td>Tariqpoya</td>
<td>Populated place, Tajikistan.</td>
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<td>RQP</td>
<td>Sharqpur</td>
<td>Populated place in Pakistan.</td>
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<td>A spelling of Qasr-e-Qand, a place in Iran located at 26°14'N, 60°47'E</td>
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<td>staatsraad</td>
<td>In South Africa, a council of state</td>
<td>W2</td>
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<td>UTS</td>
<td>juts</td>
<td>Sticks out</td>
<td>W3</td>
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<td>VUT</td>
<td>kevutzah</td>
<td>A Jewish communistic settlement</td>
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<td>VUT</td>
<td>kevutzoth</td>
<td>Plural of 'kevutzah'</td>
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<td>VUT</td>
<td>Nunavut</td>
<td>The newest territory of north-west Canada, formed in 1999</td>
<td>Collins</td>
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<td>VUT</td>
<td>vutty</td>
<td>South-west English dialect word, meaning dirty. Willowvue White Suffolk Stud is a farming and agricultural supplier in New South Wales, Australia</td>
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<td>WVU</td>
<td>Willowvue</td>
<td>The name of various streets and roads in locations including Hendersonville TN, Pittsburgh PA, Baldwin PA and Athelstone South Australia</td>
<td>fatcow</td>
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<td>Meadowvue</td>
<td>Nothing!</td>
<td>Google</td>
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<td>Old spelling of Stixwold, a place in Lincolnshire, England. In the OED, the Styxwold spelling refers to a convent, and appears in a 1536 quote at 'beads-woman', itself listed at 'bead'</td>
<td>OED online</td>
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<td>YXW</td>
<td>Styxwold</td>
<td>A type of dragonfly</td>
<td>F&amp;W</td>
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<td>Parazyxomma</td>
<td>A populated place in Kazakhstan Pertaining to or designating the univalent group C(NH)NH₃ - characteristic of a series of organic ammono acids, ordinarily called amideines</td>
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<td>Bazy</td>
<td>A large glacier in Tajikistan; also a surname</td>
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<td>carbazylic</td>
<td>A populated place in Ukraine</td>
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<td>Karačbazi</td>
<td>A populated place in Afghanistan</td>
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<td>Llandegfedd</td>
<td>A large water supply reservoir 8 miles north of Newport in south Wales</td>
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JIHG  Sitou  The following sentence appears in a recent book: “But Saleh, whose policy portfolio under Meeks includes homeland security, is a fan of the pan-Islamist, pro-jihadist imam Zaid Shakir, according to Saleh’s post on Twitter.com, where he tweets under the name ‘blackjihad’.”

KJHI  blackjihad  Edward Balkjin Kim is a named individual who has resided in various towns and cities in Texas.

LKJI  Balkjin  Time for an out-and-out coinage - nonmleccha (a nonforeigner, in ancient India). There are many Google hits for the hyphenated forms non-mleccha and non-mlechchha. There are no hits for the word in solid form. However, there seems no reason why these words couldn’t be spelt nonmleccha or nonmlechchha. W2 has hundreds of unhyphenated entries beginning non, from nonabandonment to nonzoojcdal; W3 likewise has many unhyphenated entries, from nonability to nonzero.

ONML  nonmleccha  Coinage

PONM  Kponmon  A populated place in Liberia

PONM  tamponment  Use of tampons

QPON  Qponics  An agricultural company operating in the food and beverage sector based in Brisbane, Australia

UTSR  Ablautsreihe  German word appearing at 'series'

UTSR  Algutsrum  A populated place in Sweden

UTSR  Eisenhutsrot  A populated place in Germany

UTSR  Vaalputsrivier  A stream in South Africa

VUTS  Chivutsigo  A hill in Zimbabwe

VUTS  Rodavutsiems  A locality in Latvia

VUTS  Vutshini  A stream in South Africa

VUTS  Vutsov  Bulgarian surname of various individuals

ZYXW  Zyxware  Zyxware Technologies is a global IT solutions provider based in India
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My thanks to Jeff Grant for several of the examples. Can readers fill any of the gaps, or improve on the examples given here?
A PERFECT MAGIC SQUARE

By Jeremiah Farrell

For any positive integer n let \( s(n) \) be the sum of the divisors of n. Then n is said to be perfect in case \( s(n) - n = n \). For example 6=1+2+3 and 28=1+2+4+7+14 are the first two perfects. When that sum is less than n the number is deficient like \( n=4 \) or any prime and when the sum is greater like \( n=12 \) or 18 the number is called abundant. It is known that any multiple of an abundant is abundant so there are infinitely many deficient or abundant numbers. However, it is not known whether the number of perfect numbers is infinite.

Our magic square is composed of 16 different dominoes from a double nine set. Each domino consists of one of the numbers 0,1,2,3 (note the perfect sum 6) and one of the numbers 4,5,6 or 7. The magic constant when the pips are added is the perfect 28.

Not only every row and column sum to 28 but also all eight diagonals (including the 2-2 and 3-1) sum to 28. In addition the four corners of every square of size 2x2, 3x3 and 4x4 sum to the constant. Note also that the four corners of every 2x4 rectangle have constant sum 28. This square is a variation of magic squares called “Most Perfect” by England’s Kathleen Ollerenshaw (1912-2014).
More Magic with the Perfect Square

The five colored strips are to be folded so that every domino occurs on the front side or the back side. A subject is asked to turn any strips of their choice over and then secretly chose any one of the 16 dominoes. The subject divides the slips into two parts one that has the choice and one that does not. The magician is not told which is which. But the magician quickly correctly names the subject’s selection.

Method: The square can be thought of as a torus or donut shape with the top and bottom red edges joined and then the left and right blue edges also. Now no matter how the strips are turned there is exactly one “key” domino that either appears on all or appears on none of them. For example the 3-6 occurs on the right of each strip as shown and would therefore be the key. Note which strips are turned by the subject and trace these from 3-6 to obtain the new key. The white strip always refers to a unique diagonal hop. Suppose for example the subject turns red, yellow and white. The new key becomes 1-4 by going from 3-6 to 0-4 to 2-7 to 1-4. Any order of the strips leads to the new key. Note also that 1-4 is arrived from 3-6 via blue and green 3-6 to 2-5 to 1-4.

As a further magic effect use the nine domino squares to construct the unique ancient Lo Shu magic square below.
Before this square is constructed we encode the new key from the subject's choice of strip layouts – here 1-4. We use the 2 and 3 alone with the 6 and 7 to encode as:

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This 3x3 square can now be shown by phone to an accomplice who can name 1-4 as the final ending.

The final ending uses the colored circle as the guide. The subject can start at any domino and note the color strips it is on to trace the edges on the circle. (white traces the black lines.) This will always end on the key, here 1-4.
A FURTHER EXTENSION

The above effects can also be done with playing cards. Setting 0,1,2 and 3 as A,K,Q and J respectively along with 4,5,6 and 7 as hearts, spades, diamonds and clubs make the 4x4 square magic as well as the five colored strips and magic circle. Every former trick carries over unchanged.

And even the mindreading effect on the 3x3 square can be done. The square can be constructed with Ace through nine of a suit. Note that spades, hearts or clubs, but not diamonds, have certain cards that can be “up” or “down” and this can encode the subject’s earlier choice or what can be discovered on the wheel. In fact there can be as many as six different cards used in the coding which could choose one of 64 different items. That is, one of the 64 squares of a chessboard.
PUNS (Haas Chances Emulation)

or

JAMES JOYCE BETWEEN NOVELS

Robert Haas

And now what next? A pun? But upun what? (Dedaloss what to do.) Pun or punci,
punsively in hand, pundering deeply. Such an opun ended problem. Pun to king four? (Then
pun to queen four a Vico comeback.) Be Punctifex Maxiumus crossing the Liffeycon, all so silly
over the puns asinorum?

My previous work paunned by the fool punoply of irrespunsible, puntuifying, punpous
pundits. Now seized by punctilious punks, contrabanned, impunded. Punography and low
pundering, in their opinion. Crime and Punishment. Impunding expunsive disaster, grosse
Panne, my Swiss publisher losing his Scherz.

But be not despundent! Wage Punnic war on convention: spuntaneous, independent,
filled with spunk! Punnel punderneath them, punder and lightning above, puns spun out
pungent, punending, and without compunction--a black punther aprowl! Life as a pun-runner: a
Punte Carlo gamble (Hony soit qui mal y punse!); an adventure (epi oinopa punton), living by
my Witz. Sound the biting trumpet (Signum tuba datum est: Tubae, or gnawed tubae?)! Cut
them down! (Come pare thee to a Somme été?) Fight them, paunic them, never repunt, never
expunge. “Punned!” shouts the coach. A Pung Fu attack! Run them through like a puncushion!
Spundle and mutilate! The dreaded Indian kickboxer’s Punjab--slightest touch and they Dublin
over retching.

Yet in end perhaps can go beypun this: wry-punning, deep-punning, reaching for
impunderables. From pungently to pun-gently (Dublin tendre). Punnipes under rustling aspuns,
wearing Punday best and a new Punama hat (puñana, Señor!), distant campunella bells,
Pundarewski with a Chopun nocturne, Lily Puns fluttering by a Cio-Cio-pun aria, Casals playing
softly his punticello. Homespun calm-punny: puncakes and buttered puns at punrise,
pungranates, punanas, and punkin pie. Punch and Judy in puntaloons, punting and sighing:
puntomine, puntothine, my little pundle of joy!

But it’s hard: not certain how or if--just work and keep hopun it’ll happun. Must come
back again and finnish another time.
Awk awk. Yo ho, ho, mateys, and a baba au awk awk rum! I bet you thought parrots were some kind of awk awk pirate accessory, like wooden legs, eye patches, or those stupid awk awk hats and flags with the old skull-and- awk awk -crossbones.

Well, think again, me awk awk buckos! If you believe that sort of awk awk guano, you’re a bird- awk awk -brain, yourself. And you might as well go walk the awk awk plank right now, since you belong in D. Jones’ awk awk locker.

And you probably awk also believe that the awk awk bilge rat Long John awk awk Silver, was a real pirate. The awk awk fact is, Sheldon awk awk Silver is more of a pirate than Long John awk awk ever was. Ha, ha awk awk! But maybe some awk awk real pirate wore awk awk long johns, rolled up beneath his panta- awk awk -loons.

Yes, the awk awk truth --the awkward awk awk truth-- is that it’s all the fault of that awk awk dirty liar ( may his awk awk pantaloons catch fire), okay, awk awk, myth-maker, Robert Doofus awk awk Stevenson.

You’ve all heard of awk awk him, right? Well, okay, the man did sport a big pirati- awk awk -cal mustache. And he did awk awk travel exten- awk awk –sively, but solely for awk awk reasons of awk awk health, eventually so- awk awk --journing in exotic awk awk climes.

Born in awk awk Scotland, RL awk awk S moved around a lot, including to awk awk France, Saranac awk awk Lake, New York, and awk awk Colorado. And then he sailed, awk awk on an awk awk cruise to the South awk awk Pacific, where he met King Kalaka- awk awk -kua of Hawaii.

Then, on to New awk awk Zealand (but not to awk awk Auckland), and so awk awk on, until he reached awk awk Samoa, where he awk awk settled and finally awk awk died.

Samoa, where no real awk awk pirate of awk awk record is known awk awk to have ever set awk awk foot, let alone awk awk lived. It was awk awk here that R. L. awk awk S. settled his entour- awk awk -age, meddled in awk awk politics, and died awk awk in his middle- awk awk -forties.

Now would you awk awk call that the life of an awk awk pirate? Sort of, I guess. Peripa- awk awk -tetic, at least.

Let us now awk awk turn to awk awk actual histor- awk awk -ical pirates, who, to the last awk awk man or woman, awk awk never owned a single awk awk parrot. Shall I say their awk awk names?
I start with the awk also rans (or saileds), like Madame awk Cheng and Calico Jack (aka awk John Rackam). We note awk, as well, the awk better-knowns: Red Beard (aka awk Barbarossa); Sir Francis awk Drake (whom Queen Elizabeth the awk First called “my awk pirate”); and the notablyillow brutal Sir Henry awk Morgan (who became awk Governor of awk Jamaica, and went on to awk awk pass anti- awk -pirate laws); and Captain awk (William) Kidd (who killed one of his awk mateys with a wooden awk bucket); and finally, Black-beard, himself (aka awk Edward Teach), who died circa 17-awk -17.

That was awk just before the awk end of the so-called awk Golden Age of Piracy, thereby awk becoming awk grist to R. L. awk Stevenson’s awk mill, not to awk mention that of awk Jack Sparrow (aka awk Johnny Depp), in awk awk “Pirates of the awk Caribbean.”

Enough of that bilge- awk -water! Now where does all this eso- awk –teric infor- awk -mation leave us actual awk parrots? With an awk awk bum rap, as if we were awk awk lovable awk sidekicks, like those awk awk fat guys in awk awk oaters. But enough myth-awk -ologizing. What are awk parrots really awk like?

Well, I can only awk speak --that is, awk speak-- for myself. I’m an Antipodes awk Green Parrot, by name Andrew awk Walter Kaka (awk, really: “kaka” is awk Maori for awk “parrot”). So please don’t awk call me “Poll,” especially not “Poll Pirate.”

My call sounds like “kok” awk “kok kok.” Guess what I awk eat? Awk leaves, and if I happen to awk chance upon some frag- awk -ments of awk penguin or other suit-awk awk-able avian awk carrion, why, just like awk that, I can turn canni- awk -bal. Hey, why awk not?

Where do I origi- awk -nate? New awk awk Zealand, but not in Auck awk awk land. Guess my height? Awk awk about a foot tall (or is it awk “long”)? Weight? I’ve never set awk claw or awk feather on any awk scale.

Now awk I’m sure you’ve all been awk wondering about awk parrot speech. First, then, that “awk” I’ve been tormenting awk you with? It’s a sort of verbal awk tic with us. Not to get too tech- awk -ical, but it’s a function of our awk speech-producing mecha- awk -nism. Since I’m sure, by now, that you’re sick and awk tired of all this awk awk-awking, I’ll bid it awk awk a fond farewell...
That’s better, isn’t it? Okay, so here’s the skinny on parrot talk, about which you may think you already know a bit. Somewhat like humans who learn no language as their first language, we communicate with you imperfectly, mixing bad parrot with bad human.

Take that iconic utterance, “Polly want a cracker.” Besides the absent morpheme, “s,” on the end of the verb, we may produce this utterance when we do not even mean it, such as right after you’ve given us said cracker, or when we know you can’t give us one, because you’ve just said, “Sorry, Polly, we’re all out of crackers.”

Next point: As you may know, parrots are very emotional. “Egad! I’m dying!” we may declare, seemingly out-of-the-blue. Also, not to be obvious, but we learn the language we hear. As I write this, parrots around the world are speaking, sort of, Eskimo, Finnish, Chinese, Xhosa, und so weiter. (My partner – I’ll get to him soon – is a polyglot, whose languages include German. I suppose you could call me a Polly-glot.)

Although within narrower limits, we learn language a lot like you do: babbling, imitation, re-enforcement, repetition, the whole nine yardarms. So here’s the poop: my species can say anything from “Hello” and “Curse you!” to “It’s a rare pleasure to cast eyes upon you once again, my dear friend,” and “Why don’t you stop pulling my beak, you ignorant, ugly, foul-breathed, fool!” (If my language seems temperate for my stereotypically profane species, I came up in a very proper “Kiwi” family.)

Let’s cut to the chase: did you know that parrots play tricks on their so-called masters? Take the clever fellow who pretended to answer the phone. Whenever the sucker rang, the feathered prankster would call out, “I got it,” each time using the voice of a different family member. Pretty funny, eh?

Time for a big “Gotcha” of my own! I was just having you on with all that pirate stuff. Yes, Virginia, sometimes, pirates do, indeed, keep parrots—or vice versa. In fact, I, myself, Andrew Walter Kaka, am part of a limited (very) partnership with an industrious Somali pirate-entrepreneur by the name of Abu-Wasa (not the crackers, which this Polly don’t want.) Our gross revenues for 2015 were U.S. $26.3 million, and since we run a very lean operation, our net was $18.9. How was that possible?

Personnel. Without giving away too much, let’s just say my job is to make our tiny crew sound large and formidable. When we board a target vessel, I fly unseen, from crow’s nest to brig, from prow to aft, uttering threats and instructions, e.g. “You are surrounded... surrender now, or die... slowly lower your weapons... lock your hands behind your neck... put your hands where I can see them... drop to the deck, suckers!” And, to mask my parrot voice, I use a personal megaphone, tied around my chest. But the hysteria comes through loud and clear –and scary.

Why, then, at the beginning of this business, did I dish out all that mierde about parrot-less pirates? Let’s just awk awk say I was having a little awk awk fun at your awk awk expense, my anthropo- awk awk --morphic mateys? Well, then, good- awk awk -bye for now!
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GAFFES WITH LAUGHS
The Return of Media Bloopers and Waggish Ripostes

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In light of the declining fortunes of newspapers, it might be surprising to learn that the “Dear Abby” syndicated advice column still exists, now written by the daughter of the original Abby. I found this Q&A in the July 11, 2018, Las Vegas Review-Journal, while I was in that city for a conference.

Reader: “Keeping a [paper] journal has been shown to be of significant psychological benefit, but I do not want my private thoughts and concerns read by others after my death . . . .”

Advice: “Unless you have an executor you can trust to dispose of your journals when you are gone, my recommendation would be to keep your journals online, in the cloud, and able to be accessed only by you.”

My take: Also, your password should always be PASSWORD! On UExpress, a news aggregation site, this exchange generated 316 comments, many of which pointed out the cluelessness of the response. Calling Becky the Techie!

Here’s another roundup of amusing typos and oddities that I—and two contributors credited at end—spotted in the media, with puckish retorts appended. I haven’t done one of these compilations for Word Ways since the February 2015 issue. Why? It’s not that published mistakes have become less frequent, but rather that they’re not always funny. As a careless gardener might say, this collection of howlers makes up for tossed lime!

The Wall Street Journal, February 8, 2016, quoting a real-estate executive:

“Everyone is looking to create terraces and rooftop decks to attract tenants . . . because it’s a true differentiator.”

So much for that.

Associated Press, January 14, 2015:

“A middle school principal wants to stockpile cans of corn and peas in classrooms for students to hurl at possible intruders as a last defense.”

What happened to world peas?

Corrections, The New York Times, November 3, 2016:

“An entry to the ‘This and That’ feature on page 40 this weekend about the increasing popularity of regional Japanese fare in America misstates one way in which an udon-noodle dish is served at TsuruTonTan. The noodles are served over a bed of ice, not a bed of rice.”

Cold comfort.
The Wall Street Journal, July 2, 2018:

“Smithfield Foods Inc. lost a pivotal legal battle on Friday. . . . The lawsuit is the second in a series of complaints brought by 500 rural North Carolinians who live near Smithfield contractors storing manure in open pools. Representatives of Smithfield and the plaintiffs declined to comment, citing a gag order.”

It arrived not a moment too soon.

West Side Spirit, a Manhattan community weekly, April 18, 2017:

“A who kept his tools and other valuables inside a metal container in the basement of 242 West 104th St. told police that numerous tools . . . went missing sometime between February 27 and March 27.”

Only Dr. Seuss can solve this one.

Corrections, The New York Times, September 1, 2015:

“The obituary [of filmmaker Wes Craven] also misstated part of the name of the university from which Mr. Craven received a master’s degree in philosophy. It is Johns Hopkins, not John Hopkins.”

Nevertheless, a singular institution of learning.

New York Public Library program brochure, 2015:

“Dianne McIntyre is a groundbreaking artistic pioneer, with an impressive 40 decades of choreography for the dance and theatre stage, television, and film.”

Impressive—and exhausting.

The Wall Street Journal, June 17, 2015, quoting a consultant:

“There is a certain logic to the idea, but it seems there’s a lot that could wrong. . . .”

Evidently!

Finally, for us recreational linguists, misplaced modifiers are a risible staple. The author of a recent book that discusses former president Obama was quoted in The New York Times September 22, 2018): “As the first African-American president and first lady, I am very wary of arguments that they should not do something everybody else was allowed to do.”

A similar sort of flub appeared in USA Today April 1, 2014): “The balky back that’s forcing [Tiger Woods] to miss next week’s Masters is surely the death knell in his quest for Jack Nicklaus’ record of 18 major championships. He’s 38 going on 50, his body more broken down than a jalopy with a rebuilt knee, a patched together Achilles and now a back that bears the signature of a surgeon.”

The anthropomorphic jalopy aside, the writer’s prediction may be mistaken; Woods made a surprising championship comeback a few weeks ago, so he’s catching up with Nicklaus.

Credits: Thanks to Iris Bell, NYC, for the choreographer item, and Ray Love, Tucson, Ariz., for Woods.
PALINDROME SELECTIONS
Colin Kostelecky
Iowa City, Iowa

Morning Swim

Too fast,
like a glass orca.

   Pale nose,
   Kate takes
     one lap
     across.

Algae kilts a foot.
Food Chain

flower

a hare

wolf
Old Friend

burr
  burrr
  burrrrr
  burrrrrrr

Senile,
  frail,

  I’m a fat cat
  w/
  ruff fur,
  w/
    tact.

—a familiar feline’s

rrrrrrrub

rrrrub

rrub
Erin: “At last!

*Italia.*

Wide roses.
Ol’ cosy Rome.

Mariah’s hair
— a memory so close,
so red.

I wail at it.

Salt
an’ ire.”
Mariah’s Hair
(Series: H.W. Bergerson’s word pairs)

MAO: “Far, it’s a pool
      —mossily revered.

      Now a mirror.

      Or rim.

      A wonder.

      Every lissom loop astir,
          afoam.”
Dusk Spider

Ten loops.

A dusk (Lisa)
spider spins,
  snips,
re-dips a silk sud
— a spool.

Net.
Drunk Priest
(Series: H.W. Bergerson’s word pairs)

Late.

Moths a stir of opal.

“Rub no rosary
—no mere cross or ceremony…”

Rasor on burlap.

“O! For it’s ash to…”

Metal.
Starting Chemo

Diagnosed on a Sat.

Rare.

I’d lose kilos.

Nurses run so,
like soldier art

— as an ode,
song,

Aid.
Wedding Reception

Droll.

Late.

Most pews aside,

we both saw a sign in Romania:

Rain.

— a morning is awash.

To be wed

is as wept some tall LORD.
Funeral

EVA: “Strewn okra petals now

—or roses,
Romania roses,
operose roses—

parade ‘cross a Mass or cedar apse.

(Sore.)

So, repose so.

Rain, a Morse sorrow

on Slate Park,

on Wert’s Ave.”
Dream

Sad.

I’m sad.

I’m Midas.

Midas.
Parable I Heard Walking by a Seaside Funeral
For Kathryn

[1.] 

“Lonely, two nets at sea
unite;
—one two-netted net,
tall,
in ever even sway.

Stiff in even a crab’s leg,
on a sinistral lull, a cold rolls in
over a starved ang[1]er.

His, these fast ropes
wrap
no Siren woe,
whales, nor eel.

Net-silt lips, puckered seine,
as do
two buoyed
lovers
birl;
lay as do

Adonis
an’ Venus;
—an’ rub,
rock,
ram,
tip so.

Timid azure.

Many a sure man drowned.
[ II. ]

“Lo! Gasp at…”

Nine lovers (ah)
pat one cenotaph
as Rev. O’ Lenin
taps a golden Word.

“…Nam Erus—ay!
Nam Eruz adimit."¹⁰

Spit, (O.)
mark,
(cor !)¹¹
burn a sun, ev’n
—as I nod—
an’ as the Son o’ God say:

‘All ribs, (Rev. O’ L.)
I bade You bow!’

The gods are no genies, Derek.”

Cup spilt.

“Listen.
Lee, Ron, (selah)¹²
whose owner is on par?
Whose port, safe? (seht’s! ihre Gnade)¹³

V rats are V;
one man is L,¹⁴ Lord.”

Local lull. Art.
“Sin is an ol’ (in situ)
angel’s barc. An’ even if fits are virgin, it never yaws.

Never.”

[ III. ]

Even I’ll attend. (...et te...)

Now ten. (...O, et in usu aestas te!) 

Now Tylenol.
North Dakota

Tundra has rifts, or frets, of steel snow.

O

‘N’ sleets foster frost firs,
    —a hard nut.
ENDNOTES

1 The first occurrence of a “whisper.” The entire series of letters is a palindrome—however, the word “Lisa” (“a silk sud” backwards) interrupts the logical flow of words (“a dusk Lisa spider”). For the sake of clarity, the word is pushed toward the right margin so that the reader may instead see the more logical “a dusk spider.”

2 The entire poem (parts I – III) is a letter palindrome. However, there is one mistake. The bracketed letter “i” in “ang[i]ler” is not part of the palindrome—but is a necessary addition for the meaning of the narrative (the word “ang[i]ler” makes much more sense than “anger” in this context). Likewise, the Roman numerals “[I]” “[II]” and “[III],” placed in brackets, are not part of the palindrome—they only occur to break up the work into sections.

3 At the beginning of the poem, our narrator sees a small group of men (“nine lovers”) gathered near the beach and stops to listen. There are three voices: Reverend O’Lenin, in quotation marks, delivers the parable and sermon. The narrator’s conscious remarks are interjected between O’Lenin’s. And the narrator’s unconscious thoughts are pushed to the right margin (the “whispers” in parentheses).

4 “in fact, dark winds [are] nothing to the sailors; amen” (Lat.)

5 purse seine

6 “go” (Ger.)

7 “go away” (Lat.)

8 “look at it!” (Ger.)

9 Venus—having been grazed by one of her son’s (Cupid’s) arrows while giving him a kiss—falls deeply in love with Adonis. In Ovid’s *Metamorphoses*, they spend a tender moment beneath a poplar tree—she lying in his lap, warning him to look after himself, and not be too reckless when hunting. Later, he is impaled by a boar, and dies in her arms.

10 “For the Lord—ay! For the Lort takes away.” (Lat.) Technically, “Erus” refers to the lord of the house, master, or owner.

11 “O, [my] heart!” (Lat.)

12 Hebrew word with unknown meaning. It’s repeated in the psalms, and may mean something like “pause” or “rest” or be a musical direction.

13 “See it! her mercy” (Ger.)

14 Roman numerals, i.e.: “Five rats are five; one man is fifty, Lord.”

15 “bark” or “barca” (ship)

16 Latin fragment (zeugmatic) perhaps responding to Reverend O’Lenin’s Latin, i.e.: “[Nam Erus adimit], et te—O, et in usu aestas te!” A possible translation might be: “[For the Lord takes away], and summer, as is the way of summer, [takes] you [away].”
Introducing Sans Forgetica

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A “SCRAMBLED” SUDOKU

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FIRST NAMES SECOND – 1

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A predictably methodical person is sometimes referred to as a “STEADY EDDIE”, while a “BABY RUTH” is a chocolate confection made with caramel and nuts. Each is a two-word phrase in which the second word is actually an appellation. A score more of these await your scrutiny in the listing that follows. In every instance, a clue for the targeted response has been supplied, together with the first initials of the words in the pair. With the current spirit of gender equality in mind, the male and female names have been evenly distributed.

1. A J ordinary man
2. B A creamy cognac cocktail
3. B B fruit dessert made with sweetened crumbs
4. B G expression of astonishment
5. C C non-stop talker
6. C S flaming dessert pancake
7. D D fashionable gentleman
8. D J terminal correspondence
9. D T skeptic
10. E C aesthetically pleasing person
11. E S tied
12. H M desperation pass in football
13. J J calisthenics exercise
14. L S rotating serving tray
15. N N exceedingly pessimistic individual
16. P J unattractive girl
17. Q L tart made with eggs, cheese, and bacon
18. S A wise guy
19. V O sautéed cutlet topped with béarnaise sauce
20. W H astringent that soothes the skin
FIRST NAMES SECOND – 1 – Answers

1. AVERAGE JOE
2. BRANDY ALEXANDER
3. BROWN BETTY
4. BY GEORGE
5. CHATTY CATHY
6. CREPE SUZETTE
7. DAPPER DAN
8. DEAR JOHN
9. DOUBTING THOMAS
10. EYE CANDY
11. EVEN STEVEN
12. HAIL MARY
13. JUMPING JACK
14. LAZY SUSAN
15. NEGATIVE NANCY
16. PLAIN JANE
17. QUICHE LORRAINE
18. SMART ALEC
19. VEAL OSCAR
20. WITCH HAZEL
CRITICISE A NAME (otherwise: Transposing AMERICAN CITIES)

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On many occasions over the last five decades, Word Ways has published transposals of the names of US state capitals and a number of large US cities. But there has been no systematic attempt to find transposals for the names of all large cities in the US.

For this article, I have sought transposals for the names of all US cities with populations over 100,000. When I began writing this article back in 2014, according to Wikipedia, there were 289 so-called “incorporated places” in the US with populations of over 100,000. My attempts at transposing these 289 city names are in the first table below. More recently, putting the finishing touches to this article in 2018, Wikipedia said there were now another 21 US cities with populations in excess of 100,000. My transposal attempts for these additional 21 city names are in the second table below.

Here’s some technical stuff about what constitutes an “incorporated place”: According to the US Census Bureau, an incorporated place includes a variety of designations, including city, town, village, borough, and municipality. A few exceptional Census Designated Places (CDPs) are also included in the Census Bureau’s listing of incorporated places. Consolidated city-counties represent a distinct type of government that includes the entire population of a county, or county equivalent. Some consolidated city-counties, however, include multiple incorporated places. Wikipedia’s list of incorporated places presents only that portion (or balance) of such consolidated city-counties that are not a part of another incorporated place. Phew!

Rather than keep referring to “incorporated places”, I shall just refer to them as cities. The 310 cities listed here are in decreasing order of population, beginning with New York and Los Angeles, and ending with Vista (California) and Woodbridge (Connecticut). After extensive searches of dictionaries and websites, I have managed to find transposals for 302 of the 310 city names. The transposals presented are a mixture of single words, names, multi-word terms, and multi-word phrases, existing in one or more dictionaries or on one or more websites. For some transposals, I have included theoretically possible constructions ending with ’s (indicating a possessive form), ’ll (the shortened form of will) and ’ve (the shortened form of have). For some city names where I couldn’t find transposals, I have included the state-name abbreviation if this helps to produce a transposal (for example, Los Angeles does not have a transposal, but Los Angeles CA does have a transposal). For each city, I have shown its state; and for each transposal, I have shown a dictionary or website source, as well as a definition.

Some city names have just one transposal, and some have multiple transposals. Salem (Oregon) has the most - 32 transposals are presented here, but there are others progressively more obscure.
The first three lines in the tables below show how the details of city, state, transposal, source and definition are arranged for the 310 cities.

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<td>New York</td>
<td>New York</td>
<td>wonkery</td>
<td>unabridged.merriam-webster.com/unabridged/wonkery</td>
<td>The quality or activities associated with being a wonk, an overly studious person</td>
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<td>ywroken</td>
<td>OED</td>
<td>Avenged, punished – an archaic past participle of the verb ‘wreak’</td>
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<td>Los Angeles CA</td>
<td>California</td>
<td>collagenases</td>
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<td>There is no transposal of 'Los Angeles', so the state abbreviation for California (CA) has been added to the city name. Collagenases are types of enzymes found in bacteria.</td>
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<td>Chicago</td>
<td>Illinois</td>
<td>Gochica</td>
<td>tinyurl.com/chicago-transposal</td>
<td>The title of a song by a group called the Drums, which appeared on the album The French Pop and Soul Experience, Part 1.</td>
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<td>Houston</td>
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<td>hontous</td>
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<td>An obsolete word meaning shameful, ashamed.</td>
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<td>nothous</td>
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<td>unshoot</td>
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<td>Philadelphia</td>
<td>Pennsylvania</td>
<td>Adelphi, Phila</td>
<td>tinyurl.com/philadelphia-transposal</td>
<td>A shortened form of the address for the Adelphi Theatre in Philadelphia, using the abbreviation Phila. This exact form Adelphi, Phila appears on a 1913 postcard which was being advertised for sale.</td>
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<td>Phoenix</td>
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<td>iPhone X</td>
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<td>San Antonio</td>
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<td>Antoniano's</td>
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<td>The possessive form of the proper name Antoniano, who could be either the Dutch scholar Giovanni Antoniano (died 1588) or the Italian cardinal Silvio Antoniano (1540–1603).</td>
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<td>San Diego</td>
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<td>Suffered extreme pain or violent anguish.</td>
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<td><em>Random House Dictionary</em></td>
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<td>To identify (a disease or condition) by symptoms or distinguishing characteristics.</td>
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<td>tuinas</td>
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<td>In traditional Chinese medicine: types of therapeutic massage, incorporating the principles of acupressure and qigong, used to treat muscle or joint pain and other ailments.</td>
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<td>According to Wikipedia, there are at least three locations in the Czech Republic called Jankovice. Collectively, these could be referred to as Jankovices. Now put Jankovices into a sentence followed by 'll (the shortened form of 'will'), and you end up with something such as this: &quot;The Czech Republic Jankovices'll be voting for new mayors shortly&quot;. Horrendous, I know, but better than nothing at all!</td>
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<td>A blood clot in the heart.</td>
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Sloping, slanting.

**20 Memphis**

**Hempism**

*hempism.org*

The name of an organization devoted to the legalization of cannabis.

**21 Boston**

**Tobson**

*Ordnance Survey Gazetteer of Great Britian, third edition*

A village on the Island of Great Bernera, located on the west coast of the Isle of Lewis, Western Isles, Scotland.

**22 Seattle**

**atelets**

*W2*

A type of sauce used for covering pieces of meat.

**tsatlee**

*W3*

Rough irregular raw silk from China.

**23 Denver**

**nerved**

*W3*

Given strength, vigor or courage to.

**revend**

*W2*

To vend again.

**vender**

*W3*

An alternative spelling of 'vendor', a seller.

**24 Washington**

**nowanights**

*District of Columbia*

On present nights.

**25 Nashville**

**ill-shaven**

[wordincontext.com/en/ill-shaven]

Unshaven or not well-shaven. This appears in several pieces of text taken from fiction and nonfiction. The example here comes from *Bracebridge Hall* by Washington Irving: "This evident evasion induced me to notice the orator more particularly. He was meagre, but active in his make, with a long, pale, bilious face; a black, *ill-shaven* beard, a feverish eye, and a hat sharpened up at the sides into a most pragmatisical shape. He had a newspaper in his hand, and seemed to be commenting on its contents, to the thorough conviction of mine host."

**26 Baltimore**

**artmobile**

*W3*

A trailer that houses an art collection designed for exhibition on road tours.

**Belomitra**

[tinyurl.com/baltimore-transposal]

A genus of sea snails, marine gastropod mollusks in the family Buccinidae, the true whelks.

**Bertolami**

[tinyurl.com/baltimore-transposal-2]

Orfeu Bertolami (born Brazil, 1959) is a theoretical physicist who works in problems of astrophysics, cosmology, general relativity and quantum gravity. He worked at Instituto Superior Técnico in Lisbon, Portugal from 1991 to 2010. He is currently professor at Departamento de Física e Astronomia of the Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade do Porto.

**bromalite**

[tinyurl.com/baltimore-transposal-3]
A bromalite is the fossilised remains of material sourced from the digestive system of organisms. Bromalites can be broadly considered to be trace fossils. The most well-known types of bromalites are fossilised faeces or coprolites.

timbalero tinyurl.com/baltimore-transposal
Timbales (also called pailas) are shallow single-headed drums with metal casings, invented in Cuba. They are shallower than single-headed tomtoms, and usually tuned much higher. The player (called a timbalero) uses a variety of stick strokes, rim shots, and rolls to produce a wide range of percussive expression during solos and at transitional sections of music, and usually plays the shells of the drum or auxiliary percussion such as a cowbell or cymbal to keep time in other parts of the song.

27 Louisville Kentucky
Liouville's tinyurl.com/louisville-transposal
Liouville's theorem has various meanings, all mathematical results named after the mathematician Joseph Liouville (1809-1882).

28 Portland Oregon
Landport tinyurl.com/portland-transposal
A district which is located near the centre of Portsea Island and is part of the city of Portsmouth, England.

29 Oklahoma City Oklahoma
Calamity Hook tinyurl.com/oklahoma-city-transposal

30 Milwaukee Wisconsin
weak ileum tinyurl.com/milwaukee-transposal
The phrase weak ileum can be found on various websites, but is invariably compromised by the presence of other words, brackets, or incomprehensible meanings; for example, ‘weak ileum-contracting activity’, 'a weak (ileum) expression', and 'a drop of weak ileum to discontinue rare dosing'.

31 Las Vegas Nevada
salvages W3
Rescues or saves from wreck and ruin.

32 Albuquerque New Mexico
Alburqueque tinyurl.com/albuquerque-transposal
The surname of various individuals on social networking sites such as LinkedIn. They can’t all be misspellings - these people must know how to spell their surnames correctly!

33 Tucson Arizona
counts W3
European noblemen.
uncost W2
Want of cost.

34 Fresno California
Freons tinyurl.com/fresno-transposal
Webster's Third has Freon as a trademark, but with no plural form indicated. However, Wikipedia specifically mentions the word Freons, and lists many different types of Freon, including Freon 11, Freon 12, Freon 13, Freon 31, Freon 113, Freon 113a, Freon 114 and Freon 115.
35  Sacramento  California  
estramacon  tinyurl.com/sacramento-transposal  
A straight, heavy sword with two edges, used in the 16th and 17th centuries.

36  Long Beach  California  
goal bench  tinyurl.com/longbeach-transposal  
Manufactured in Sweden, goal bench is a concrete bench. Concrete is a favourite material for architects and product designers alike, who often use it to create unique surfaces. The reinforced fibre concrete surfaces of the goal bench make it an ideal choice for outdoor environments, as well as an attractive complement to hi-tech interiors. Its surfaces are anchored to a pair of stainless steel runners to create a strong and stable base.

37  Kansas City  Missouri  
Satanic sky  tinyurl.com/kansascity-transposal  
The title given to a specific photograph of an abandoned church and graveyard.

38  Mesa  Arizona  
Ames  tinyurl.com/ames-transposal  
A city located in the central part of Iowa in Story County. Lying approximately 30 miles north of Des Moines, it had a 2010 population of 58,965.

maes  W3  
Baas, bleats.

mase  OED  
To undergo the energy transitions characteristic of a maser, a device using the stimulated emission of radiation by excited atoms or molecules to generate or amplify coherent monochromatic electromagnetic radiation in the microwave range.

mesa  W3  
A small isolated plateau.

same  W3  
Resembling in every way, identical.

seam  W3  
A joining by a line of stitching of two pieces of cloth, leather, or other material usually near the edge.

39  Virginia Beach  Virginia  
in a big archive  tinyurl.com/virginiabeach-transposal  
A phrase which appears on several websites, typically devoted to national or local archives.

40  Atlanta  Georgia  
Talanta  tinyurl.com/atlanta-transposal  
A forum for the publication of original research papers, preliminary communications, and critical reviews in all branches of pure and applied analytical chemistry.

41  Colorado Springs  Colorado  
Cool Springs Road  tinyurl.com/coloradosprings-transposal  
In Gainesville, Georgia, there is a road called Cool Springs Road. While the Springs part of Colorado Springs remains unchanged, this seems to be the best transposal available for this city name.

42  Raleigh  North Carolina  
hair gel  OED
A hairstyling product that is used to stiffen hair into a particular hairstyle. The term appears in the OED in an illustrative quotation from 2003 at the entry MILF: "I was going to end up one of those tools wearing **hair gel** and a pinky ring, pushing gym memberships on MILFs and husband hunters."

**laigher**  
*OED*  
A variant spelling of "lower", listed at "lower".

**Omaha**  
*Nebraska*  
**haoma**  
*W3*  
A sacred drink used ritually in Zoroastrianism.

**Miami**  
*Florida*  
**Imami**  
*W3*  
A member of a major Shi'ite sect.  
**Maimi**  
*tinyurl.com/miami-transposal-2*  
The first name of **Maimi** Yajima (born 7 February, 1992), a member and the leader of Cute, a J-pop (Japanese pop) group.  
**Mimia**  
*tinyurl.com/miami-transposal*  
A living genus of butterflies of the family Hesperiidae.

**Oakland**  
*California*  
**Aaldonk**  
*tinyurl.com/oakland-transposal*  
This is a small area with just a dozen houses; it is part of the municipality of Gennep, in the province of Limburg, the Netherlands.  
**Don Laka**  
*tinyurl.com/oakland-transposal-2*  
Donald Mahwetša Laka (born 15 December 1958 in Pretoria, South Africa), professionally known as **Don Laka**, is a South African jazz musician, pianist, songwriter, music producer and entrepreneur.  
**Donakal**  
*tinyurl.com/oakland-transposal-3*  
A village and Gram panchayat of Nalgonda mandal, Nalgonda district, in Andhra Pradesh state, India.  
**Kalonda**  
*tinyurl.com/oakland-transposal-4*  
A village and municipality in the Lučenec District in the Banská Bystrica Region of Slovakia.  
**Kandola**  
*tinyurl.com/oakland-transposal-5*  
An English company specialising in fabrics and wallcoverings.  
**Kolanda**  
*tinyurl.com/oakland-transposal-6*  
A village in the Assoli Prefecture in the Kara Region of north-eastern Togo.

**Tulsa**  
*Oklahoma*  
**latus**  
*W3*  
Part of the mathematical term **latus** rectum, the chord of a conic section through a focus and parallel to a directrix.  
**salut**  
*OED*  
A drinking toast, such as 'cheers!' or 'good health!'  
**sault**  
*W3*  
A fall or rapid in a river.  
**talus**  
*W3*
The astragalus of man bearing the weight of the body and with the tibia and fibula forming the ankle joint.

47 Minneapolis

simple anion

tinyurl.com/minneapolis-transposal

A term from chemistry referring to a negatively charged ion. This phrase occurs in an article about the hydrogen anion: "Electride, another very simple anion".

48 Cleveland

vendace'll

W3 & tinyurl.com/cleveland-transposal

The vendace is a type of fish, listed in W3. The phrase "Small vendace will have a competitive advantage during the summer due to their lower metabolic requirements" can actually be found on a website. Now change 'will' to its shortened form 'll, and you end up with: "Small vendace'll have a competitive advantage during the summer due to their lower metabolic requirements ". Another horrendous example, I know, but better than nothing at all!

49 Wichita

Chitiwa

tinyurl.com/wichita-transposal

A place with a very small population in the province of Northern, in Zambia, Africa.

50 Arlington

Ron Alting

tinyurl.com/arlington-transposal

Senator Ron Alting is a Republican member of the Indiana State Senate representing the 22nd district, serving Tippecanoe County. He was first elected to the State Senate in 1998.

51 New Orleans

Snow Leaner

tinyurl.com/neworleans-transposal

The name given to a particular photograph showing a snow formation, taken by Wayne Logan.

52 Bakersfield

Field Breaks

www.fieldbreaks.co.uk

An organisation providing enjoyable and informative botanical illustration and landscape painting workshops with experienced professional tutors, in relaxing locations around the UK.

53 Tampa

Patam

tinyurl.com/tampa-transposal

A village in Hsawlaw Township in Myitkyina District in the Kachin State of north-eastern Burma.

54 Honolulu

Honululo

tinyurl.com/honolulu-transposal

The surname of James Honululo on Facebook. The fact that this individual gives his address as Honolulu does suggest that his quoted surname may not be his real surname. Nevertheless, this is how his friends and colleagues will find him on Facebook.

55 Anaheim

Anhimae

W2

A suborder of horned screamers, birds of South America.

56 Aurora

aroura

W3

An ancient Egyptian unit of land measure equal to 0.677 acres.
In Hinduism, **sanatana dharma** is a term used to denote the eternal or absolute set of duties or religiously ordained practices incumbent upon all Hindus, regardless of class, caste, or sect. Different texts give different lists of the duties, but in general **sanatana dharma** consists of virtues such as honesty, refraining from injuring living beings, purity, goodwill, mercy, patience, forbearance, self-restraint, generosity, and asceticism.

In anatomy, **situs solitus** is the normal position of thoracic and abdominal organs. This means that the heart is on the left with the pulmonary atrium on the right and the systemic atrium on the left along with the cardiac apex. Right-sided organs are the liver, the gall bladder and a trilobed lung as well as the inferior vena cava, while left-sided organs are the stomach, single spleen, a bilobed lung, and the aorta.

**Suliots**

Inhabitants of the Suli mountains in Epirus (an area shared between Greece and Albania), of mixed Greek and Albanian origin.

There is no transposal of 'Riverside', so the state abbreviation for California (CA) has been added to the city name. **Diversicare** is a leader in long-term care, residential care and seniors’ housing in Canada.

A phrase occurring over 200,000 times on internet websites. The website referenced here refers to adverse weather conditions potentially affecting a California crop.

There is a character called Chief Superintendent Bright (Chief **Supt Bright**) in the British television series called **Endeavour**; but the movie website IMDB has empty entries for this character, awaiting users to provide information about him. Additionally, we don't like the Chief part of the title Chief **Supt Bright**. Accordingly, we are choosing a real-life person with the rank of superintendent – thus, **Supt Bright**, who was a detective in the Essex (UK) police involved with the crimes of murderer Sidney Cooke, which are available in a website devoted to murderers.

The name of a company in Salt Lake City, Utah, specialising in group and private classes for teaching Spanish.

A form of the name Anna Charnego, which can be found on the ancestry website referenced here. Other individuals with the initial A and this surname can be found on other ancestry, census and social networking websites.
The northern part of the village of Tostock, which is a small village around eight miles east of Bury St. Edmunds in the county of Suffolk, England. It is a very traditional Suffolk village, with a good example of a fourteenth-century church.

65 Cincinnati Ohio
No transposal found.

66 Saint Paul Minnesota
Laputians tinyurl.com/saintpaul-transposal
A variant spelling of Laputans, the inhabitants of Laputa, a fictional land in Gulliver’s Travels, by Jonathan Swift.

palatinus Dorland’s Illustrated Medical Dictionary, 28th edition
Torus palatinus [or palatinus torus in English] is a bony protrusion on the palate. Palatal tori are usually present on the midline of the hard palate. Most palatal tori are less than 2 cm in diameter, but their size can change throughout life.

unspatial W2
Not spatial.

67 Toledo Ohio
looted W3
Plundered or sacked.

toodle W2
To make a continuous low sound.

tooled W3
Shaped, formed or finished with a tool.

68 Newark New Jersey
wanker OED
An objectionable or contemptuous person.

69 Greensboro North Carolina
Reg Osborne tinyurl.com/greensboro-transposal
Reginald (Reg) Osborne (born in South Africa; 1898-1977) was a professional footballer who played as a full back for the English football club Leicester City in the 1920s and also made one appearance for England.

70 Plano Texas
lapon W2
A scorpion fish of the Pacific coast of America.

nopal W3
A type of cactus.

71 Henderson Nevada
Horsenden tinyurl.com/henderson-transposal
A hamlet in Wycombe district, Buckinghamshire, England, which is in the civil parish of Longwick-cum-Ilmer. It is one mile from Princes Risborough and seven miles south of Aylesbury and three miles east of Chinnor in Oxfordshire.

72 Lincoln NE Nebraska
Neill Conn tinyurl.com/lincolnNE-transposal
There is no transposal of 'Lincoln', so the state abbreviation for Nebraska (NE) has been added to the city name. Neill Conn is an Irish football referee and can be found on Facebook.

73 Buffalo New York

buffola tinyurl.com/buffalo-transposal
Muscular.

74 Fort Wayne Indiana

a new forty tinyurl.com/fortwayne-transposal
New Forty is the name of a website devoted to the fortysomethings and over-forties - clothes, medical products, etc. The website introduces itself thus: "We've all heard it. There's a new forty. Maybe it's fifty, or sixty or maybe it's a state of mind. We live in a time when you really are only as old as you feel. More and more of us are feeling younger, longer. We're doing more. We're more vibrant. We're not slowing down."

75 Jersey City New Jersey

No transposal found.

76 Chula Vista California

Aultvaich's The Ordnance Survey Gazetteer of Great Britain, 3rd edition
The possessive form of the placename Aultvaich, a small town in the Highlands of Scotland, near to the city of Inverness.

77 Orlando Florida

lardoon W3
A strip of material (as of salt pork) for insertion into meat in larding.

Ronaldo tinyurl.com/orlando-transposal
The retired Brazilian footballer Ronaldo Luís Nazário de Lima, born 18 September 1976, is commonly known as Ronaldo. Popularly dubbed "the phenomenon", he is considered by experts and fans to be one of the greatest football players of all time.

78 St. Petersburg Florida

Petersburg St tinyurl.com/stpetersburg-transposal
Petersburg Street or Petersburg St is a street in Chester, Virginia.

79 Norfolk Virginia

Ron Folk tinyurl.com/norfolk-transposal
Based in Durand, Illinois, Ron Folk is a member of the Folk Family Racing Team. Ron has been racing for 4 decades, since the age of 15.

80 Chandler Arizona

Charlend tinyurl.com/chandler-transposal
A UK company focused on the electronics market. Charlend has experience of promoting component and subsystem solutions in the UK and Ireland.

81 Laredo Texas

loader W3
A person, device or machine used for loading.

ordeal W3
Something which tests character or endurance.

reload W3
To put fresh ammunition into after firing a weapon.

82 Madison Wisconsin
daimons

Supernatural beings in ancient Greek mythology whose nature is intermediate between that of a god and that of a man.

domains

Fields of control or ranges of governance.

83 Durham

North Carolina

Madhur tinyurl.com/durham-transposal

The first name of Madhur Jaffrey (born 13 August 1933), an Indian actress, active in radio, theatre, television and film as well as a food writer, authoring numerous cookbooks and television chef and entrepreneur who, alongside acclaimed performances in such films as Shakespeare Wallah, Six Degrees of Separation and Heat and Dust, introduced the Western world to the many cuisines of India.

84 Lubbock

Texas

Bulbock tinyurl.com/lubbock-transposal

A surname of various individuals taken from historical census records in the US and Great Britain.

85 Winston–Salem

North Carolina

Silent Womans tinyurl.com/winstonsalem-transposal

The book Eccentric Britain, by Ben le Vay, is dedicated to all sorts of oddball, strange, weird and eccentric things about Great Britain. One part of it concerns eccentric names for pubs (public houses, bars). In Britain, there are a number of pubs called The Silent Woman. On page 230, one part of the text runs thus: "The Silent Woman in Oxfordshire has gone, although there are at least two Silent Womans in Slaithwaite, Huddersfield and Cold Harbour, Dorset.” The book is available through amazon.co.uk and amazon.com, and the full text of the book can also be viewed on Amazon.

86 Garland

Texas

LaGrand tinyurl.com/garland-transposal

On January 7, 1982, brothers Karl and Walter Bernhard LaGrand bungled an armed bank robbery in Marana, Arizona, killing a man and severely injuring a woman in the process. They were subsequently charged and convicted of murder and sentenced to death. The LaGrands were German nationals, having been born in Germany.

Ragland tinyurl.com/garland-transposal-2 & tinyurl.com/garland-transposal-3

There is a town called Ragland in St. Clair County, Alabama. At the 2000 census the population was 1,918. It is part of the Birmingham-Hoover-Cullman Combined Statistical Area. Additionally, Ragland is an unincorporated area just outside the town of Delbarton on the Mingo and Logan county border in West Virginia.

87 Glendale

Arizona

Del Angel tinyurl.com/glendale-transposal

A surname of various individuals appearing on numerous social networking websites, especially LinkedIn and Facebook.

88 Hialeah

Florida

haelaih tinyurl.com/hialeah-transposal

A name used by a specific trader on eBay.

89 Reno

Nevada

Nero OED
Part of the name of **Nero** Claudius Caesar, Roman emperor AD 54–68.  
**oner**  
Something unique or extraordinary.  
**orne**  
The plural of 'orna', a measure of wine used in Trieste, Italy.  
**rone**  
Brushwood, thicket.

### 90 Baton Rouge

**Louisiana**

**B Torongeau**  
[tinyurl.com/batonrouge-transposal](tinyurl.com/batonrouge-transposal)

The first-name initial and surname of various individuals surnamed Torongeau. People named Barbara Torongeau, Becky Torongeau, Bob Torongeau and Brittany Torongeau can be found on the website here.

### 91 Irvine

**California**

**vinier**  
[Random House Dictionary](random-house-dictionary.com)

The comparative of the adjective 'viny', more like a vine.

**Nervii**  
**W3**

A Celtic-German people of Belgium almost exterminated by Julius Caesar.

### 92 Chesapeake

**Virginia**

**kapa cheese**  
[tinyurl.com/chesapeake-transposal](tinyurl.com/chesapeake-transposal)

A cream cheese with cucumber, intended as an accompaniment for sushi dishes, available from a French company called Geisha, located in Aix-en-Provence, France.

### 93 Irving

**Texas**

**riving**  
**W3**

Wrenching open, tearing apart.

**virgin**  
**W3**

A person who has not had sexual intercourse.

**viring**  
[Chambers Dictionary, 12th edition](chambers-dictionary.com)

Authorized redirecting of funds for one purpose to a more urgent occasion.

### 94 Scottsdale

**Arizona**

**Scottdales**  
[tinyurl.com/scottsdale-transposal](tinyurl.com/scottsdale-transposal)

Towns or places called Scottsdale may be referred to as Scottdales. Scottsdale is a place in DeKalb County, Georgia, United States; the population was 10,631 at the 2010 census. Also, Scottsdale is a borough in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, 49 miles (79 km) southeast of Pittsburgh. Alternatively, Scottdale's may be considered as the possessive form of Scottsdale.

### 95 North Las Vegas (or N Las Vegas)

**Nevada**

**Las Vegas**  
[tinyurl.com/nlasvegas-transposal](tinyurl.com/nlasvegas-transposal)

There is no transposal here for North Las Vegas, so I have opted to abbreviate the city name to N Las Vegas. The transposal of this is Las Vegans, which is the demonym for people who live in Las Vegas.

### 96 Fremont

**California**

**Froment**  
[Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary, 28th edition](dorland-medical-dictionary.com)

Jules Froment was a French physician (1878-1946), and is known for "Froment's paper sign", a sign of a lesion of the ulnar nerve.
97 Gilbert
Terblig
Arizona
tinyurl.com/gilbert-transposal
A dissolved company which was located in Flagler Beach, Florida.

98 San Bernardino
Brian Anderson
California
tinyurl.com/sanbernardino-transposal
There are several individuals called Brian Anderson listed in Wikipedia. One such is Brian Anderson (born 12 June 1976), a professional skateboarder based in San Francisco.

99 Boise
biose
Idaho
W3
Any of a class of monosaccharides containing two carbon atoms, glycolaldehyde being the only member.
bosie
OED
A cricket ball which breaks from the off, though bowled with apparent leg-break action.

100 Birmingham
Imbringham
Alabama
tinyurl.com/birmingham-transposal
Apparently, an English family surname, with extensive details about the family name, its origins, coat of arms, and history at the website referenced here. But I can't find any other occurrences of this surname elsewhere, either on the internet or in surname dictionaries. Neither can I find any occurrences of the placenames mentioned in the website, either on the internet or in gazetteers. I have a suspicion that the surname and its associated details are simply artificial, created by a company called Swyrich Corporation, which offers "family histories and coats of arms" for a whole range of unlikely looking surnames. A warning on one website states that: "Official heraldry offices in England say such businesses as these (ie Swyrich) are generally inaccurate and misleading."

101 Rochester
hectorers
New York
OED
Individuals who hector, or brag, bluster, domineer.
orchester
W2
Another word for an orchestra.
orestre
W2
Another word for an orchestra.
torchères
W3
Tall ornamental stands for candlesticks or candelabra used in the 18th century and usually set on tripod bases.

102 Richmond
Mirchond
Virginia
tinyurl.com/richmond-transposal
Mīr-Khānd, Moḥammad ibn Khāndshāh ibn Maḥmūd (1433/1434–1498) was a noted Persian-language historian of the fifteenth century. He is known in English also as Mir Khvand and in Latin and Greek as Mirchond.

103 Spokane
Snopake
Washington
tinyurl.com/spokane-transposal
Snopake Brands is a privately owned British Company, with its head office in West London. The company's leading brands - Snopake, Swordfish and Platignum - focus on key sections of the stationery, office products and business machines market.

104 Des Moines
demonises
Iowa
Chambers Dictionary, 12th edition
Makes into, or like, a demon; renders demoniacal; represents as a demon.

105 Montgomery

*Alabama*

**metrognomy**

metrognomy.blogspot.co.uk

The name of a blog. The blog explains thus: metropolis - any large city or center of population, culture, etc, and -gnomy - a combining form meaning art or science of judging or determining.

106 Modesto

*California*

**smooted**

W2

Moved stealthily.

107 Fayetteville

*North Carolina*

**Elevate Fitly**

tinyurl.com/fayetteville-transposal

The "Elevate Fitly Encounter" was a fencing meeting offered by the All-American Fencing Association in Fayetteville, Arkansas, back in February and March 2009. Something tells me the name of the encounter was simply dreamed up because it was a transposal of Fayetteville.

**Yvette Faille**

tinyurl.com/fayetteville-transposal-2

A named individual who died in Quebec in 1948, mentioned on one particular ancestry website. The name also occurs on several French language websites.

108 Tacoma

*Washington*

**mataco**

W3

The three-banded armadillo of South America.

109 Shreveport

*Louisiana*

**reproveths**

wordincontext.com/en/reproveth

Reproveth is the archaic third-person singular of the verb 'reprove'. On the website referenced here, there are currently 19 *reproveths*, ie 19 occurrences of the word 'reproveth'.

110 Fontana

*California*

**Not a Fan**

tinyurl.com/fontana-transposal


111 Oxnard

*California*

**Darxon**

tinyurl.com/oxnard-transposal

The name of a heavy metal band dating from 1983 in Dortmund, Germany.

**Roxand**

tinyurl.com/oxnard-transposal-2

Roxand Township is a civil township of Eaton County, Michigan. The population was 1,903 at the 2000 census.

112 Aurora

*Illinois*

**aroura**

W3

An ancient Egyptian unit of land measure equal to 0.677 acres.

113 Moreno Valley, CA

*California*

**A Lovely Romance**

tinyurl.com/morenovalleyCA-transposal

There is no transposal of 'Moreno Valley', so the state abbreviation for California (CA) has been added to the city name. *A Lovely Romance* is the title of a track on the album called *Romance* by the Golden Strings. The track is available as a download from Amazon.

114 Akron

*Ohio*

**Koran**

W3
The book composed of writings accepted by Muslims as revelations made to Muhammad by Allah and as the divinely authorized basis for the religious, social, civil, commercial, military, and legal regulations of the Islamic world.

krona  
W3
The basic monetary unit of Iceland.

115 Yonkers  New York
Orkneys  OED
Sheep from the Orkney Islands, Scotland.

116 Columbus  Georgia
Combulus  tinyurl.com/columbus-transpo
Vitito Combulus is a named individual on Facebook. Unfortunately, there is no information about the individual, other than a photo of a child aged about 2.

117 Augusta  Georgia
A August  tinyurl.com/augusta-transposal
A form of the name Ann August, which can be found on social networking websites such as Facebook and LinkedIn.

118 Little Rock  Arkansas
K Cotterill  tinyurl.com/littlerock-transposal
This is the initial and surname of Keith Cotterill (which appears 43 times on the UK electoral roll) and Kenneth Cotterill (31 times on the UK electoral roll). There are probably many other individuals with the name K Cotterill.

119 Amarillo  Texas
Alimoral  tinyurl.com/amarillo-transposal
Another name for the organic chemical compound N-[(1-ethylpyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl]-2-methoxy-5-sulfamoylbenzamide.

120 Mobile  Alabama
bemoil  W3
An obsolete word, meaning to soil with dirt or mud.
emboil  W2
To boil with rage.

121 Huntington Beach  California
that bouncing hen  tinyurl.com/huntingtonbeach-transposal
This is a phrase occurring on a number of websites devoted to hunting. Although by itself, it’s a pretty meaningless phrase, at least it does offer a transposal of what is one of the most difficult city names on this list.

122 Glendale  California
Del Angel  tinyurl.com/glendale-transposal
A surname of various individuals appearing on numerous social networking websites, especially LinkedIn and Facebook.

123 Grand Rapids  Michigan
gindadrap's  tinyurl.com/grandrapids-transposal
This is the possessive form of 'gindadrap', the slaughter of whales in the Faroe Islands. Although 'gindadrap' is a plural in Faroese, it has also been used in various news reports in an Anglicised way, suggesting the possibility of a plural form gindadraps.

124 Salt Lake City  Utah
catalystlike tinyurl.com/saltlakecity-transposal

This word has previously appeared in Word Ways as a plausible coinage. However, a Google search has revealed several scientific websites which use this word, sometimes spelled with a hyphen, and sometimes spelled solidly without a hyphen. The website referenced here has an article entitled "Catalystlike behavior of Si adatoms in the growth of monolayer Al film on Si(111)". In the article title, Si stands for silicon, Al stands for aluminum, and adatoms (not a typo) are atoms lying on crystal surfaces.

125 Tallahassee Florida tinyurl.com/tallahassee-transposal

EESSAHALLAT

The following section of text appears in A Pine Castle Anthology (The Collected Writings of Will Wallace Harney), by William S Morgan, published in 2010: "On our overland journey to Florida, we came to a signpost at the forks of a road, one arm indicating the road to Jasper, the other to Tallahassee. The nub of the thing was in the literal ingenuity which indicated the direction, viz: EESSAHALLAT < | > JASPER. You have to read the meaning of the Convention that recognised the Conover delegation backward to know it points to Stearns as the regular nominee; or perhaps the Convention thought the Florida people like the Irishman's pig - apt to run the other way from what they said."

126 Huntsville Alabama tinyurl.com/huntsville-transposal

'Shuntville USA' is the name of a specific organisation on Facebook. At first, I assumed there was some connection with Huntsville, but I noticed that there were four other geographically nearby organisations on the Shuntville page, and all were in Hull, England (specifically, the University of Hull, Hull Royal Infirmary, KC Stadium, and the Welly Club). Then I realised that Shuntville is a transposal of 'Invest Hull'. It appears that organisations who want to promote economic investment in Hull are using the tag 'Invest Hull', and someone has gone a step further an set up the Shuntville page on Facebook. It's not clear, though, why 'USA' has been added onto Shuntville. Completely separately, Shuntville is a slang term for a car crash - as in the phrase "That car's been to Shuntville and back".

127 Worcester Massachusetts tinyurl.com/worcester-transposal

crow-trees OED Trees in a rookery.

128 Knoxville Tennessee tinyurl.com/knoxville-transposal

Link Voxel Occurs on a website devoted to so-called deviant art. By the way, a voxel is a point in a three-dimensional picture image, akin to a pixel in a two-dimensional picture image.

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129 Grand Prairie Texas tinyurl.com/grandprairie-transposal

daring repair A phrase appearing almost 2000 times in an internet search.

130 Newport News Virginia tinyurl.com/newportnews-transposal

pre-new towns
A term occurring on page 40 in the book *Singapore Housing: An Annotated Bibliography*, by Belinda K. P. Yuen, Ho Pin Teo, and Ooi Giok Ling. The relevant sentence reads: "Although service provision in the surveyed estates and towns differs, the pattern of utilisation and the level of satisfaction with facilities for the most part are reportedly not significantly different between the pre-new towns and new towns and between one new town and another." The book is available from and downloadable from Amazon. The relevant page is also viewable on the Amazon website.

**W New Preston**  
[tinyurl.com/newportnews-transposal-2](tinyurl.com/newportnews-transposal-2)

The western part of New Preston, a rural village in the northwestern corner of the town of Washington in Litchfield County, Connecticut.

| 131 | Brownsville  
Texas |
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Not a dictionary-listed term, but a term which appears on several websites. It applies to diseased or injured livers, typically on healthcare and sport websites. This quote appears on a healthcare website: "Now we’ll become a nation with the free time to become seriously professional alcoholics, pot heads and your own drug of choice. Oh boy, we’ll have Obamacare to treat all the **blown livers**".

| 132 | Santa Clarita  
California |
|----|---|

**Antarctalia** is the plural form of the proper noun Antarctalia, the antarctic marine realm bounded by the southern isocryme of 44°F. Alternatively, **Antarctalia's** is the possessive form of the noun.

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The phrase "Therapists in Orland Park have broad skills and are able to work with a wide range of issues" can actually be found on a website. Now change 'have' to its shortened form 've, and you end up with: "Therapists in **Orland Park've** broad skills and are able to work with a wide range of issues". A horrendous example, I know, but better than nothing at all!

| 134 | Providence  
Rhode Island |
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Covered in pins. The following sentence appears in a 1953 book called *Merlin's Furlong*, by Gladys Mitchell: "These three undergraduate students, Harrison, Waite and Piper, answer a peculiar advertisement beseeching the help of a warlock in handling a pin-covered voodoo doll."

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Mississippi |
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**Škocjan** Caves is a cave system in Slovenia. Due to its exceptional significance, **Škocjan** Caves was entered on UNESCO’s list of natural and cultural world heritage sites in 1986.

| 136 | Garden Grove  
California |
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A segment of a challenging cycle ride in Hambleden, Buckinghamshire, England.

| Gander Grove | [tinyurl.com/gardengrove-transposal-2](tinyurl.com/gardengrove-transposal-2) |
Another name for Task Force 3-502 Memorial at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, which commemorates the death of 248 troops who died when their plane crashed at Gander, Newfoundland, Canada, in December 1985.

137 **Oceanside**  California
   **oceanides**  W3
   Ocean nymphs.

138 **Chattanooga**  Tennessee
   No transposal found.

139 **Fort Lauderdale**  Florida
   No transposal found.

140 **Rancho Cucamonga**  California
   No transposal found.

141 **Santa Rosa**  California
   **Sarasota**  tinyurl.com/santarosa-transposal
   An inhabitant of Sarasota, Florida; or an adjective, pertaining to Sarasota.

142 **Port St. Lucie**  Florida
   **pleurostict**  W2
   A type of beetle.

143 **Ontario**  California
   **oration**  W3
   A formal discourse on some special occasion (as a funeral or an anniversary).

144 **Tempe**  Arizona
   **empte**  OED
   A variant spelling of 'empt', an obsolete word meaning to be at leisure.

145 **Vancouver**  Washington
   **Nova curve**  tinyurl.com/vancouver-transposal
   An item of kitchen furniture retailed by a Swedish company called Metos Kitchen Intelligence.

146 **Springfield**  Missouri
   **Field Spring**  tinyurl.com/springfield-transposal
   There is a street in Lithonia, Georgia, called Field Spring Drive.

147 **Cape Coral**  Florida
   **Placocrea**  tinyurl.com/capecoral-transposal
   **Placocrea** is a genus of fungi in the family Mycosphaerellaceae.

148 **Pembroke Pines**  Florida
   No transposal found.

149 **Sioux Falls**  South Dakota
   **All six of us**  tinyurl.com/siouxfalls-transposal
   The name of one family's blog, updated by mum Heather, from Mississippi. Her surname isn't given, but her husband is Lee, and they have four children. You can probably work out the kids' names by visiting the blog!

150 **Peoria**  Arizona
   **aporie**  tinyurl.com/peoria-transposal
The French word for "aporia", a term from rhetoric, a professed doubt as to what to say or choose.

151 Lancaster, California
ancestral
Of or belonging to an ancestor or ancestors.

152 Elk Grove, California
V Koegler, tinyurl.com/elkgrove-transposal
A form of the name Valerie Koegler, living in Coburg, Germany. She is on Facebook.

153 Corona, California
caroon
An obsolete word for a license to keep a cart, granted by the Lord Mayor of London.
racoon
A nearly omnivorous nocturnal mammal related to but much smaller than the bear that inhabits most of North America, lives largely in trees, and is chiefly gray with black and white facial markings, a bushy ringed tail, and coarse fur much used in furriery.

154 Eugene, Oregon
Guenée, tinyurl.com/eugene-transposal
Achille Guenée (1 January 1809 - December 30, 1880) was a French lawyer and entomologist.

155 Salem, Oregon
almes
Egyptian dancing girls.
amels, OED
An obsolete spelling of 'enamels'.
amsel
Two types of bird - the ring ouzel and the European blackbird.
elams, OED
The plural of 'elam', an 18th century dialect spelling of 'helm', a stalk of corn.

This is a municipality of the Cagliari metropolitan area in the province of Cagliari in the Italian region of Sardinia, located about 8 km northwest of Cagliari. Alternatively, Elmas could be viewed as the plural form of the girl's name Elma, or Elma's could be viewed as the possessive form of the name Elma.

Elsam, tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-2
The surname of various individuals listed on social networking websites such as Facebook and LinkedIn.

EMALS, tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-3
This is an abbreviation for Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System, which is a system under development by the United States Navy to launch carrier-based aircraft from catapults using a linear motor drive instead of conventional steam pistons. This technology reduces stress on airframes because they can be accelerated more gradually to takeoff speed than with steam-powered catapults.

Eslam, tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-4
The first-name of Eslam Jawaad (real name Wissam Khodur), who is a rapper of Lebanese-Syrian origin. His debut album, The Mammoth Tusk, was released in 2009.
laems  
*OED*

The plural of 'laem', an 18th century variant spelling of 'loam', clay, earth, mud.

lames  
*W3*

Cripples, disables, frustrates, hamstrings.

Lam Se  
tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-5

A named individual on the LinkedIn website.

Lasem  
tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-6

This is a sub-district in Apex Regency, Central Java, Indonesia, and is the second largest city in the district after Apex town.

leams  
*W3*

Gleams of light.

Le Mas  
tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-7

This is a commune in the Alpes-Maritimes department in southeastern France.

maels  
*OED*

The plural of 'mael', a 18th century variant spelling of 'meal', the edible part of a grain or pulse.

males  
*W3*

Men.

Malse  
tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-8

The Malše is a river in Austria and in the Czech Republic, and a right tributary of the Vltava.

masel  
*W2*

A Scots variant of 'myself'.

meals  
*W3*

Portions of food taken at particular times to satisfy hunger or appetite.

melas  
*W3*

Indian religious festivals or fairs.

mesal  
*W3*

Middle, median.

salme  
*OED*

A Middle English spelling of the verb 'psalm', listed at 'psalm', to sing psalms.

samel  
*W3*

Soft and crumbling - used of bricks that lie outermost in the kiln and are in consequence not thoroughly burned.

selam  
*OED*

A 16th-17th variant spelling of 'salaam', the Oriental salutation.

semal  
*OED*

A variant spelling of 'simool', listed at 'simool', the red silk-cotton tree of India.

Selma  
*Webster's Geographical Dictionary*

A city in and the county seat of Dallas County, in the blackbelt region of lower west Alabama. Located on the banks of the Alabama River, it has a population of 20,756 as of the 2010 census. The city is best known for the 1965 Selma Voting Rights Movement and the Selma to Montgomery marches that originated in the city.

semla  
tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-9
A **semla** is a traditional sweet roll made in various forms in Denmark, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden and Norway associated with Lent and especially Shrove Monday and Shrove Tuesday.

**slame** tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-10
An adjective used to describe someone who is of an elevated level of lame. It is a synthesis of the word 'super' and 'lame' thus the world 'slame'.

**smael** OED
An Old English form of the adjective 'small', listed at 'small'.

**smale** OED
A 17th century variant spelling of the adjective 'small', listed at 'small'.

**smeeal** OED
A Middle English form of the adjective 'small', listed at 'small'.

**Smela** tinyurl.com/salem-transposal-11
The surname of Elisabeth Smela, a professor in the department of mechanical engineering at the University of Maryland.

156  **Palmdale** California
**lamp lead** tinyurl.com/palmdale-transposal
The electrical lead for a lamp, usually having a lamp holder and plug at the ends.

**lead lamp** tinyurl.com/palmdale-transposal-2
A lamp with an attached electrical lead and plug.

157  **Salinas** California
**nasalis** W3
A small muscle on each side of the nose.

158  **Springfield** Massachusetts
**Field Spring** tinyurl.com/springfield-transposal
There is a street in Lithonia, Georgia, called **Field Spring** Drive.

159  **Pasadena** Texas
**Espadaña** tinyurl.com/pasadena-transposal
This is a sparsely populated village and municipality in the province of Salamanca, western Spain, part of the autonomous community of Castile-Leon. It is located 56 kilometres from the provincial capital city of Salamanca and has a population of 49 people. The name of the town originated in **espadaña**, a certain architectural element common in small churches throughout the Iberian Peninsula.

160  **Rockford** Illinois
**Ford Rock** tinyurl.com/rockford-transposal
**Ford Rock** is a prominent rock which lies 1 nautical mile (2 km) northeast of Cone Hill on Hut Point Peninsula, Ross Island, Antarctica.

161  **Pomona** California
**Mano Po** tinyurl.com/pomona-transposal
The title of a film, **Mano Po**, was Regal Entertainment's entry for the 2002 Metro Manila Film Festival. The film focuses on the lives of the Chinese-Filipino community. **Mano Po** stars a cast headed by Maricel Soriano, Richard Gomez, Kris Aquino and Ara Mina.

**Mapoon** tinyurl.com/pomona-transposal-2
This is an Aboriginal community located at Port Musgrave, western Cape York in Far North Queensland, Australia. A Presbyterian mission was established at Mapoon in 1891 with the aim of providing education and health services to the Aboriginal people. By 1907, under the Reformatories Act, it was operating as community for local people.

Monapo [tinyurl.com/pomona-transposal-3]
This is a town in northern Mozambique.

Pomoan [OED]
A family of seven mutually unintelligible North American Indian languages spoken in northern California.

162 Hayward [California]
Hardway [tinyurl.com/hayward-transposal]
This is a village and suburb of the town and borough of Gosport in Hampshire, England. The suburb is made up of a few industrial estates, residential housing and a port.

163 Fort Collins [Colorado]
flint colors [tinyurl.com/fortcollins-transposal]
This is the term used in describing the colors of various flints and arrowheads being advertised on the website referenced here.

164 Joliet [Illinois]
Joilet [tinyurl.com/joliet-transposal]
A nickname for Joliet, Illinois, combining Joliet and toilet, because of its grimy appearance.

165 Escondido CA [California]
Desconocida [tinyurl.com/escondidoCA-transposal]
There is no transposal of 'Escondido', so the state abbreviation for California (CA) has been added to the city name. Desconocida is the title of the fourth studio album by Spanish singer Marta Sanchez (in 1998). With this album, Marta returned to the pop music on her first albums, but with a more Italian feel. The English version is called "Perfect Stranger".

166 Kansas City [Kansas]
Satanic sky [tinyurl.com/kansascity-transposal]
The title given to a particular photograph of an abandoned church and graveyard.

167 Torrance [California]
carreton [W2]
A two-wheeled freight cart.
carton [W3]
A machine that opens a folding carton, inserts a packaged product, and closes the carton ends.
Contrera [tinyurl.com/torrance-transposal]
A surname of various individuals appearing on numerous social networking websites, such as Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter

168 Bridgeport [Connecticut]
PortBridge [www.portbridge.com]
This is a technology services provider company based in Cary, North Carolina.

169 Alexandria [Virginia]
Alexandair [tinyurl.com/alexandria-transposal]
A charter airline headquartered in Athens, Greece. It operated charter services on a wet-lease basis for major tour operators. The airline suspended operations in September 2007.

**AXA Ireland**

[tinyurl.com/alexandria-transposal-2](tinyurl.com/alexandria-transposal-2)

Also called AXA Insurance Ireland, **AXA Ireland** is an Irish insurance company headquartered in Dublin.

170 Sunnyvale  
*California*

unsylvane  
[wordincontext.com/en/unsylvan](wordincontext.com/en/unsylvan)

The OED lists 'sylvane' as a 15-16th century variant spelling of 'sylvan', meaning 'pertaining to a wood or woods'. The wordincontext website has the following entry for 'unsylvan': "But here, in the unsylvan section of Chicago which bears the bosky name of Englewood, the very darkness had a strange quality. A hundred unfamiliar noises misled him. There were no cocks, no cattle, no elm. Above all, there was no instinctive feeling." This quote comes from a book entitled *Half Portions*, written by Edna Ferber, and originally published in 1920. If the aforementioned text had been written 300 years earlier, it's quite likely that the word 'unsylvan' would have been rendered as 'unsylvane'.

171 Cary  
*North Carolina*

cray  
[W3](W3)

A spiny lobster of Australia.

racy  
[W3](W3)

Risque, suggestive.

172 Lakewood  
*Colorado*

Woodlake  
[tinyurl.com/lakewood-transposal](tinyurl.com/lakewood-transposal)

A city in Tulare County, California. The population was 7,279 at the 2010 census, up from 6,651 at the 2000 census.

173 Hollywood  
*Florida*

Wood Holly  
[tinyurl.com/hollywood-transposal](tinyurl.com/hollywood-transposal)

An American music producer who is on Facebook. It looks like his real first name might be Matt.

174 Paterson  
*New Jersey*

operants  
[W3](W3)

Operatives, operators.

parsonet  
[W2](W2)

A parson's child; also, a newly-made parson.

Petronas  
[tinyurl.com/paterson-transposal](tinyurl.com/paterson-transposal)

Short for *Petroleum Nasional Berhad*, **Petronas** is a Malaysian oil and gas company that was founded on August 17, 1974. Wholly owned by the Government of Malaysia, the corporation is vested with the entire oil and gas resources in Malaysia.

pronates  
[W3](W3)

Rotates (the hand or forearm) so as to bring the palm facing downward or backward.

proteans  
[W3](W3)
Various insoluble primary protein derivatives that result from a slight modification of the protein molecules especially by the incipient action of water, very dilute acids, or enzymes.

175 Syracuse New York
eucrasy's OED & W2
'eucrasy' is listed in both the OED and W2. It's possible to propose a sentence such as this one: "eucrasy's in both these major dictionaries". The OED defines 'eucrasy' as: a well-proportioned mixture of qualities which constitutes health or soundness.

176 Naperville Illinois
liver panel tinyurl.com/naperville-transposal
A liver panel checks the health of your liver and can help diagnose liver damage or disease. The panel consists of these tests: albumin, alkaline phosphatase, alanine transaminase, aspartate transaminase and total protein.

177 McKinney Texas
Mick Nyne tinyurl.com/mckinney-transposal
The name of an individual posting comments on the Prezi website.

178 Mesquite Texas
itemque's tinyurl.com/mesquite-transposal
'itemque' is a Latin word, meaning likewise, also, besides, further, moreover, too, as well. It's possible to conceive a sentence such as "itemque's a Latin word".

179 Clarksville Tennessee
Clarkvilles tinyurl.com/clarksville-transposal
These are towns such as Clarkville, a small rural town in the Waimakariri District, New Zealand. As of the 2013 New Zealand Census, Clarkville has a population of 1137. Alternatively, Clarkville's is the possessive form of the town name.

180 Savannah Georgia
Havanans W3
Natives or residents of Havana, Cuba.

181 Dayton Ohio
adyton W3
The innermost sanctuary or shrine in ancient temples which was open only to priests and from which oracles were given.

182 Orange California
onager W3
An ancient and medieval heavy catapult used for hurling heavy stones and made up basically of a strong lever with a receptacle at one end for the stones and of ropes twisted so as to pull the lever back under great strain until suddenly released.

183 Fullerton California
florulent  
Flowery, blossoming.

184 Pasadena  California
Espadaña  tinyurl.com/pasadena-transposal
This is a sparsely populated village and municipality in the province of Salamanca, western Spain, part of the autonomous community of Castile-Leon. It is located 56 kilometres from the provincial capital city of Salamanca and has a population of 49 people. The name of the town originated in espadaña, a certain architectural element common in small churches throughout the Iberian Peninsula.

185 Hampton  Virginia
Hampont  tinyurl.com/hampton-transposal
A commune in the Moselle department in Lorraine in north-eastern France.
phantom  W3
Something (as a specter or an optical illusion) that is apparent to the sight or other sense but has no actual or substantial existence.

186 McAllen  Texas
Mancell  tinyurl.com/mcallen-transposal
Josh Mancell is an American freelance composer and musician who writes music for film, television, and video games.
McLelan  tinyurl.com/mcallen-transposal-2
Archibald Woodbury McLelan (1824-1890) was a Canadian shipbuilder and politician, the sixth Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

187 Killeen  Texas
E Killen  tinyurl.com/killeen-transposal
The eastern part of Killen, a town in Lauderdale County, Alabama. It is part of the Florence - Muscle Shoals Metropolitan Statistical Area known as "The Shoals". As of the 2000 census, the population of the town is 1,190.
Killene  tinyurl.com/killeen-transposal-2
A place in Senegal, Africa.

188 Warren  Michigan
rewarn  W2
To warn again.
warner  W3
One that warns.

189 West Valley City  Utah
No transposal found.

190 Columbia  South Carolina
Bloacium  tinyurl.com/columbia-transposal
A former name for İskilip, which is a district of Çorum Province of Turkey, on the left bank of the River Kızılrmak, located at 56 km from the city of Çorum, 100 miles (160 km) northeast of Ankara and 60 miles (100 km) southeast of Kastamonu. It covers an area of 1,187 km², and has an elevation of 2460 ft (750 m). The population is about 39,124, of which 20,660 live in the town of İskilip (as of 2010).

191 New Haven  Connecticut
Nevah Wen  tinyurl.com/newhaven-transposal
The logo on a jersey available from online retailer Surrounded by Idiots, advertised at $18. This transposal also happens to be a reversal.

192 Sterling Heights, Michigan
Lights the singer tinyurl.com/sterlingheights-transposal
Lights Bokan is a Canadian electropop musician, singer, and songwriter. Some of her notable singles include "Ice", "Second Go", and "Toes". In 2009, she was awarded the Juno Award for New Artist of the Year. She appears on various websites as "Lights, the singer". See Pinterest, Facebook and Tumblr.

193 Olathe, Kansas
Ioathe W3
To feel strong aversion for.

194 Miramar, Florida
MarMar tinyurl.com/miramar-transposal
This is a Mexican TV telenovela that was originally broadcast in 1994 on Televisa. Marimar is a remake of the telenovela La Venganza, which aired on Televisa in 1977.
Mar Mari tinyurl.com/miramar-transposal-2
Known as the “Apostle of Babylonia,” Mar Mari was a disciple of Addai, one of the Seventy-Two disciples of Jesus, who had evangelized the city of Edessa.

195 Thousand Oaks, California
No transposal found.

196 Frisco, Texas
ForCIS tinyurl.com/frisco-transposal
This is a client program which was used to connect to the CompuServe Information Service. ForCIS is the predecessor to NavCIS. It was available for MS-DOS.
fricos tinyurl.com/frisco-transposal-2
A frico, known in America as a cheese crisp, is an Italian food, which consists of a wafer of shredded cheese with a bit of flour, baked or fried until crisp. The cheeses include Montasio, Parmesan or mozzarella. Fricos are often used as garnish for soups or stews.

197 Cedar Rapids, Iowa
paired cards tinyurl.com/cedarrapids-transposal
The "paired cards" system is a practical and generally applicable procedure for the clinical trial of drugs. It is a system which is suitable for the simulataneous double-blind study of several drugs effective in the same field of indication (eg analgesics). The procedure uses sequential analysis and therefore requires only limited materials, costs and personnel. It produces significant results with a minimum of patients.

198 Topeka, Kansas
kapote W3
A man's long coat of medieval origin worn especially by Jews of eastern Europe.
poke at www.thefreedictionary.com/poke+at
To push against gently.

199 Visalia, California
Sivalia tinyurl.com/visalia-transposal
Located at 209 Mountain View Road, Asheville, North Carolina, Sivalia Violins is a musical instruments store.

200 Waco, Texas
OCAW  
[tinyurl.com/waco-transposal]
The Organisation of Chinese American Women (OCAW) is a group of dedicated Chinese American women, including a number of prominent women who are serving and have served in the various administrations in the nation’s capital, has a tremendous amount of talent, imagination, and skills helping to find solutions to some of America’s problems and assisting their own communities in their many endeavors.

OWCA  
[tinyurl.com/waco-transposal-2]
The abbreviation for Old Wesley Collegians Association, based in Perth, Australia.

201  
Elizabeth New Jersey
Beth Eliza  
[tinyurl.com/elizabeth-transposal]
A named individual on Facebook, living in Vancouver, Canada.

202  
Bellevue Washington
E Bellvue  
[tinyurl.com/bellevue-transposal]
The eastern part of Bellevue, a town in Larimer County, Colorado. It is a small agricultural community located in Pleasant Valley, a narrow valley just northwest of Fort Collins.

203  
Gainesville Florida
villeinages W3
Tenures held by villeins, or unfree peasants.

204  
Simi Valley California
Sylvia Lime  
[tinyurl.com/simivalley-transposal]
A named individual on Facebook.

205  
Charleston South Carolina
Horncastle  
Gazetteer of the British Isles, published by Bartholomew
A market town in Lincolnshire, England. It is situated 17 miles geographically east, and 22 miles by road, from the city and county town of Lincoln. Horncastle has a population of 6,651 residents.

North Scale  
Gazetteer of the British Isles, published by Bartholomew
A village and one of only four settlements on the Isle of Walney. It is the northernmost settlement, lying 1 mile north of Vickerstown, Cumbria, England.

206  
Carrollton Texas
corranto'll  
Coinage based on OED entry
'corranto' is a type of dance, listed in the OED. Put 'corranto' into a sentence followed by 'll (the shortened form of 'will'), and you may get something like this: "The corranto'll always be recognised as a dance for couples". Horrendous, I know, but better than nothing at all!

207  
Coral Springs Florida
Carol Springs  
[tinyurl.com/coralsprings-transposal]
A named individual on LinkedIn.

208  
Stamford Connecticut
Matfords  
[tinyurl.com/stamford-transposal]
Matford was a car and truck manufacturer in France from 1934 to 1940. In 1935 a range of V-8 engined Matfords was put on the market which were very similar to the American Ford Model 48s with their V8 3622cc engines.

SD format  
[tinyurl.com/stamford-transposal-2]
An item of software for formatting cards used in phones, cameras, etc.
209 Hartford Connecticut
Ardforth tinyurl.com/hartford-transposal
The surname of Elizabeth Ardforth, listed in the 1841 census for England.
Hard Fort tinyurl.com/hartford-transposal-2
Located in Brisbane, Australia, **Hard Fort** Finance is a car financing company.
Radforth tinyurl.com/hartford-transposal-3
A surname of various individuals appearing on numerous social networking websites, especially Facebook and LinkedIn.

210 Concord California
corn cod tinyurl.com/concord-transposal
A food dish made from cod, corn, sour cream and flour.

211 Roseville California
Ville rose tinyurl.com/roseville-transposal
French for "pink city", **Ville rose** is a nickname given to various cities: Yerevan (the capital of Armenia), Jaipur (the capital of Rajasthan, India), and Toulouse (the capital of the French department of Haute-Garonne).

212 Thornton Colorado
Northton **Gazetteer of the British Isles, published by Bartholomew**
The small village of **Northton** is in the south of the Isle of Harris. **Northton** has two small but very nice beaches.

213 Kent Washington
knet W3
A dialect past tense of the verb 'knit'.

214 Lafayette Louisiana
Fayette AL tinyurl.com/lafayette-transposal
Fayette, Alabama, or **Fayette AL**, is a city in Fayette County, Alabama. The 2000 census lists the population as 4,922. The city is the county seat of Fayette County.

215 Surprise Arizona
spurries W3
Small white-flowered European weeds.
uprisers W2
Participants in an uprising.

216 Denton Texas
tendon W3
A tough cord or band of dense specialized regularly arranged white fibrous connective tissue that unites a muscle with some other part.

217 Victorville California
civil revolt tinyurl.com/victorville-transposal
Open, armed, and organized resistance to a constituted government.

218 Evansville Indiana
Veleslavin tinyurl.com/evansville-transposal
A district of Prague, part of Prague 6, situated in the west of the city. **Veleslavin** was probably founded in the 10th or 11th century, first recorded in records from the nearby Břevnov monastery, and has been part of Prague since 1922. 6,531 people live here.

219 Midland Texas
D Miland  tinyurl.com/midland-transposal
A form of the name Daniel Miland (and others such as David Miland and Dorothy Miland, etc) which can be found on various social networking and census websites.

220  Santa Clara  California
   alcantaras  W2  Bridges.

221  Athens  Georgia
   Atshen  tinyurl.com/athens-transposal-2
   In Inuit mythology, Atshen is a cannibalistic spirit.
   Ethan  tinyurl.com/athens-transposal-4
   Boys having the first name Ethan. Famous Ethans include Ethan Allen and Ethan Hawke.
   hantes  OED
   The third person singular of the verb 'hante', a 16th century variant spelling of 'haunt'.
   hasten  W3
   To urge on.
   Hestan  tinyurl.com/athens-transposal-3
   A small island situated just off the Dumfries an Galloway coast in Scotland. Hestan sits at the mouth of the Urr Estuary in the Solway Firth.
   nathes  W3
   The plural of 'nathe', an obsolete spelling of 'nave', a block in the center of a wheel from which the spokes radiate and in which the axle is fixed.
   Neaths  tinyurl.com/athens-transposal-5
   The plural of Neath, a town in the principal area of Neath Port Talbot, Wales, UK with a population of 19,258 in 2011. The town is located on the river of the same name. Alternatively, Neath's is the possessive form of the proper name.
   Senath  tinyurl.com/athens-transposal-1
   A city in Dunklin County, Missouri. The population was 1,767 at the 2010 census.
   snathe  W3
   The handle of a scythe.
   sneath  W3
   The handle of a scythe.
   thanes  W3
   Individuals holding lands from the king or other superior in Anglo-Saxon England and performing military and various other governmental services.

222  Allentown  Pennsylvania
   W Allenton  tinyurl.com/allentown-transposal
   The western part of Allenton, a suburb of the city of Derby, England, situated about three miles south of the city centre.

223  Abilene  Texas
   Ebilane  tinyurl.com/abilene-transposal
   A surname of various individuals appearing on several social networking websites, especially Facebook and LinkedIn.

224  Beaumont  Texas
   umbonate  W3
Having or forming an umbo, an elevation in the tympanic membrane of the ear.

**Vallejo, California**

Alf Jalovel, Amalia Jalovel, Roly Jalovel, Quincey Jalovel and Zulma Jalovel are named individuals on the social networking website Facebook.

**Independence, Missouri**

Omnidependence appears in a passage in a book entitled *The Problem of God in Modern Thought*, by Philip Clayton, published in 2000. The passage concerned reads: "Descartes's failure to unite these two ontological approaches (independent things vs omnidependence on God) sets the stage for developments in philosophical theology over the next several centuries." The book is available from Amazon.

**Springfield, Illinois**

There is a street in Lithonia, Georgia, called Field Spring Drive.

**Ann Arbor, Michigan**

A form of the name Nell Nabarro, an English model, a named individual on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Tumblr.

**Provo, Utah**

A 16th century variant spelling of 'prove', at the entry 'prove'

**Peoria, Illinois**

The French word for "aporia", a term from rhetoric, a professed doubt as to what to say or choose.

**Norman, Oklahoma**

A druid, the son of Cairbre Cachtaechann. His father gave instructions for him to be drowned but he was saved and reared by the smith Maon to become a famous judge. At times, known as Moran or Morann.

**Berkeley, California**

A form of Keith Eberley (and other names such as Kenneth Eberley and Kathy Eberley), which is on various social networking and census websites.

**El Monte, California**

A surname of various individuals appearing on Facebook.
An item of medical equipment. The Philips M2636C Telemon is used in the monitoring, recording, and alarming of multiple physiologic parameters in adult and pediatric patients to gain information for treatment, to monitor adequacy of treatment, or to exclude causes of symptoms.

234 Murfreesboro Tennessee
Rumors of beer tinyurl.com/murfreesboro-transposal
The title given to one particular blog posted back in 2004.

235 Lansing Michigan
lanings OED
A laning is simply an obsolete word for a lane or road.
linsang W3
Any of various Asiatic mammals of the genus Prionodon and related genera that resemble long-tailed cats and differ from the related civets and genets in the absence of a second upper molar.

236 Columbia Missouri
Bloacium tinyurl.com/columbia-transposal
A former name for İskilip, which is a district of Çorum Province of Turkey, on the left bank of the River Kızılırmak, located at 56 km from the city of Çorum, 100 miles (160 km) northeast of Ankara and 60 miles (100 km) southeast of Kastamonu. It covers an area of 1,187 km², and has an elevation of 2460 ft (750 m). The population is about 39,124, of which 20,660 live in the town of İskilip (as of 2010).

237 Downey California
yowden W2
A variant of 'youden', a Scots past tense of the verb 'yield'.

238 Costa Mesa California
acestomas Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary (24th edition) & Stedman's Medical Dictionary (26th edition)
'acestoma' is a medical term, appearing in various medical dictionaries. Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary (24th edition) defines it as "a mass of granulations". The later 28th edition of Dorland's doesn't list the word at all. Stedman's Medical Dictionary (26th edition) defines it as "exuberant granulations that form a cicatrix". The usual plural form of a medical word ending in '-oma' is '-omata', so the plural of 'acestoma' ought to be 'acestomata'. However, there are many instances of medical terms where both plural forms exist, such as 'melanomas' and 'melanomata', and 'teratomas' and 'teratomata'. Accordingly, acestomas is just as valid a plural form as 'acestomata'.

Ascomate's tinyurl.com/costamesa-transposal
Ascomate is the name of a company in Surrey, England, which was dissolved in 2012. The possessive form is Ascomate's.

239 Inglewood California
dewooling W3
Removing wool from.

240 Miami Gardens Florida
mine diagrams tinyurl.com/miamigardens-transposal
This term appears in the text of a book entitled *Cornish Village Justice* by Lyn Reynolds, published in 2010. The relevant sentence reads: "This, he reckoned, was West Kitty mine but it wasn't clear from which direction the stope had been mined because the old mine diagrams and charts he had previously studied were incomplete." The book can be purchased or downloaded from Amazon. The term mine diagrams appears on various other websites, too.

241 Manchester New Hampshire
Chesterman tinyurl.com/manchester-transposal
Ron Chesterman (27 November 1943 – 16 March 2007) was an English musician and archivist. He is best known as the original double bass player with the Strawbs.

searchment W2
A dialect word for a search.

242 Elgin Illinois
ingle W3
A fireplace.
ligne W3
Any of various units of measure: a French unit for watch movements equal to 0.0888 inch; a Swiss unit for watches equal to 0.0802 inch.
linge W3
To strike, to flog.
Nigel W2
A masculine proper name.

243 Wilmington North Carolina
W Limington Gazeteer of the British Isles, published by Bartholomew
The western part of Limington, a village and parish in Somerset, England, situated 5 miles north of Yeovil. The village has a population of 199.

244 Waterbury Connecticut
Ruby Water tinyurl.com/waterbury-transposal
The name of a company in Selangor, Malaysia, specialising in water dispensers and associated equipment.

245 Fargo North Dakota
FRAGO tinyurl.com/fargo-transposal
An Operations Order, or OPORD, is the primary order that is given for a military mission; however it is not the only type of order that may be issued for a mission. Other types of orders may be issued. This is to tell units that an Operations Order may be forthcoming, as a Warning Order, or to inform units during the execution of an Operations Order, that the situation has changed and identifying changes in situation and mission, (Fragmentary Order). Once an OPORD is given, the situation may change before the mission is actually begun or, during the operation the situation may change so that the Operations Order must be modified. In these cases the commander will issue a Fragmentary Order, or FRAGO. The FRAGO will state exactly how the situation and/or mission has been changed and what must be done to make up for the change.

go far W3
To be successful.

246 Arvada Colorado
Davaar

Gazetteer of the British Isles, published by Bartholomew

This is a small island located at the mouth of Campbeltown Loch off the east coast of Kintyre, in Argyll and Bute, Scotland.

Davara

tinyurl.com/arvada-transposal

The Davara was a British steam trawler during World War II that was sunk by the German submarine U-27. See Wikipedia

Raavad

tinyurl.com/arvada-transposal-2

Rabbi Avraham ben David of Posquieres (Provence), known by the acronym "Raavad", wrote the famed hagåot critical notations to Maimonides' Mishneh Torah. Born approximately 1120, he passed away on the 26th of kislev of the year 4959 from creation (1198).

Radava

tinyurl.com/arvada-transposal-3

Radava is a village and municipality in the Nové Zámky District in the Nitra Region of southwest Slovakia.

Varada

tinyurl.com/arvada-transposal-4

The Varada river originates near Vardamoola in Sagar taluk, Shimoga district of Karnataka, India. It flows through the Western Ghats and enters the central districts of Karnataka, Haveri and Bellary. The river joins the Tungabhadra River at Galaganath.

247 Carlsbad

California

crab lads

tinyurl.com/carlsbad-transposal

This line of text appears in The Gollancz eBook Collection: Eight Fantastic Novels by Robert Rankin: 'But, needless to say, there are pirates - the flying starfish from Uranus, and those crab lads from the nebula that bears their name.'

248 Westminster

Colorado

winter stems

tinyurl.com/westminster-transposal

These are versatile plants, such as dogwoods and willows, which provide different textures and stem colours to attract the eye and brighten the winter gloom in the garden.

written mess

tinyurl.com/westminster-transposal-2

The name given to Westminster station on the anagram version of the London Tube Map (Tube = underground railway system).

249 Rochester

Minnesota

hectorers

OED

Individuals who hector, or brag, bluster, domineer.

orchester

W2

Another word for an orchestra.

orchestre

W2

Another word for an orchestra.

torchères

W3

Tall ornamental stands for candlesticks or candelabra used in the 18th century and usually set on tripod bases.

250 Gresham

Oregon

Gersham

tinyurl.com/gresham-transposal

A boy's name which is a variant of Gershom (Hebrew), and the meaning of Gersham is "exile".

251 Clearwater

Florida
raw treacle  
tinyurl.com/clearwater-transposal

This occurs in the heading for a recipe for something called Italian Jumbles: "Italian Jumbles, or Brandy Snaps —6 lbs of flour, 7 lbs of good rich sugar, 1 1/4 lb of butter or lard, 2 oz of ginger or allspice, 6 lbs of raw treacle." The recipe then follows in considerable detail. The heading and recipe first appeared in The Complete Biscuit and Gingerbread Baker's Assistant, published in London in 1854.

252 Lowell  
Massachusetts

W Lello  
tinyurl.com/lowell-transposal

A form of the name William Lello, listed on various census and ancestry websites.

253 West Jordan  
Utah

Jon Steward  
tinyurl.com/westjordan-transposal

The name of various individuals appearing on several social networking websites, especially Facebook and LinkedIn.

254 Pueblo  
Colorado

Blue Op  
tinyurl.com/pueblo-transposal

In its Arts, Crafts & Sewing › Beading & Jewelry-Making › Beads & Bead Assortments section, Amazon.com lists an item called 'Pony Beads, Blue Op, 6 x 9mm, 1000pc package'. Blue Op seems to be the colour of the beads.

255 Ventura  
California

vaunter  
W3

One that boasts.

256 Fairfield CA  
California

Radcliffe IA  
tinyurl.com/fairfieldCA-transposal

There is no transposal of 'Fairfield', so the state abbreviation for California (CA) has been added to the city name. Radcliffe is a city in Hardin County, Iowa - hence, Radcliffe IA. The population was 545 at the 2010 census.

257 West Covina  
California

W Stanovice  
tinyurl.com/westcovina-transposal

The western part of Stanovice, a village and municipality in Trutnov District in the Hradec Králové Region of the Czech Republic.

258 Billings  
Montana

Bill Sing  
tinyurl.com/billings-transposal

A named individual on Facebook.

259 Murrieta  
California

Arretium  
Webster's Geographical Dictionary

The ancient Latin name of Arezzo, a city and commune in Italy.

260 High Point  
North Carolina

IHOP night  
tinyurl.com/highpoint-transposal

An IHOP night is a special night held at any of the numerous IHOP (International House of Pancakes) outlets, perhaps with reduced prices, or to raise money for a specific charity. There are many IHOP nights listed on Facebook.

IHOP thing  
tinyurl.com/highpoint-transposal-2
An **IHOP thing** is some quality or aspect of the food or service at an IHOP. There are many websites where customers can provide feedback about aspects of their local IHOP. One particular customer review says "Rest of the staff seemed in good moods as well, maybe a Virginia Beach thing, or an **IHOP thing**. I think the former as we've been to many IHOP's that lacked similar basic service perks."

261 **Round Rock**
Texas

**Round Cork**
tinyurl.com/roundrock-transposal

A type of coaster for putting glasses on. **Round Cork** coasters are available in packages of 6. Round Corks are ideal for commercial, craft and home use and are popular as coasters. 4 inch Round Corks are great for use under small vases and small potted. Manufactured from fine Portuguese cork.

262 **Richmond**
California

**Mirchond**
tinyurl.com/richmond-transposal

Mir-Khānd, Moḥammad ibn Khānḍshāh ibn Maḥmūd (1433/1434–1498) was a noted Persian-language historian of the fifteenth century. He is known in English also as Mir Khvand and in Latin and Greek as **Mirchond**.

263 **Cambridge**
Massachusetts

**G MacBride**
tinyurl.com/cambridge-transposal

The name of various individuals listed on social networking and census websites.

264 **Norwalk**
California

**rank low**
tinyurl.com/norwalk-transposal

A phrase appearing almost half a million times in an internet search, although not appearing in any dictionary. It typically appears in news headlines such as "Alaska Cities Rank Low in Equal Rights Survey", "Americans Rank Low in Health Study", "US Internet Speeds Still Rank Low on Global Scale " and "Republicans rank low on food policy scorecard"

265 **Odessa**
Texas

**Adesso**
tinyurl.com/odessa-transposal

A brand of footwear.

266 **Antioch**
California

**cathion**
W2

An erroneous form of 'cation', a positively charged ion.

**Chatino**
W3

An Indian people of Oaxaca state, Mexico.

**haction**
tinyurl.com/antioch-transposal

A movie genre composed of the two genres of "action" and "horror", although in most cases there is more action than horror.

267 **Temecula CA**
California

**A cute camel**
tinyurl.com/temeculaCA-transposal

There is no transposal of 'Temecula', so the state abbreviation for California (CA) has been added to the city name. A **cute camel** is the title given to a specific photo uploaded to the TripAdvisor website.

268 **Green Bay**
Wisconsin

**Ray Benge**
tinyurl.com/greenbay-transposal

269  **Everett**  Washington
Revette  tinyurl.com/everett-transposal

A surname of various individuals appearing on numerous social networking websites, especially Facebook and LinkedIn

270  **Wichita Falls**  Texas
Witcha Falls  tinyurl.com/witchafalls-transposal

A frequent spelling error for Wichita Falls, appearing over 85,000 times in a Google search. The example referenced here is from a university website and is in large bold letters - you’d think a university might be able to spell the placename correctly!

271  **Burbank CA**  California
A Brunback  tinyurl.com/burbankCA-transposal

There is no transposal of 'Burbank', so the state abbreviation for California (CA) has been added to the city name. A **Brunback** is a form of the name Annette Brunback, an individual from Lubbock, Texas.

272  **Palm Bay**  Florida
Lampbay  lampbay.net

**Lampbay Lighting** is a Chinese high-tech corporation, integrating the R&D, manufacture and sale of LED lighting. It supplies professional LED lighting and technology solutions to clients. Its main products include LED bulbs, LED spotlights, LED downlights, etc.

273  **Centennial CO**  Colorado
Alien Connect  tinyurl.com/centennialCO-transposal

There is no transposal of 'Centennial', so the state abbreviation for Colorado (CO) has been added to the city name. According to the itunes website, **Alien Connect** is a piece of software available for the iPhone and iPad which will find your near friends through bluetooth location.

274  **Daly City**  California
City Lady  tinyurl.com/dalycity-transposal

The name of a women's clothes boutique, located in Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, Ireland.

275  **Richardson**  Texas
Chris Doran  tinyurl.com/richardson-transposal

Christopher "Chris" Doran, from Waterford, Ireland, was the winner of Ireland's "You're a Star" 2003-2004 talent search competition to find Ireland's Eurovision Song Contest entry. The show was aired on RTÉ.

276  **Pompano Beach**  Florida
Pompona Beach  tinyurl.com/pompano-beach-transposal

A frequent spelling error for Pompano Beach, appearing over 2,000 times following a Google search. The example referenced here is from the website of an Indian restaurant - you’d think they’d be able to spell the name of the city in which they were located!

277  **Broken Arrow**  Oklahoma
Brook Warner  tinyurl.com/brokenarrow-transposal

The name of various individuals listed on social networking and census websites.
Brook Warren tinyurl.com/brokenarrow-transposal-2
The name of various individuals listed on social networking and census websites.

Warner Brook tinyurl.com/brokenarrow-transposal-3
The name of a horse stables providing a range of equine services - eg boarding horses, trail riding, riding lessons, training, etc, in Mount Jewell, Pennsylvania.

Warrenbrook tinyurl.com/brokenarrow-transposal-4
The name of a golf course located in Warren, New Jersey.

278 North Charleston South Carolina
Charles Thornton tinyurl.com/northcharleston-transposal
Charles Inglis Thornton, (1850-1929), or Charles Thornton, nicknamed "Buns", was an English cricketer who played more than 200 first-class matches in the later 19th century, for no fewer than 22 different teams.

279 West Palm Beach Florida
best whale camp tinyurl.com/westpalmbeach-transposal
Read all about the Best Whale Camp For Budding Marine Biologists at the website referenced here.

280 Boulder Colorado
doubler W3
One that doubles.

281 Rialto California
Litaro tinyurl.com/rialto-transposal
The name of a restaurant in Paris. Its address is 32, rue Delambre, 75014 Paris, France.

Lorita tinyurl.com/rialto-transposal-2
A genus of moths belonging to the subfamily Olethreutinae of the family Tortricidae.

oil tar W2
A tar formed in the manufacture of oil gas.

tailor W3
One whose occupation or business is making or altering men's or women's outerwear.

tar oil W3
Any of various oils obtained from tar (as coal tar or pine tar) usually by distillation.

Triola tinyurl.com/rialto-transposal-3
This is a children's musical instrument, a hand-tuned single tone wind harmonica, manufactured by C. A. Seydel Söhne in Klingenthal, Germany.

282 Santa Maria California
Aram Satian tinyurl.com/santamaria-transposal
An Armenian classical composer and popular music songwriter, born in 1947.

Atarsamain tinyurl.com/santamaria-transposal-2
An astral deity of uncertain gender, worshipped in the pre-Islamic northern and central Arabian Peninsula.

Sima Tarana tinyurl.com/santamaria-transposal-3
An Afghan singer originally from parwan. She is popular in Afghanistan and Tajikistan. She currently resides in Canada from where she continues her music career.

283 El Cajon California
Jane Col tinyurl.com/elcajon-transposal
At coordinates 60°42′ S 45°38′ W, Jane Col is a col to the west of Jane Peak at the head of Limestone Valley on Signy Island in the South Orkney Islands. It was named in association with Jane Peak by the UK Antarctic Place-Names Committee.

284 Davenport Iowa
Andover Pt tinyurl.com/davenport-transposal
A shortened form of Andover Point, a street address in Roaming Hills, Ohio.

285 Erie Pennsylvania
Eire W3
Another name for the Republic of Ireland.

285 Las Cruces NM New Mexico
USRC McLane’s tinyurl.com/lascrucesNM-transposal
No transposal here for Las Cruces, so the state abbreviation for New Mexico (NM) has been added, giving us 'Las Cruces NM'. USRC McLane (in full: United States Revenue Cutter McLane) was one of 13 cutters of the Morris-Taney Class to be launched in 1833. It was named for Louis McLane, the tenth Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. USRC McLane was noted for her beautiful deck finish and cabinet work. The transposal shown here, USRC McLane's, is the possessive form of the ship's name.

287 South Bend Indiana
boundeths wordincontext.com/en/boundeth
boundeth is the archaic third-person singular of the verb 'bound'. On the website wordincontext.com there are currently 3 boundeths, ie 3 occurrences of the word 'boundeth'.

288 Flint Michigan
lin ft www.thefreedictionary.com/lin+ft
An abbreviation for 'linear foot'.

289 Kenosha Wisconsin
Hökåsen tinyurl.com/kenosha-transposal
A locality situated in Västerås Municipality, Västmanland County, Sweden with 2,956 inhabitants in 2010.
Khoesan tinyurl.com/kenosha-transposal-2
The term Khoesan is used to refer to a set of languages spoken by fewer than 500,000 people in Southern and Eastern Africa. The defining feature of these languages is their use of consonants known as clicks.
Shenako tinyurl.com/kenosha-transposal-3
A highland village in the eastern Georgian region of Kakheti, close to the border with Dagestan, Russia.

And here’s the latest group of 21 places with populations bursting through the 100,000 mark:

290 Allen Texas
ellan OED
An old name for an elk.
nalle OED
A pre-17th century Scots spelling of 'nail'.
neall OED
A pre-17th century spelling of ‘nail’.

nella  
OED
An early Middle English spelling of the verb ‘nill’.

291  Clinton  
Michigan
non-clit  tinyurl.com/clinton-transposal
A shortened form of ‘non-clitoral’, a term used on various sex-related websites.

292  Clovis  
California
Scoivil  Dictionary of American Family Names, Oxford University Press, 2013
A surname.
Volsci  W3
A people of ancient Italy dwelling between the Latins and Samnites and becoming part of the Roman republic about 373 BC.

293  Davie  
Florida
Advie  Ordnance Survey Gazetteer of Great Britain, third edition
A small village in Strathspey, in the Highland Council Area of Scotland.
Devia  tinyurl.com/davie-transposal-1
A genus of Iridaceae first described in 1990; it contains only one known species, Devia xeromorpha, endemic to the south-western part of Cape Province in South Africa.
Ediva  Times Index Gazetteer
A place in Angola.
Vaide  Times Index Gazetteer
A place in the former USSR.
Vedia  Times Index Gazetteer
A place in Argentina.

294  Edison  
New Jersey
Deinos  W2
A vase or vessel with a rounded base and without handles, used as a cinerary urn.
Denios  Times Index Gazetteer
The plural form of 'Denio', places in Nevada and Oregon.
Desino  tinyurl.com/edison-transposal-1
A mountain village in the municipal unit of Aroania, Achaea, Greece; in 2011, it had a population of 37.
Die Son  tinyurl.com/edison-transposal-2
An Afrikaans-language South African tabloid reporting sensational news essentially after the model of British tabloids.
diones  OED
A Middle English spelling of 'dionise', a precious stone, of a black colour streaked with red, reckoned by mediæval writers to be a preservative against drunkenness.
does in  W3
Ruins, cheats, kills.
Donsie  W3
Unlucky.
Edonis  tinyurl.com/edison-transposal-3
A supercar created by Italian automobile manufacturer B Engineering; the Edonis is based on the Bugatti EB110 Super Sport.
**Eidson**
An unincorporated community located on the north side of Clinch Mountain in Hawkins County, Tennessee.

**Enodis**
A British multinational food-making equipment manufacturing company headquartered in London; it was acquired by the American machinery manufacturer Manitowoc in October 2008.

**Inodes**
A genus of fan palms comprising various arborescent palmettos of the southern US, the West Indies, and Mexico that are now usually included in the genus *Sabal*.

**Noised**
Talked loudly.

**no-side**
In Rugby football, signifying the end of a game (or session of play).

**Onside**
Of a player (especially in football, hockey, or rugby): in or from a position on the field where the ball or puck may lawfully be played; not offside.

**Sendio**
A California-based e-mail security company; the privately held company was founded in 2004.

**side-on**
With one side facing in a given direction especially toward the observer.

**Sioned**
A Welsh girl's given name.

**Greeley**
*Colorado*
**grey eel**
*tinyurl.com/greeley-transposal*
A greenish freshwater fish.

**Hillsboro**
*Oregon*
**Boor Hill's**
*tinyurl.com/hillsboro-transposal*
The possessive form of Boor Hill, a hill in the Highland county, Scotland.

**Jurupa Valley**
*California*
No transposal found.

**Lakeland**
*Florida*
**all-naked**
*OED*
Fully naked.

**League City**
*Texas*
**City League**
*tinyurl.com/league-city-transposal*
A European league built on physical e-sports venues.

**Lewisville**
*Texas*
**Lille views**
*tinyurl.com/lewisville-transposal*
Views over the French city of Lille.

**Renton**
*Washington*
**no-rent**
*W2*
Occurs in the term 'no-rent land', land yielding no economic rent.

**Ronnet**
*tinyurl.com/renton-transposal-1*
A commune in the Allier department in Auvergne in central France.

**tonner**

An object (as a ship) having tonnage.

**tornen**

A Middle English form of the verb 'turn', appearing in a 1320 quotation.

**Trenno**

tinyurl.com/renton-transposal-2

A district of Milan, Italy, part of the Zone 8 administrative division of the city; it borders on green areas to the north and west (on the Boscoincittà city park) and to the south (on the Parco di Trenno); to the east, it is adjacent to the Gallaratese district; before being annexed to Milan, in 1923, it was an autonomous *commune*.

**tronen**

A Middle English form of the verb 'throne', appearing in a 1400 quotation.

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**302 San Angelo**

*Sango Lane*

tinyurl.com/san-angelo-transposal-1

One of the neighbourhoods of Lyari Town in Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan.

**Sean Logan**

tinyurl.com/san-angelo-transposal-2

A Democratic politician and former member of the Pennsylvania State Senate who represented the 45th District from 2001 until his resignation on August 24, 2010, to accept a job at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

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**303 San Mateo**

*Easton, MA*

*Times Index Gazetteer*

A town in Massachusetts.

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**304 Sandy Springs**

*Georgia*

**springy sands**

tinyurl.com/sandy-springs-transposal

This description of nereids (sea-nymphs) appears online: They fly from the windy voices of the clouds, Most they love sleek seas and springy sands.

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**305 Sparks**

*Nevada*

**Srpska**

tinyurl.com/sparks-transposal

One of two constitutional and legal entities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the other being the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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**306 Tuscaloosa**

*Alabama*

**Lousa Costa**

tinyurl.com/tuscaloosa-transposal

A name appearing on Facebook.

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**307 Tyler**

*Texas*

**lyter**

A 15th-17th century spelling of 'lighter', a boat, vessel or barge.

**lytre**

A 16th century spelling of 'litre', a pound weight.

**Rytel**

tinyurl.com/tyler-transposal-1

A village in the administrative district of Gmina Czersk, within Chojnice County, Pomeranian Voivodeship, in northern Poland; it lies approximately 9 miles west of Czersk, 11 miles east of Chojnice, and 55 miles south-west of the regional capital Gdańsk.

**Teryl**

tinyurl.com/tyler-transposal-2

A female given name; one example is Teryl Rothery, a Canadian actress, best known for her role as Dr. Janet Fraiser on *Stargate SG-1*.

**tryle**

*OED*
A 15th century spelling of ‘trill’ a noun of uncertain meaning.

308  Vacaville  
  California  
  No transposal found.

309  Vista  
  California  
  Ivats  
  tinyurl.com/vista-transposal-1

A Bulgarian noble and military commander in the late 10th and early 11th century; he served three Bulgarian Emperors - Samuil (997-1014); Gavril Radomir (1014–1015) and Ivan Vladislav (1015–1018).

Tavis  
  tinyurl.com/vista-transposal-2

A male given name; one example is Tavis Smiley, an American talk show host and author; Smiley was born in Gulfport, Mississippi; he worked during the late 1980s as an aide to Tom Bradley, the mayor of Los Angeles.

Vasti  
  tinyurl.com/vista-transposal-3

The plural of ‘vastus’; vasti are the three separate skeletal muscles located in the thigh; the three muscles are vastus intermedius, vastus lateralis and vastus medialis, and are located in the middle, on the outside and inside of the thigh, respectively. Although W3 and medical dictionaries list vastus, none shows a plural form.

Vitas  
  OED

The plural of ‘vita’, a biography, the history of a life. The -s plural form appears in a 1979 quotation taken from the journal American Speech.

Vitsa  
  tinyurl.com/vista-transposal-4

One of the largest villages of central Zagori, Greece; it is situated at an altitude of 955 metres on a mountain slope near the Vikos gorge with roads linking it to Greek National Road 6; Vitsa is famous for its old double-arched bridge of Missios.

310  Woodbridge  
  Connecticut  
  big redwood  
  tinyurl.com/woodbridge-transposal

The following headline appears in a New Zealand news website in August 2018: Big redwood in Taradale gets the chop.

Eight of the 310 city names proved too difficult for me. They are: Cincinnati, Jersey City, Pembroke Pines, Rancho Cucamonga, Thousand Oaks, West Valley City, Jurupa Valley, and Vacaville. While it’s possible to transpose these to mere collections of words (for example, Pembroke Pines = random pipe knobs), these have no obvious meaning, and aren’t findable in dictionaries or on websites. If anyone can find transposals for these eight names, or can offer improvements or additions to the other 302 city names, please let Word Ways know.
JEFF GRANT wrote:
Well done on the latest ‘Word Ways’. Lots of interesting articles.

I enjoyed Tim Heath’s ‘Return of the Magnificent Seven - as Palimericks’. Just a couple of comments on his sources for the original palindromes:

‘Satan! Oscillate my metallic sonatas’ first appears in print (as far as we know) in ‘Word Ways’, May 1982, p80, in an article titled ‘Epic Error Recipe’, written by yours truly. It was later (1992) used as the title of an EP by Soundgarden. This has been confirmed by Mark Saltveit, ‘Palindromist’ magazine and website, who has been researching the origins of palindromes for around 20 years.

‘Doc, note I dissent. A fast never prevents a fatness. I diet on cod’ is considered one of the finest palindromes of all time. Quoting Michael Donner in his book ‘I Love Me, Vol I, S. Wordrow’s Palindrome Encyclopedia’, re this palindrome: ‘According to [Howard] Bergerson, it was told to James Mitchie by a mathematician in 1944 who did not make it up either. According to [Martin] Gardner, Mitchie won a prize for it in a New Statesman palindrome contest in 1967. So much for pinning down its authorship. Moreover, since the text is so greatly and widely loved, it is a good proof of the proposition that success has many fathers (while failure is a bastard).’

ALAN FRANK notes: “A while back, you printed a list of county names with transposals. One of my favorites is Lamoille (NY)/malleoli. I had been thinking of submitting this to the Enigma, but it does not lend itself well to being clued in light verse, so I would be pleased to have it noted in Colloquy.”

DARRYL FRANCIS submits the following 2 Scrabble posers:

In a game where you can only play bonuses (ie all 7 tiles in a move), and ALL the tiles are blanks, what is the fewest number of moves possible that can be made where no more bonus words can be played?

Solution below from Nathan Benedict.

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K
ZYZZYVAS
R
ZYZZYVAS
T
VULCANIC
C
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>>>>> 3rd Z is on middle square
ANOTHER SCRABBLE POSER

Imagine this idealised version of Scrabble:
- Only bingos (bonuses) can be played - ie all 7 tiles must be played at each move;
- Any of the 100 tiles, with the usual distribution of letters, can be used.

What is the fewest number of moves possible that can be made after which no further moves can be played? Find a solution with this number of moves. Don’t forget – only moves using all 7 tiles are allowed.

Solution

This solution was created by Scrabble player Nathan Benedict, of Phoenix, Arizona.

Four moves is the minimum number. In the board layout below, the sequence of moves is:

1. QAWWALI (the 2nd W is on the central square)
2. KARSTIC, QAWWALIS
3. ZYzzYVAS (the 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} Z are blank tiles)
4. VIBRONIC

According to Nathan, there are bingos (bonuses) down through the column with Y-L-O. They are YELLOCHING and any of 14 other words all beginning YELLOW, but all require either a C or W, both of which have already been played.
AN “INSCRUTABLE” MAGIC SQUARE

JEREMIAH FARRELL
Indianapolis, Indiana

The “constant” anagrams on every row, column, and all diagonals.

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I & N & S & C & R & U & T & A & B & L & E \\
L & E & I & N & S & C & R & U & T & A & B \\
A & B & L & E & I & N & S & C & R & U & T \\
U & T & A & B & L & E & I & N & S & C & R \\
C & R & U & T & A & B & L & E & I & N & S \\
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ANIMAL IDIOMS – 1

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The animal kingdom is a rich source of many familiar phrases in the English language. To wit, “one who stays up very late” is referred to as a night owl, while “one who arises at dawn” is deemed an early bird. Analyze the sixteen clues presented in the listing that follows to identify the animal idioms which they suggest.

1. unreservedly
2. sham legal proceeding
3. keenly enthusiastic hard worker
4. pretend to be dead
5. casual shoe
6. concept immune to criticism
7. misleading clue
8. insincere expression of sorrow
9. final public performance
10. greatest part
11. unauthorized work stoppage
12. irritate someone
13. sharp chop to the back of the neck
14. one paralyzed by fright
15. carelessly clumsy person
16. deteriorate in a shocking manner
ANIMAL IDIOMS – 1 – Answers

1. WHOLE HOG
2. KANGAROO COURT
3. EAGER BEAVER
4. PLAY POSSUM
5. HUSH PUPPY
6. SACRED COW
7. RED HERRING
8. CROCODILE TEARS
9. SWAN SONG
10. LION’S SHARE
11. WILDCAT STRIKE
12. GET ONE’S GOAT
13. RABBIT PUNCH
14. DEER IN THE HEADLIGHTS
15. BULL IN A CHINA SHOP
16. GO TO THE DOGS
And Then Limericks

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Working hard I didn’t stint,
Making chocolate hard as flint.
I was loosing money,
You know it wasn’t funny.
And then I changed and made a mint.

Staying up late was the key.
Where the sun went I wanted to see.
I stayed there all though the night,
Waiting for just the right sight,
And then it dawned on me.

Playing baseball, feeling free,
Watching a ball that I could see.
Something I couldn’t figure,
The ball was getting bigger,
And then it hit me.
Outside the café I saw it rain
So inside the shop I did remain.
But I spilled coffee on my shirt,
Looking dark, a lot like dirt,
And then they viewed me with distain.

My boomerang I could not see,
And wondered where in the world it be.
When I was in the yard,
I'd thrown it very hard
And then it came to me.

Pin factory job I did not shirk,
Worked on the line, not as a clerk.
We told the boss we're tired.
The other guys got fired,
And then I got stuck with all the work.
The bicycle's a great device,
Assembling them it's quite precise.
My job at the bicycle shop.
Was to put them together and stop.
And then I had to pedal the merchandise.

I wanted to work near the dunes,
They said that job's for buffoons.
Over time I did persist,
To be an archeologist,
And then my career was in ruins.

At the department store that day,
A bathroom scale was on display.
It was the thing I stole,
Because that was my goal,
And then to steal a weigh.
I thought a beard I'd like to see,
I'd let it grow and let it be.
I didn't like it at first,
I thought it was the worst,
And then it grew on me.

To a farm I did frequent,
And many were the days I spent.
Please don't ask me how,
I watched a pregnant cow,
And then it became apparent.

Into the elevator I drifted,
Met a minister there who insisted
We speak a little while.
I almost had to smile,
And then I felt uplifted.
As a banker I'd often invest
In projects that people suggest.

But I'm very sad to say,
The projects didn't pay,

And then I also lost interest.
51.4.1 Doubly True – Italian by Andrzej Bartz, Fuerth, Germany

DUECENTO + CENTOSEI + CENTO + CENTOUNO + VENTISETTE + VENTUON + DODICI + DIECI + NOVE + SETTE = SETTECENTO

(200 + 106 + 101 + 100 + 27 + 21 + 12 + 10 + 9 + 7 = 700)

51.4.2 Doubly True – German by Andrzej Bartz, Fuerth, Germany

HUNDertzweihundertelf + HUNDretuwelhundertvierzehn + NEUNZEHN + 2(DREIZEHN) + 9(ZEHN) + 37(NEUN) + 26(DREI) + 71(ZWEI) = NEUNHUNDERT

(110 + 102 + 19 + 2(13) + 9(10) + 37(9) + 26(3) + 71(2) = 900)

51.4.3 Pythagorean Triple – 1 by Andrzej Bartz, Fuerth, Germany

(ONE + ONE + ONE)² + (FOUR)² = (FIVE)²

51.4.4 Pythagorean Triple – 2 by Andrzej Bartz, Fuerth, Germany

(FIVE + ONE)² + (TWO + TWO + ONE + ONE + ONE + ONE)² = (FIFTY – FORTY)²

51.4.5 Global Tour – 1 by Paul Boymel, Potomac, Maryland

C U B A  x  M A L I  =  B E L G I U M

51.4.6 Global Tour – 2 by Paul Boymel, Potomac, Maryland

T O G O  x  L A O S  =  B A R B U D A
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51.4.1 Doubly True – Italian by Andrzej Bartz, Fuerth, Germany

\[ 60838794 + 3879458998 + 38794074 + 1879074 + 646232 + 7418 + 58998 = 5899838794 \]

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\[ 21473589324 + 21473589036 + 43149324 + 2(75369324) + 9(9324) + 37(4314) + 26(7536) + 71(9036) = 43142147358 \]

51.4.3 Pythagorean Triple – 1 by Andrzej Bartz, Fuerth, Germany

\[ (345 + 345 + 345)^2 + (1380)^2 = (1725)^2 \]

51.4.4 by Andrzej Bartz, Fuerth, Germany

\[ (5847 + 297)^2 + (302 + 302 + 297 + 297 + 297 + 297)^2 = (58536 - 52136)^2 \]

51.4.5 Global Tour - 1 by Paul Boymel, Potomac, Maryland

\[ 1438 \times 2509 = 3607942 \]

51.4.6 Global Tour - 2 by Paul Boymel, Potomac, Maryland

\[ 2606 \times 1863 = 4854978 \]
We once wisely wondered whether William Wordsworth's words would work when whispered while waltzing with wild women wearing wonderfully woven white woolly wigs.

Whenever wickedly waltzed, one wacky woman, woozy with whisky, washed with warm well water while watching woody woodpecker wantonly whistling with weird, whip-wielding witches whipping whales with wicker wands.

Woodcutters who worried when work waned wondered whether wages would withstand weakened workloads. What work would warrant worthwhile wages? Worried woodworkers would whittle worn wormwood wishing woebegone wallabies would walk willingly with winsome weasels wielding wildflowers.

What wizardry we witnessed when wretched weirdoes wore wiry walrus whiskers while waging war with wheezing wolverines whacking whirling wombats. Whereupon we woefully wandered westward, weary, wasted, weeping without Wordsworth's wistful wisdom.

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