

DIVIDING AND ADDING

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Start by dividing a 6-letter word (eg. DALTON below) into its first three letters and its last three letters. Add a common fourth letter to each group of three and make two four letter words. Continue by adding common letters and making increasingly longer words.

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 D A L T O N
 E
 L E A D N O T E
 S
 S L A D E S T O N E
 H
 L A S H E D H O N E S T
 R
H E R A L D S T H R O N E S

 +
 P O R T A L
 E
 R O P E L A T E
 S
 S P O R E L E A S T
 D
 D O P E R S S L A T E D
 T
D E P O R T S S L A T T E D

 +
 R I N D E R
 E
 E R I N D E E R
 T
 N I T R E D E T E R
 S
 S T R I N E D E S E R T
 S
I N S E R T S D E S S E R T

The reader might try dividing 9-letter words into three groups of three letters and repeat the exercise.

To spur you on, here are two examples (REMONSTRATED and MISREPRESENT) of 12-letter words divided into four groups of three letters:

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| | R E M | O N S | T R A | T E D |
| + O | M O R E | S O O N | R O T A | D O T E |

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|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | M I S | R E P | R E S | E N T |
| + A | A I M S | R A P E | R A S E | N E A T |
| + L | M A I L S | P E A R L | L A S E R | L E A N T |