

A 4470-POINT SCRABBLE GAME

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In the February 1981 issue of Word Ways we exhibited a theoretical solitaire Scrabble game where all 100 tiles are used to achieve a score of 4454 points. With some slight adjustments to the setup and a few new words it is possible to add 16 more points, giving a new total of 4470. Asterisks (*) indicate the two blank tiles.

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F   R   E   Q   U   E   N   T   A   T   I   V   E   L   Y
   S   O   U   L   W   A   R   D
           T   W   U   O
           B   R   I   E   F
           R   A
           E   P*
I   G   A   A
J   A   C   K   P   U   D   D   I   N   G   H   O   O   D
E   L   A   E   I   N   E
   V   R   N   S
   A   G   E   T
   N   O   T
   I   M
   Z*  E   O   L   I   T   I   S   E
B   E   N   Z   O   X   Y   C   A   M   P   H   O   R   S
  
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The moves are as follows:

Score	Letters	Words Formed
74	DDGINPU	pudding (bonus)
69	AEEEEILN	elaëine, pi, un, de (bonus)
76	CEGMNOR	cargomen (bonus)
504	ADHJKOO	jackpuddinghood, je, al, ke (bonus)
116	AEGINV*	galvanize, vr, ag, no, im, ze, en (bonus)
126	ABEENRT	breakenet, vm, age, not (bonus)
5	IR	bri
12	S	vrns, pis
115	AALTTU*	ultrapapist, ra, ep, aa, aget (bonus)
6	E	brie
18	UW	wu, we
23	F	brief, uf
2	E	ue
115	ADORSUW	soulward, ew, awe, ruf (bonus)
6	ER	re, rs, eo
10	N	uen, nawe
11	O	wuo, do
6	AT	at, ado
3	I	ati
62	EIILOST	zeolitise (bonus)
20	OX	lo, ix, ox

18	Y	oxy, ty
10	AM	sa, em, am
7	P	amp
13	I	ije, ig
6	I	ity
1361	EFLQTVY	frequentatively, qu, truf (bonus)
1676	BCHORSZ	benzoxycamphors, oz, ic (bonus)
4470	(Total)	

The game uses words taken from various English dictionaries. Two of the 15-letter terms, BENZOXYCAMPHORS and JACKPUDDINGHOOD, come from Web2. The other, FREQUENTATIVELY, appears in ‘Wiktionary’, an online dictionary, defined as ‘in a frequentative way’. A Latin Dictionary (Lewis & Short, 1962) shows ‘frequentative’ as Latin for FREQUENTATIVELY.

BRI (bree), EO (you), IG (I), JE (yea), KE (kae), NAWE (nave), TRUF (truff), VR (our, B2, a1300 quot.) and VRN (urn) can be found in OED, as can BREAKENET (break-net, 1583 quot.) and CARGOMEN, plural of ‘cargoman (cargo-man, 1922 quot.).

AG, AMP and RS appear in Web3, EP (hip) and IX in EDD, and OZ, drugs slang for amyl nitrate, in CDS. UEN, variant of ‘ven’, an early form of ‘fen’ (lien, v.1., 3e, c1275 quot.) and UF (if) are found in MED, and UE, to hum a tune, in SND.

IJE, a Congo drum, is listed in MI, and ZEOLITISE is a variant of ‘zeolitise’ (see -ise in Web2). ITY, derogatory for ‘Italian’, appears together with ‘Itie’ in the ‘Australian Slang Dictionary’, Natalya Belinsky, 2002 (www.babylon.com). All entries in this online reference are capitalised, so you have to decide which ones need not be. Since ‘itie’ is uncapitalised in Web3 and CDS, it seems reasonable to infer that there are occasions when ‘ity’ can be spelt in lower-case as well.

All other words are taken from either Web2 or OED.

References

- CDS Cassell Dictionary of Slang, Jonathon Green, 1998
- EDD English Dialect Dictionary, Joseph Wright, 1970
- MED Middle English Dictionary, 1959-2001
- MI Musical Instruments: A Comprehensive Dictionary, Sibyl Marcuse, 1964
- OED Oxford English Dictionary, 2nd Edition, 1989
- SND Scottish National Dictionary, 1931-76
- Web2 Webster’s New International Dictionary, 2nd Edition, 1961
- Web3 Webster’s Third New International Dictionary, 1976