

A TEN-YEAR TOPICAL INDEX

The following index has been designed to help the reader locate specific types of wordplay appearing in the first ten years of *Word Ways*. Related articles and notes are grouped together, according to a taxonomy which has evolved over the last several years (an earlier version was used in the *Five-Year Topical Index* in November 1972). Briefly, the central core of logology is presently viewed as consisting of (1) letter-patterns in words, (2) operations upon letters in words, and (3) relationships between letters and sounds. (The second topic was amplified in "The Word-Surgeon's Compendium" in the August 1976 *Word Ways*.) Surrounding this core is the ill-defined intersection of logology with three older branches of wordplay or study: (1) word games and puzzles (Scrabble, crosswords, cryptograms, and the more specialized play of the National Puzzlers' League), (2) literary wordplay (long palindromes, the E-less novel *Gadsby*) and puns, and (3) academic language study (particularly word usage, meanings and etymology). Wordplay involving special sets of words (presidents, statenames, words ending in -dous) is separately indexed.

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