EIGHT-LETTER METALLEGES

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In the February 1991 *Word Ways*, Darryl Francis exhibited a type-collection of metalleges (letter-swap transposals, as sLAv e to sALVe, or sKaTe to sTaKe) of two through ten letters. This article examines eight-letter metalleges in more detail, listing all that can be found in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary. In general, adjacent letter-swaps are commoner than more distant ones, especially those that occur near the start or the end of a word. The full list of 283 OSPD metalleges is given below.

1-2 Alburnum Altitude COhering DEifiers DEifying DOorless RUinated RUinates Stardoms
1-3 BeRating BoLasters BuRbling BuRblier BuRbling Captions CaScades CiPolins CoRkiest CoRklike DaWdlers DaWdlin FeRrying GeLatine GeLating GeLation LaMeness LImitary LiVeness MaNeless MarBlers MarBling MaTeless MoNaDices MoNaDics MoNaChy MoNiStic MoNomag MoNology MoRaines NeTiFest NoTeless PoSitimg PoTsone PyThonic ReTraced ReTraces ReTrains RoWdiest
1-4 AetHeric CouThier DanGered Dealings DonGolas Dormancy Drugging GarMents GodLings LatRines LeaSable LeaViest MooKies SerVants
1-5 Altruism Altruist ClanGing DesiRers DesiRing Emprlses InsoUled LameNess LeveRing LoweRing LustRing MacRate RecuSing
1-6 FerriTic GallaTes NacteRed SerraTes
1-7 MonetiZe RingleTs RippleTs RootleTs
1-8 DecanTeR DeceiveR DeclineR DeferreR DelowerR DeformR DegradeR DemanTeR DeserveR DesigneR DetaiLeR DetaineR Detester DwindleS
2-3 aERology aILments bARkiest bERaking cARvings cERatins cERvices cLUtches cORoners fALtboat fARMable fRUmenty kElsters pERcents pERcepts pERforms pERvious pORtends sALtiest sILvered sILverer wARstled wARstles wORTHful
2-4 gAtEways lEvIable pLAsters pLAstery rEplners rEpIning sAtIrist sCePters sCePtral sCePtres sLiTting sNaPless sNaTched sNaTcher sNaTches
2-5 aNseRous cAssOcks cOSTumer hAlloIng hAptEnes pAstiche sLeePing sLeeTier sLeeTiNg sLowness sNeaPing sNooPier sNooPing
2-6 caramBls cHancRes halloOed lAterlTe pAtulEnt
2-7 pArrettE
3-4 caSUally coINfers enISling guSTiest kiLTings liENABLE reAlTers reINForm scARPers scARPing sEpINg sTyrolyng thORming
3-5 beMIring exCePted maleNess miLDNess mINister moLaRity reGeLate reLIVING urAnltes wiLDNess
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3-7 clematis hurtles marqueses recourses tartlets
3-8 stOccata
4-5 ginGKoes infraRcts ochErous regARded schEmers
4-6 besLiMed besLiMes conGents nonRiVal
4-7 assErrOr conSerVe henEquIn misDeals
4-8 conDoleS outRideS
5-6 armoIRes cithERns compiled compILER compiled maliGner meaGERly
sombrely untilTed
5-7 antiMoNy gallAtEs gambleRs handLeS outsLePt quINaTs skirReTs
tumbleRs
5-8 reinSerT
6-7 calibERs compeERs curaCAOs dioptERs electORs grandAMs misfiELd
peciELs philiERs piastERs quickEST radicELs saltiERs sceptERs
spectERs terreNEs theaTERs thickEST unmitERs
6-8 exploDeR milliMhO ozoniDeS unburDeN underDoG tetraCID
7-8 accoutER alkaliES bayadeER blanKEst botaniES briskeST cadasEER
cascabEL coloniES decentER discreet drabbeST energiES eulogiES
freshEST grummeST melodIes sanitiES strongly overbuSY overdoES
propenET tETaniES thicKEst theoriES treatIes

WELL, SON, I HEARD YOU GOT AN A IN SCHOOL TODAY!
I SURE DID, DAD! AND SHE’S THE PRETTIEST GIRL IN CLASS!

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