AERST TRANSPOSALS UPDATE

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My article ‘Transposing Rates’ in the November 1987 Word Ways has examples for 63 of the 120 possible transposals of the letters AERST. Further research expanded the collection to 85 in ‘AERST Transposals’ (Word Ways, Nov 2006), with many of the original entries improved as well.

Here is an attempt to include something for all 120 combinations. Some acronyms, abbreviations and derivatives (RTase, TSAer, etc.) are listed, as well as unverified personal names, mainly from Facebook. Names with initials (e.g. T.S.Rae) and purely foreign words are omitted. Owing to the nature of the source (Facebook in particular), some examples are suspect. The combinations most in need of confirmation or improvement are marked with an asterisk (*).

AERST  early form of erst, first [OED]
AERTS  plural of aert, Shetland Is. form of earth [SND, eart]
The Frisian and Dutch surname Aerts is listed over 500 times in US TDs [White Pages]
AERSRT*  Aesrt Araidy and Aesrt Meles are on Facebk.
AESTR  female given name, possibly a variant of Ester, e.g. Aestr Bnam of Kuwait, also Aestr Senegal, Aestr Kahissaun, and others [Facebk]
AETRS  persons with the given name Aetrr, such as Iraq residents Aetrr Namawe and Aetrr Aljannah [Facebk]
  Short for average effective tax rates
  ‘What explains the recent decreases in AETRs?’ [slideplayer.com (Net)]
AETSR*  Sivakumar Aetsr of Coimbatore, India is on Facebk.
AREST  obsolete form of arrest and erst [OED]
ARETS  reckons, ascribes, imputes [Web2]
ARSET  backwards, a Scots term [SND]
AREST  Middle English form of erst, first [MED, erst, c1450 quote.]; surname listed 5 times in US TDs [White Pages]
ARTES  plural of arte, a 14-17th century spelling of art [OED]
ARTSE  Ashkenazic male given name [DAGN]
ASERT  brand name of the antidepressant sertraline [Net]
ASETR*  female given name of Ethiopians Asetr Bekele, Asetr Hayila, Asetr Kebede, and others [Facebk]
ASRET  male and female given name recorded 17 times in 6 different countries, mostly in Russia [Names]
ASRTE*  Ethiopian personal name, e.g. Asrte Wagre, Abayneh Asrte, Hana Asrte and Tamru Asrte [Facebk]
ASTER  in sponges, a star-shaped spicule [Web2]
ASTRE  a hearth or home [OED]
ATERS  plural of ater, an early form of atter, poison, gill [OED]
  Don Aters is an American rock (music) photographer [Net]
ATESR* dubious first name of Atesr Beat and Atesr Nicholas [Facebk]
ATRES genitive singular form of ator, an old word for 'poison, venom' [A Concise Anglo-Saxon Dictionary, J.R.Clark Hall, 1960]
ATRSE* male given name of Ethiopians Atrse Alemayehu, Atrse Ato, Atrse Keto, and others [Facebk]
ATSER community in Benue state, east-central Nigeria [GeoNames]
ATSRE* Ghanaians Emmanuel Atsre, Innocent Atsre, Atsre Wisdom, and others are on Facebk.
EARST obsolete variant of erect, not long ago [OED]
EARTS plural of eart, Shetland Is. form of earth [SND]
EASRT* Easrt Sekh and Rafeek Easrt are on Facebk.
EASTR possible variant of the surname Easter. Bridgett Eastr and Margaret Eastr of Atwick, Yorkshire both married in 1663 [IGI, British Isles]
Lesli Eastr is a resident of Chandler, Arizona [White Pages]
EATRS (pronounced 'eaters') short for Energetically Autonomous Tactical Robots 'Just imagine an army of EATRs in the future.' [www.coolthings.com (Net)]
EATSR* coined acronym for Extended Area Test System Radar or Eastern Area Trans-Siberian Railway
An evocative error for Easter, as in ‘Eatsr eggs’, Eatsr chocolate, etc. [Net]
ERAST earliest, soonest [DOST]
ERATS grazing area in the Syunik region, southern Armenia [GeoNames]
ERSAT Turkish male given name, e.g. Ersat Hurmuzu, an adviser to former Turkish president Abdullah Gul [Net]
ERSTA settlement in the Uppsala region, east Sweden [GeoNames]
ERTAS populated place in the Kastamonu province, north Turkey [GeoNames]
ERTSA male or female given name or nickname, e.g. Ertsa Asek, Ertsa Duncham, Ertsa Ampeldenta [Facebk], Erik "Ertsa" Mandelin [Net], and Ertsa, a woman villager in Gravity, a fantasy story by 'Hades Phoenix'. [www.fanfiction.net, 21 Feb 2008 (Net)]
ESART surname recorded 6 times in the 1930 Federal U.S. Census, including Vincent and Margaret Esart and their children Vincent Jr. and Marguerita of Suffolk County, Massachusetts. Arlene Esart is a resident of Concord, Massachusetts [ussearch.com (Net)]
There are 53 historical entries for Esart in England [IGI]
ESATR* dubious given name of Esatr Palo and Jorge Esatr Man Tyu [Facebk]
ESRAT Bangladeshi female given name (sometimes rendered Irsat or Ishrat), such as lawmaker Ersat Sultana Elen Bhutto and AMAL founder and director Ersat Karim [Net] The name Ersat appears many times on Facebk and Tomer Ersat lives in New York [White Pages]
ESRTA* dubious female given name of Malawi resident Esrta Yasin and Esrta Kuau of Turkey [Facebk]
ESTAR populated place in Palawan province, west Philippines [GeoNames]
ESTRA island in Ostergotland region, southeast Sweden [GeoNames]
ETARS plural of etar, a 15th century form of eater [OED]
ETASR* highly suspect surname of Asdad Etasr [Facebk] Short for Engineering, Technology and Applied Science Research, an international journal [Net]

ETRAS persons with the surname Etra, such as the 125 listed in U.S. TDs [White Pages]

ETRSA* dubious given name of Etrsa Hydara [Facebk] Navy acronym for Electronics Technician (radar) Seaman Apprentice [abbreviations.com (Net)]

ETSAR an e-tsar is someone appointed to get more people using the Internet ‘Will the minister say more about the e-envoy or e-tsar?’ [UK Parliament, House of Commons Hansard Debates for 29 Nov 1999 (Net)]

Indonesian male given name, e.g. Dr Etsar Mukhtasar of Yogyakarta University and Etsar Ariansyah from Jakarta [Net]

ETSRA small town in northern Saudi Arabia [EB, 10th Ed.,1903]

RAEST early form of the noun rest [OED]

RAETS surname of William Raets, a 16th century Flemish mathematician [DUB]

RASET variant of reset, an old Scots form of receipt [DOST, reset, 1556 quote.]

RASTE early variant of the verb rest [MED, resten, v,1]

RATES chides, scolds [OED]

RATSE an Ashkenazic female given name [DAGN]

REAST variant of reest, to become rancid [OED]

REATS plural of reat, an offence [DOST]

RESAT past tense of resit, to sit (an exam) again [OED]

RESTA community in the Orebro region, south-central Sweden [GeoNames]

RETAS surname listed 22 times in U.S. TDs [White Pages]; people with the surname Retta, such as over 1000 in U.S. TDs [White Pages]

The Retas Awards recognise U.K.’s best card retailers [Net]

RETSAs first name of over 100 people (mostly female) on Facebk. A surname, possibly Greek in origin (name-list.net), e.g. actress Maria Retsa, psychologist Chrysa Retsa and pharmaceutical director Peny Retsa [Net]

RSAET* dubious first name of Rsaet Love and Rsact Oop [Facebk]

RSATE* Johanne Christiane Rsate Reimann was born in Goldberg, Prussia in 1805 [IGI], and Rsate Mone of Magora, Ukraine is on Facebk

RSEAT a racing simulator seat for electronic gaming, where realistic physics affects the car and driver [Net]

'The rsset is a little narrow in the shoulders for my frame.' [www.reddit.com, 7 Dec 2015 (Net)]

RSETA* female given name of Thai Rseta Domdod and Rseta Uanis [Facebk]

RSTAES* dubious last name of Sery Rsete [Facebk]

RSTEA* Lelti and Abeba Rstea went to school in Humera, northern Ethiopia [Facebk]

RTAES* in physics, short for Resonant Toroidal Alfven Eigenmodes, natural vibrations in magnetically confined plasmas [www.allacronyms.com]

'The excitation of RTAEs is predicted even though the usual resonance condition is not satisfied.' [www.researchgate.net (Net)]
Persons with the dubious first name Rtae, such as the 2 Rtaes on Facebk, Rtae Case and Rtae Rod.

RTASE reverse transcriptase (RTase), a retrovirus enzyme that synthesises DNA from viral RNA [The Dictionary of Genomics, Transcriptomics and Proteomics, G. Kahl, 2005] Compare RNase [OED]

RTEAS* people named Rtea, such as Rtea Anha, Rtea Diaz, Rtea Rooi Malapile and others [Facebk]
Short for Rapid Trade and Environmental Assessments [www.allacronyms.com (Net)]
‘Data availability was also more limited... compared to the RTEAs conducted in Asia and Latin America.’ [National Report for Namibia, www.isd.com, 2009 (Net)]

RTESA* given name of Rtesa Rohoman, Rtesa Nzu and Rtesa Yuti, and surname of Ana Rtesa and Demeiram Rtesa [Facebk]

RTSAE* highly dubious name of Efwtjtdsaghyf Rts [Facebk]

RTSEA* RTSea Productions (from Richard Theiss + Sea) is an underwater filming company based in Irvine, California, U.S. [Net]

SA’ERT a former subdivision of the province of Kurdistan in Turkey [EB, 9th Ed., 1876] Also Saert [Net quots., 19th century sources]

SAETR the name of a farm in Norway [NG, Vol19] Saetr is an old norse word meaning ‘mountain pasture’ [see etym. saeter (OED)]

SARET populated place in east Afghanistan [GeoNames]

SARTE populated place in southwest Ethiopia [GeoNames]

SATER variant of saeter, a meadow associated with a dwelling in the Shetland Islands [OED]

SATRE a hilly spur in central southern Serbia [GeoNames] There are over 600 people with the surname Satre in U.S. TDs [White Pages]

SEART Conrad and Elisabeth Seart of Blairsville, Indiana are recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census, and Walter and Alice Seart of St Clair, Illinois in the 1910 U.S. Census [www.myrelatives.com (Net)] The surname Seart is listed 10 times in U.K. and 8 times in N. America [IGI]

SEATR* Seatr is an online seating arrangement software, for use in restaurants, conferences, etc. [eventressuite.com (Net)]
Seatr Eh, Seatr Jaozu and Ejedorav Seatr are on Facebk.

SERAT a mountainous region in Yemen [Times Index-Gazetteer, 1965] The ordeal bridge across the gulf of hell over which all Muslims have to pass at the resurrection [Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, E. Cobham Brewer, 1903]

SERTA the modern Syriac cursive script [Web2]

SETAR variant of sitar, a guitar-like Indian musical instrument [OED]

SETRA a settlement in central Java, Indonesia [GeoNames]

SRAET* given name of Sraet Huang, Sraet Luba, Sraet Satirmirgal, and others. Many names are obviously contrived from tears spelt backwards, e.g. Naip Sraet, Sraet Drolraw and Sraet ni Nevaeh [Facebk]

SRATE surname of twins Caroline and Friedrich Srate, born 3 Oct 1868 in Ludenhausen, Germany; their father was Heinrich Srate [IGI]
SREAT surname of a Hannibal, Missouri family of 5 recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census [search.ancestry.com (Net)]

SRETA a male and female given name recorded over 200 times in 8 different countries, mostly Serbia [Names]

SRTAE* dubious name of Srtae Wera and Thai Aeaeza Srtae [Facebk] Someone called Srtae is an avid fanfic reader [fanfiction.net]

SRTEA* dubious surname of Vietnamese Pkue Srtea and Catherine Srtea [Facebk] Short for Swede Road Transport Employers Association [Net]

STAER old Scots variant of stair [DOST]

STARE a fixed gaze [OED]

STEAR one of the weasel tribe [EDD]

STERA town in southern Socotra, Yemen [GeoNames]

STRAE Scots form of straw [OED]

STREA dialectic form of straw [EDD]

TAERS Shetland Islands and Cornish form of tears [EDD]

TAESR* Arabic(?) male given name, e.g. Taesr Ali (Egypt), Taesr Balbaki (Syria) and Taesr Jader (Libya) [Facebk]

TARES the cultivated vetch grown as fodder [OED]

TARSE the tarsus, first part of the foot [OED]

TASER a type of stun-gun [OED]

TASRE surname recorded 22 times in India in 2014 [forebears.io (Net)], e.g. Rajendra Tasre, Suraj Tasre, and others [Facebk]

A West African male given name, e.g. Tasre Belem, Tasre Lonfo, Tasre Ouedraogo (all Ivory Coast), and others [Facebk]

TEARS drops of any liquid [OED]

TEASR* dubious given name of Teasr Mia, Teasr Mughal and Teasr Oner [Facebk]

TERAS a monster [Web2]

TERSA populated place in southeast European Russia [GeoNames]


Tesar is listed over 1200 times in U.S. TDs [White Pages]

TESRA mainly female given name recorded 23 times in U.S. and Brazil [Names] Many people named Tesra are listed in U.S. TDs [White Pages] and on Facebk.

TRAES variant of thraes, suffers from a serious illness [SND]

TRASE obsolete form of trace [OED]

TREAS 16th century form of the noun trace [OED]

TRESA stream in southeast Norway [GeoNames]

TRSAE* given name of Trsae Lee, a female resident of Penang, Malaysia, who is on Facebk and other sites.

TRSEA* dubious given name of Trsea Uiy (male) of Guarulhos, Brazil [Facebk], and Trsea Taylor (female) of Hampton, Georgia [White Pages]

TSAER surname recorded 110 times in Russia in 2014 [forebears.io (Net)]

An employee of the Transport Security Administration (TSA):
‘At least you have a fighting chance with the TSAer at 1st stage security.’
[www.travelok.net, 4 sep 2003 (Net)]:

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 surname listed 4 times in the TD of Kazan, Russia and once in the TD for Khabarovsk, Russia [english.spravkaru.net (Net)]
There are 21 people in Russia with the surname Tsare recorded on MyHeritage [lastnames.myheritage.com (Net)]
TSEAR surname of S.Y. Tsear of Toronto, Canada [White Pages], who has been listed in Toronto TDs since the early 1980s. Abe Tsear (b1887) immigrated from Russia to Massachusetts, U.S. in 1905 [myheritage.com (Net)]
TSERA town in northwest Burma (Myanmar) [GeoNames]
TSRAE* acronym for Torres Strait Regional Authority Election [TSRAE.doc, 30/7/10 (Net)]
TSREA* Top Shelf Real Estate Advisors, a consultancy firm based in Clarksburg, Maryland, U.S. [Net]

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DOST Dictionary of the Older Scottish Tongue, 1937-2002
DUB Dictionary of Universal Biography, Albert Hyamson, 1951
EB Encyclopaedia Britannica
EDD English Dialect Dictionary, Joseph Wright, 1905
Facebk Facebook, online social networking site [Net]
GeoNames National Imagery and Mapping Agency placename database [geonames.usgs.gov]
IGI International Genealogical Index [familysearch.org]
MED Middle English Dictionary, 1959-2001
Names Names Encyclopaedia [namespedia.com (Net)]
Net the Internet, using Google search program (2016)
NG Norske Gaardnavne (A Register of Norwegian Farm Names), Oluf Rygh, 1936
SND Scottish National Dictionary, 1931-76
TD telephone directory
White Pages whitepages.com, an Internet database of names listed in U.S. and Canadian telephone directories (2016)