

SCHOTT'S ORIGINAL MISCELLANY

A snippet of uncommon knowledge, compiled exclusively for Weekend by **Ben Schott**

“TO THE CURIOUS” – 480 WAYS TO SPELL SCISSORS

The word Scissors appears capable of more variations in spelling than any other; although we must acknowledge there is but one right way, it might be very puzzling to discover it; we might in the first place with propriety consult Johnson, but he unluckily has only half the article, we refer then to the Dictionaries in more common use, and find Scissars, Scissors, Sisers &c. and to learn us the pronunciation we are taught Scizzurz, surely then we may amuse ourselves by enumerating a few of the many ways which might be applied to the same purpose:

1..... Scis-sars	41..... Scys-sars	81..... Sis-sars	121.... Sys-sars	161.... Cis-sars	201.... Cys-sars	241.... Scis-sarz	281.... Scys-sarz	321.... Sis-sarz	361.... Sys-sarz	401.... Cis-sarz	441.... Cys-sarz
2..... Scis-sers	42..... Scys-sers	82..... Sis-sers	122.... Sys-sers	162.... Cis-sers	202.... Cys-sers	242.... Scis-serz	282.... Scys-serz	322.... Sis-serz	362.... Sys-serz	402.... Cis-serz	442.... Cys-serz
3..... Scis-sirs	43..... Scys-sirs	83..... Sis-sirs	123.... Sys-sirs	163.... Cis-sirs	203.... Cys-sirs	243.... Scis-sirz	283.... Scys-sirz	323.... Sis-sirz	363.... Sys-sirz	403.... Cis-sirz	443.... Cys-sirz
4..... Scis-sors	44..... Scys-sors	84..... Sis-sors	124.... Sys-sors	164.... Cis-sors	204.... Cys-sors	244.... Scis-sorz	284.... Scys-sorz	324.... Sis-sorz	364.... Sys-sorz	404.... Cis-sorz	444.... Cys-sorz
5..... Scis-surs	45..... Scys-surs	85..... Sis-surs	125.... Sys-surs	165.... Cis-surs	205.... Cys-surs	245.... Scis-surz	285.... Scys-surz	325.... Sis-surz	365.... Sys-surz	405.... Cis-surz	445.... Cys-surz
6..... Scis-Syrs	46..... Scys-Syrs	86..... Sis-Syrs	126.... Sys-Syrs	166.... Cis-Syrs	206.... Cys-Syrs	246.... Scis-syrz	286.... Scys-syrz	326.... Sis-syrz	366.... Sys-syrz	406.... Cis-syrz	446.... Cys-syrz
7..... Scis-ars	47..... Scys-ars	87..... Sis-ars	127.... Sys-ars	167.... Cis-ars	207.... Cys-ars	247.... Scis-arz	287.... Scys-arz	327.... Sis-arz	367.... Sys-arz	407.... Cis-arz	447.... Cys-arz
8..... Scis-ers	48..... Scys-ers	88..... Sis-ers	128.... Sys-ers	168.... Cis-ers	208.... Cys-ers	248.... Scis-erz	288.... Scys-erz	328.... Sis-erz	368.... Sys-erz	408.... Cis-erz	448.... Cys-erz
9..... Scis-irs	49..... Scys-irs	89..... Sis-irs	129.... Sys-irs	169.... Cis-irs	209.... Cys-irs	249.... Scis-irz	289.... Scys-irz	329.... Sis-irz	369.... Sys-irz	409.... Cis-irz	449.... Cys-irz
10..... Scis-ors	50..... Scys-ors	90..... Sis-ors	130.... Sys-ors	170.... Cis-ors	210.... Cys-ors	250.... Scis-orz	290.... Scys-orz	330.... Sis-orz	370.... Sys-orz	410.... Cis-orz	450.... Cys-orz
11..... Scis-urs	51..... Scys-urs	91..... Sis-urs	131.... Sys-urs	171.... Cis-urs	211.... Cys-urs	251.... Scis-urz	291.... Scys-urz	331.... Sis-urz	371.... Sys-urz	411.... Cis-urz	451.... Cys-urz
12..... Scis-zars	52..... Scys-zars	92..... Sis-zars	132.... Sys-zars	172.... Cis-zars	212.... Cys-zars	252.... Scis-zarz	292.... Scys-zarz	332.... Sis-zarz	372.... Sys-zarz	412.... Cis-zarz	452.... Cys-zarz
13..... Scis-zers	53..... Scys-zers	93..... Sis-zers	133.... Sys-zers	173.... Cis-zers	213.... Cys-zers	253.... Scis-zerz	293.... Scys-zerz	333.... Sis-zerz	373.... Sys-zerz	413.... Cis-zerz	453.... Cys-zerz
14..... Scis-zirs	54..... Scys-zirs	94..... Sis-zirs	134.... Sys-zirs	174.... Cis-zirs	214.... Cys-zirs	254.... Scis-zirz	294.... Scys-zirz	334.... Sis-zirz	374.... Sys-zirz	414.... Cis-zirz	454.... Cys-zirz
15..... Scis-zors	55..... Scys-zors	95..... Sis-zors	135.... Sys-zors	175.... Cis-zors	215.... Cys-zors	255.... Scis-zorz	295.... Scys-zorz	335.... Sis-zorz	375.... Sys-zorz	415.... Cis-zorz	455.... Cys-zorz
16..... Scis-zurs	56..... Scys-zurs	96..... Sis-zurs	136.... Sys-zurs	176.... Cis-zurs	216.... Cys-zurs	256.... Scis-zurz	296.... Scys-zurz	336.... Sis-zurz	376.... Sys-zurz	416.... Cis-zurz	456.... Cys-zurz
17..... Sciz-sars	57..... Scyz-sars	97..... Siz-sars	137.... Sys-zars	177.... Cis-zars	217.... Cyz-zars	257.... Sciz-sarz	297.... Scyz-sarz	337.... Siz-sarz	377.... Sys-zarz	417.... Cis-zarz	457.... Cys-zarz
18..... Sciz-sers	58..... Scyz-sers	98..... Siz-sers	138.... Sys-zars	178.... Cis-zars	218.... Cyz-zars	258.... Sciz-sarz	298.... Scyz-sarz	338.... Siz-sarz	378.... Sys-zarz	418.... Cis-zarz	458.... Cys-zarz
19..... Sciz-sirs	59..... Scyz-sirs	99..... Siz-sirs	139.... Sys-zars	179.... Cis-zars	219.... Cyz-zars	259.... Sciz-serz	299.... Scyz-serz	339.... Siz-serz	379.... Sys-zarz	419.... Cis-zarz	459.... Cys-zarz
20..... Sciz-sors	60..... Scyz-sors	100.... Siz-sors	140.... Sys-zars	180.... Cis-zars	220.... Cyz-zars	260.... Sciz-surz	300.... Scyz-surz	340.... Siz-surz	380.... Sys-zarz	420.... Cis-zarz	460.... Cys-zarz
21..... Sciz-surs	61..... Scyz-surs	101.... Siz-surs	141.... Sys-zars	181.... Cis-zars	221.... Cyz-zars	261.... Sciz-sorz	301.... Scyz-sorz	341.... Siz-sorz	381.... Sys-zarz	421.... Cis-zarz	461.... Cys-zarz
22..... Sciz-syrs	62..... Scyz-syrs	102.... Siz-syrs	142.... Sys-zars	182.... Cis-zars	222.... Cyz-zars	262.... Sciz-syrs	302.... Scyz-syrs	342.... Siz-syrs	382.... Sys-zarz	422.... Cis-zarz	462.... Cys-zarz
23..... Sciz-ars	63..... Scyz-ars	103.... Siz-ars	143.... Sys-zars	183.... Cis-zars	223.... Cyz-ars	263.... Sciz-syrs	303.... Scyz-syrs	343.... Siz-syrs	383.... Sys-zarz	423.... Cis-zarz	463.... Cys-zarz
24..... Sciz-ers	64..... Scyz-ers	104.... Siz-ers	144.... Sys-zars	184.... Cis-zars	224.... Cyz-ers	264.... Sciz-sarz	304.... Scyz-sarz	344.... Siz-sarz	384.... Sys-zarz	424.... Cis-zarz	464.... Cys-zarz
25..... Sciz-irs	65..... Scyz-irs	105.... Siz-irs	145.... Sys-zars	185.... Cis-zars	225.... Cyz-ers	265.... Sciz-serz	305.... Scyz-serz	345.... Siz-serz	385.... Sys-zarz	425.... Cis-zarz	465.... Cys-zarz
26..... Sciz-ors	66..... Scyz-ors	106.... Siz-ors	146.... Sys-zars	186.... Cis-zars	226.... Cyz-ers	266.... Sciz-sirz	306.... Scyz-sirz	346.... Siz-sirz	386.... Sys-zarz	426.... Cis-zarz	466.... Cys-zarz
27..... Sciz-sars	67..... Scyz-sars	107.... Siz-sars	147.... Sys-zars	187.... Cis-zars	227.... Cyz-sors	267.... Sciz-sorz	307.... Scyz-sorz	347.... Siz-sorz	387.... Sys-zarz	427.... Cis-zarz	467.... Cys-zarz
28..... Sciz-sers	68..... Scyz-sers	108.... Siz-sers	148.... Sys-zars	188.... Cis-zars	228.... Cyz-sors	268.... Sciz-surz	308.... Scyz-surz	348.... Siz-surz	388.... Sys-zarz	428.... Cis-zarz	468.... Cys-zarz
29..... Sciz-sirs	69..... Scyz-sirs	109.... Siz-sirs	149.... Sys-zars	189.... Cis-zars	229.... Cyz-syrs	269.... Sciz-syrs	309.... Scyz-syrs	349.... Siz-syrs	389.... Sys-zarz	429.... Cis-zarz	469.... Cys-zarz
30..... Sciz-sors	70..... Scyz-sors	110.... Siz-sors	150.... Sys-zars	190.... Cis-zars	230.... Cyz-ars	270.... Sciz-ars	310.... Scyz-ars	350.... Siz-ars	390.... Sys-zarz	430.... Cis-zarz	470.... Cys-zarz
31..... Sciz-surs	71..... Scyz-surs	111.... Siz-surs	151.... Sys-zars	191.... Cis-zars	231.... Cyz-ers	271.... Sciz-erz	311.... Scyz-erz	351.... Siz-erz	391.... Sys-zarz	431.... Cis-zarz	471.... Cys-zarz
32..... Sciz-ars	72..... Scyz-ars	112.... Siz-ars	152.... Sys-zars	192.... Cis-zars	232.... Cyz-ers	272.... Sciz-irz	312.... Scyz-irz	352.... Siz-irz	392.... Sys-zarz	432.... Cis-zarz	472.... Cys-zarz
33..... Sciz-ers	73..... Scyz-ers	113.... Siz-ers	153.... Sys-zars	193.... Cis-zars	233.... Cyz-ors	273.... Sciz-orz	313.... Scyz-orz	353.... Siz-orz	393.... Sys-zarz	433.... Cis-zarz	473.... Cys-zarz
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36..... Sciz-sars	76..... Scyz-sars	116.... Siz-sars	156.... Sys-zars	196.... Cis-zars	236.... Cyz-zers	276.... Sciz-zerz	316.... Scyz-zerz	356.... Siz-zerz	396.... Sys-zarz	436.... Cis-zarz	476.... Cys-zarz
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40..... Sciz-zars	80..... Scyz-zars	120.... Siz-zars	160.... Sys-zars	200.... Ciz-zars	240.... Cyz-zurs	280.... Sciz-zyrz	320.... Scyz-zyrz	360.... Siz-zyrz	400.... Sys-zarz	440.... Cis-zyrz	480.... Cys-zarz

I am aware of many others but most of them are objectionable; you may probably be inclined to think those more than sufficient, and be led to inquire their use, which I must acknowledge is not an easy task to assign, but however, if any person should feel a longing desire to be an author; instead of lighting the fire of contention, and abusing his neighbours to his own detriment, let him try his hand at Scissars. If engaged in writing for the amusement of the public and cannot refrain from introducing subjects which may be prejudicial to the morals of the rising generation, had he not much better write nothing but Scissers. Is he a Politician and desirous of instructing us in an incomparable method of paying off the National Debt, he may as well cut it short with Scissirs. If he be studying to surprise the world with a fine spun string of nothings, intending to subvert the Christian Religion, I would advise him first to try Scissors. If any other subject engage his attention, it will always be a very safe and advisable plan to consider if at any future more serious moment, he might be inclined to wish he had written nothing but Scissurs.

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