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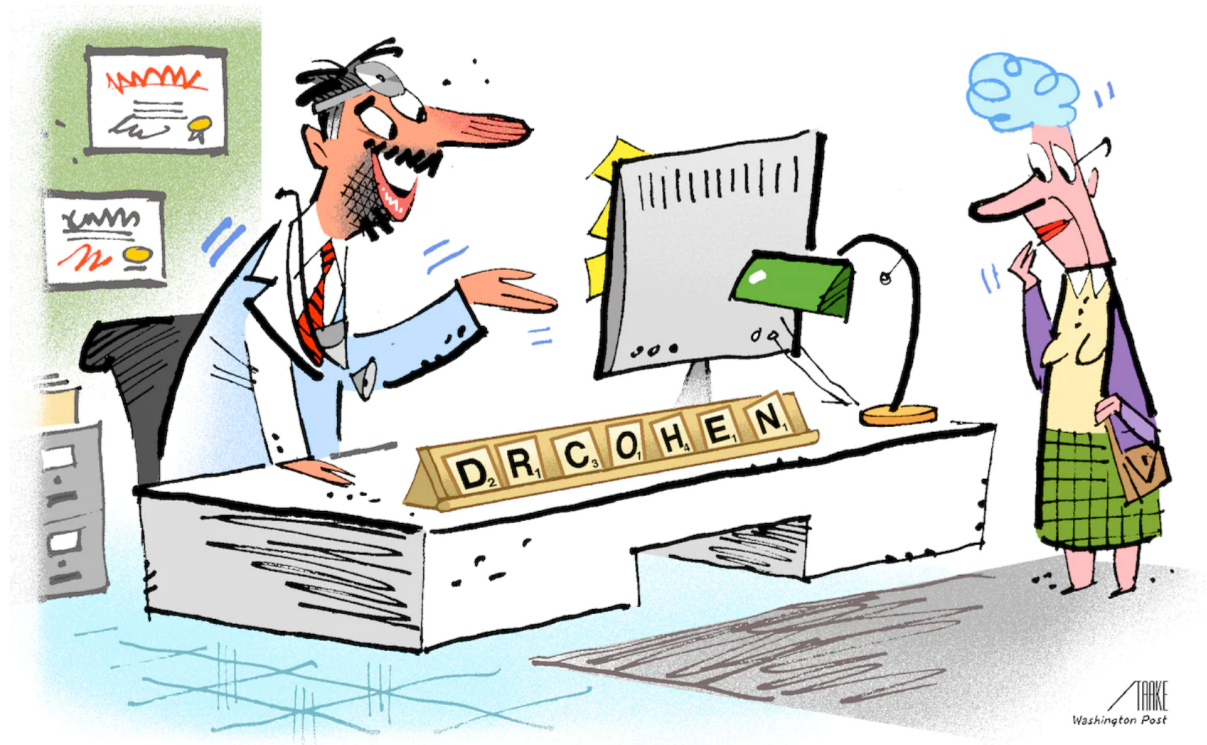
# Style Invitational Week 1504: All set — anagram all 100 Scrabble tiles

Empty out the bag and see what you get. Plus winning new words that would score 15 Scrabble points.



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Cartoon for a contest to make an anagram of all 100 Scrabble tiles, as done daily by physician David Cohen. (Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

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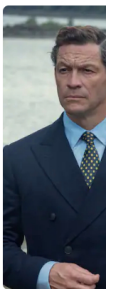
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**Kansas girl with a dog,  
aided by brave companions,  
journeyed up to Oz, in time  
recalling the exquisite value  
of red footwear.**

— Scrabblegram by David Cohen about, well, duh (blanks are D and O)

The Empress was alerted recently to the marvelous Twitter account

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[Scrabblegrams by Dave](#), Dave being physician David Cohen of Atlanta, who's been posting an anagram of the entire Scrabble set *every day* — hundreds of them so far. Dave first encountered this daunting challenge in a 1997 contest in Games Magazine, in which he came up not only with a valid Scrabblegram, as the form had become known (not related to ScrabbleGrams, the Jumble-type word contest in daily papers including The Post), but an excellent limerick to boot — winning the whole contest:

A clown jumps above a trapeze.  
Arcs over one-eighty degrees.  
Out into mid-air,  
Quite unaware  
Of his exiting billfold and keys.  
(Blanks are E and S.)

Then, just two years ago, Dave read [an article about Scrabblegrams](#) in Eric Chaikin's blog Beyond Wordplay, tracing the form back to Britain in the 1970s and declaring Dave's clown limerick the GOAT of the genre. And bam — Dave plunged in once again, "then got hooked for good."

And so if Dave can Scrabblegram every single day on Twitter and [his website](#), the Loser Community can surely come through for **this week's contest: Write a Scrabblegram — an anagram of all 100 tiles in an English-language Scrabble set (your choice for the two blanks). Any punctuation is fine.** Your writing can be a funny thought, a poem, a dialogue, what-evah.

Here's how many of each letter you'll be working with: **A-9, B-2, C-2, D-4, E-12, F-2, G-3, H-2, I-9, J-1, K-1, L-4, M-2, N-6, O-8, P-2, Q-1, R-6, S-4, T-6, U-4, V-2, W-2, X-1, Y-2, Z-1.** Plus the two blanks of your choice.

There's a fabulous — and necessary — tool for writing and checking your Scrabblegram, one we've used in previous anagram contests: It's the [Anagram Checker](#) at wordsmith.org, devised by the brilliant and also very gracious Anu Garg. See the the bottom of this column for a string of the 100 characters you can copy into the tool to compare with your own anagram — and if it's valid, the letters will jump around in celebration.

Submit up to 25 entries (if you're some sort of freaky Dave-like anagramming wizard) at [wapo.st/enter-invite-1504](#) (no capitals in the Web address). **Deadline is Monday, Sept. 12;** results appear Oct. 2 in print, Sept. 29 online.

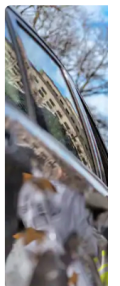
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Second prize this pail is, sporting the E's Christmas cactus. (Pat Myers/TWP)

**Winner gets the Clowning Achievement**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a charming **Yoda-head pail** with handle, suitable for trick-or-treating, as a little planter, or as an excellent handbag for your more whimsical cocktail parties. Donated by Daphne Steinberg.

**Other runners-up** win their choice of our “For Best Results, Pour Into Top End” Loser Mug or our “Whole Fools” Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, “A Small Jester of Appreciation” or “Close, but Ceci N’est Pas un Cigare.” First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air “freshener” (FirStink for their first ink). See general contest rules and guidelines at [wapo.st/inviteFAQ](http://wapo.st/inviteFAQ). The headline “Neolog15ms” is by Kevin Dopart; Tom Witte wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Loser David Smith alerted the Empress to the Twitter account Scrabblegrams by Dave. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](https://on.fb.me/invdev); “like” the Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at [bit.ly/inkofday](https://bit.ly/inkofday); and follow [@StyleInvite](https://twitter.com/StyleInvite) on Twitter.

**The Style Conversational:** The Empress's weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results. See this week's at [wapo.st/conv1504](http://wapo.st/conv1504).

[And from The Style Invitational four weeks ago ...](#)

## Neolog15ms: New 15-Scrabble-point words from Week 1500

To celebrate [Week 1500](#), the Empress asked the Losers to think up new words whose letters would add up to 15 points in Scrabble. (It mattered not whether there were more P's, say, in a word than there are in the game, or whether a word would have to land on a double space.)

### 4th place:

**Subpeony:** The official flower of the Justice Department — it's been in full bloom lately in Florida and Georgia. (*Jeff Shirley, Richmond, Va.*)

### 3rd place:

**Vegenerates:** The debased, un-American sort who would order [plant-based sausage at Cracker Barrel](#). (*Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore*)

### 2nd place

[and the dog butt coat hooks:](#)

**QAnon:** It is 15 points — you counted it wrong. (*Erika Reinfeld, Medford, Mass.*)

### And the winner of the Clowning Achievement:

**Dadolescent:** A husband who spends every damn night playing Nintendo with the kids. "Okay, hold on, they'll get to their homework in a bit ..." (*Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.*)

... Lose sum: Honorable mentions



**Demoncrats:** Evil, Satan-worshipping opponents of true, Trump-worshipping Republicans. (*Ward Foeller, Charlottesville, Va.*)

**Deppleted:** What Amber Heard's bank account got. (*Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.*)

**Fadj:** A "pilgrimage" to the latest hot destination. "Just *everyone* at our sorority is making the fadj to Cabo for spring break." (*Daniel Helming, Whitemarsh, Pa.*)

**Crashinals:** D.C.'s baseball team ever since it won the pennant in 2019. (*Frank Mann, Washington*)

**Geeze:** To behave like your granddad. "Sheesh, 40 years old and he's already starting to geeze about the kids' music." (*Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.*)

**Hollerpeño:** The absolutely hottest pepper on the Scoville scale. (*Lee Graham, Reston, Va.*)

**Ivanked:** Asked to do something you're totally unqualified to do. "My boss totally ivanked me by making me represent the agency at the diplomatic symposium. What do I know, I'm in marketing." (*Maria Avillo, Bethesda, Md., a First Offender*)

**Prepenting:** Expressing regret over what you're about to do anyway. "I know I'm going to get sick if I eat this whole Super Super Sundae. But you know, I can't exactly take it home ..." (*Karen Lambert, Chevy Chase, Md.*)

**Ukrainium:** A radioactive quagmire that's located between Vladimir Putin's ears. (*Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.*)

**Vladimort:** He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Blamed. — D.J.T. (*Jesse Frankovich*)

**Arkansaps:** People who thought overturning Roe would lead red states to provide generous support for mothers. See also: Floridupe, Montanaive and Duhkota. (*Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.*)

**Beetbarf:** Borscht. (*Neil Kurland, Elkridge, Md.*)

**Boeberth:** A measure of distance from a MAGA politician. "For your safety I'd recommend you stand at least 50 boeberths from Marjorie Taylor Greene." (*Stephen Dudzik, Olney, Md.*)

**Buoytoy:** An oligarch's yacht. (*Beverley Sharp*)

**Chocolit:** What your kids get after eating half of their Halloween candy at one go. (*Jonathan Jensen*)

**Coatex:** Maybe not the best brand name for a new house paint. (*Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.*)

**Cusstoady:** Where's Michael Cohen these days? (*Mark Raffman*)

**Fauxn:** A handy fake handheld that you have to "answer" when you're stuck in a boring conversation. (*Sarah Walsh, Rockville, Md.*)

**Gaysayer:** Someone Ron DeSantis does *not* want to hear from. (*Duncan Stevens*)

**Gochya:** Russian-English for checkmate. (*Sudhir Vasudeva, McLean, Va., a First Offender*)

**Graycists:** People of a certain age who miss the old days when "everyone knew their place." (*Dave Airozo, Silver Spring, Md.*)

**Gundamental:** Apparently, the only type of right the Supreme Court believes in protecting absolutely. (*Dave Airozo*)

**Hurlhood:** Your fraternity years. (*Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Md.*)

**Impursonate:** "She says it's genuine, but I'm pretty sure it's an impursonation. For one thing, the tag says 'Louie Veton.'" (*Michael Stein, Arlington, Va.*)

**Liarbility:** The penalty for blatant defamation. "That \$45 million liarbility on Alex Jones couldn't have happened to a nicer guy." (*Brian Krupp, Lewes, Del.*)

**Lowflutin:** Using a jelly jar to drink champagne. (*Jon Ketzner, Cumberland, Md.*)

**Moptimist:** Someone who's convinced that one day someone besides me will clean up this ### kitchen! (*Kevin Dopart, Washington*)

**Mt. Neverest:** A goal that's highly unlikely to happen. "Now Uncle Ernie says he's going to learn fluent Navajo — there he goes, climbing Mount Neverest again!" (*Karen Lambert*)

**Neighbrrrr:** The woman next door who answers your "good morning" with a withering stare. (*Tom Witte*)

**Oughtful:** With good intentions, anyway. “I really should stop rolling my eyes every time my idiot boss opens his mouth,” Tom reflected oughtfully. (*Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.*)

**Oz-tent:** A temporary “home” in the state where you plan to run for office. (*Mark Raffman*)

**Pilluminati:** A shadowy group said to control big pharma. “The pilluminati made sure Medicare could negotiate prices for just 10 drugs, starting in 2026.” (*Chris Doyle*)

**Plodometer:** My Fitbit, usually. (*Karen Lambert*)

**Pogroomers:** Adults who manipulate teenage boys into growing up to be Proud ones. (*Kevin Dopart*)

**Prepudiate:** To reject before learning much relevant information. “She set her OkCupid to prepudiate anyone from West Virginia.” (*Karen Lambert*)

**Rustorationists:** People who “age” furniture to sell as antiques. (*Jeff Contompasis*)

**Scotify:** Struggling platform for all-bagpipe music. (*Chris Doyle*)

**Starspangler:** Singer with an unfortunate tendency to do vocal gymnastics during the free-and-the-brave bit. (*Steve Bremner, Philadelphia*)

**Unsnydered:** Not yet ruined. “Even as the tow truck hauled away the mangled heap of his once-beloved Camaro, Chad was already plotting how he could get his dad to buy him a new, unsnydered one.” — All Commanders fans, everywhere (*Jerome Uher, Alexandria, Va.*)

**And Last: Empressario:** The manager of a company of clowns. (*Donald Norum, Charlottesville, Va.*)

**And Even Laster: Inksplain:** “In case you don’t understand the humor of my entry, it’s a wordplay combining the Latin root ...” (*Karen Lambert*)

**Still running — deadline also Monday, Sept. 12:** Our contest for songs about food (either parodies or originals). See [wapo.st/invite1503](http://wapo.st/invite1503).

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## The 100 letters for validating your Week 1504 anagram

*When validating your anagram at the [Anagram Checker](#) website, copy the following block of letters and paste it into the “source text” field — be sure to replace the question marks with the letters you’re using for the two blank tiles. Then copy in your anagram and click on “check anagrams.”*

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