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WORDS SWAP. SWAP WORDS.

For Paul Zukofsky

RISE HIGH.
HIGH RISE.

OUT SWIM.
SWIM OUT.

FORM ART.
ART FORM.

FRUIT CAKE.
CAKE FRUIT.

LOST NOTHING.
NOTHING LOST.

MASSAGE HANDS.
HANDS MASSAGE.

SELLING WOMEN.
WOMEN SELLING.

ANNOUNCE PROCLAMATIONS.
PROCLAMATIONS ANNOUNCE.

OUT COME.
COME OUT.

FOOD FIGHT.
FIGHT FOOD.

BUTT HEAD.
HEAD BUTT.

HIGH STRUNG.
STRUNG HIGH.

IMAGE SPITTING.
SPITTING IMAGE.

ACTION MOVIE.
MOVIE ACTION.

GAME SHOOTING.
SHOOTING GAME.
HOT SHOT.
SHOT HOT.

OVERCOME APPETITES.
APPETITES OVERCOME.

STOP SHORT.
SHORT STOP.

RABID FAN.
FAN RABID.
FREE WORK.
WORK FREE.

TIME TRIAL.
TRIAL TIME.

KEPT WOMAN.
WOMAN KEPT.

EFFECT OUTCOMES
OUTCOMES EFFECT.

MISCREANTS ARRESTING.
ARRESTING MISCREANTS.

COUNT OVER.
OVER COUNT.

PISS BEER.
BEER PISS.

EAT CHICKENS.
CHICKENS EAT.

STRAW HUT.
HUT STRAW.

RENT CONTROL.
CONTROL RENT.

TIGHT SLEEP.
SLEEP TIGHT.

HEAVENLY REST.
REST HEAVENLY.

RULES ESTABLISHMENT.
ESTABLISHMENT RULES.

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OVER COME.
COME OVER.

WHIPPING BOY.
BOY WHIPPING.
MAGIC SLIGHT.
SLIGHT MAGIC.

SALAD DRESSING.
DRESSING SALAD.

IS WAS.
WAS IS.

RUN HOME.
HOME RUN.

REGARD HIGH.
HIGH REGARD.

UNDERWATER FISH.
FISH UNDERWATER.

BAR LOW.
LOW BAR.

FIRE HOUSE.
HOUSE FIRE.

UP STANDING.
STANDING UP.
JUMPING JELLYBEAN.
JELLYBEAN JUMPING.

LINED STREAM.
STREAM LINED.

WISHING WELL.
WELL WISHING.

SICK DIAGNOSIS.
DIAGNOSIS SICK.

OILS MANUFACTURE.
MANUFACTURE OILS.

COAT FUR.
FUR COAT.

SHOT OPEN.
OPEN SHOT.

VALUE EXCESS.
EXCESS VALUE.

SLEEPERS AWAKE.
AWAKE SLEEPERS.
FREE LOVE.
LOVE FREE.

OFF SHOOT.
SHOOT OFF.

SEX STRAIGHT.
STRAIGHT SEX.

INSTRUMENT STRING.
STRING INSTRUMENT.

HER GUN.
GUN HER.

SODA JERK.
JERK SODA.

HEAD CABBAGE.
CABBAGE HEAD.

EXPLOIT OPPORTUNITIES
OPPORTUNITIES EXPLOIT.

RUN OVER.
OVER RUN.
HIGH HEAD.
HEAD HIGH.

LONG FOOT.
FOOT LONG.

STABLE HORSES
HORSES STABLE.

ASS WIPE.
WIPE ASS.

LOW LYING.
LYING LOW.

HEAD MUSCLE.
MUSCLE HEAD.

TRICK CALENDAR.
CALENDAR TRICK.

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EITHER OR
OR EITHER.

HOUR RUSH.
RUSH HOUR.
OPEN HOUSE.
HOUSE OPEN.

RESPECT PEOPLE.
PEOPLE RESPECT.

DRUG TEST.
TEST DRUG.

MAN CANDY.
CANDY MAN.

FOOLS FOOL.
FOOL FOOLS.

WAGE WARRIORS.
WARRIORS WAGE.

COLD HEAD.
HEAD COLD.

OPERA STAR.
STAR OPERA.

SWEEP CLEAN.
CLEAN SWEEP.
MEAN TEACHERS.
TEACHERS MEAN.

SIDE OUT.
OUT SIDE.

PUTTING OFF.
OFF PUTTING.

SELECT CRITICS.
CRITICS SELECT.

STUDENTS TEACHING.
TEACHING STUDENTS.

OUT WORKING.
WORKING OUT.

REFLEX ACTION.
ACTION REFLEX.

TORTURE FOOLS.
FOOLS TORTURE.

COURSE CONFLATION.
CONFLATION COURSE.
WHITE EGG.
EGG WHITE.

EMPTY BOWL.
BOWL EMPTY.

ARTILLERY MAN.
MAN ARTILLERY.

ASSIGNED PLACE.
PLACE ASSIGNED.

FLY NOW
NOW FLY.

FAKE FAKIRS.
FAKIRS FAKE.

GINGER SNAP.
SNAP GINGER.

FISH CATCHING.
CATCHING FISH.

SUGGEST IDEAS.
IDEAS SUGGEST.
AIRE CLARO.
CLARO AIRE.

DIVING HIGH.
HIGH DIVING.

TRUTH DISREGARDED.
DISREGARDED TRUTH.

IT WASN'T.
WASN'T IT.

MADE HOME.
HOME MADE.

CLEAN LOOK.
LOOK CLEAN.

SCREW TIGHT.
TIGHT SCREW.

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GUN SHOT.
SHOT GUN.

MYTH MADE.
MADE MYTH.
GOOD SCORE.
SCORE GOOD.

STRAIGHTENED OUT.
OUT STRAIGHTENED.

HIT OUT.
OUT HIT.

SLIDE SAFE.
SAFE SLIDE.

JUDGE RULES.
RULES JUDGE.

TIME SPENT.
SPENT TIME.

NOTHING DOING.
DOING NOTHING.

TRIAL MARRIAGE.
MARRIAGE TRIAL.

CONTRIBUTES INTELLIGENCE.
INTELLIGENCE CONTRIBUTES.
LAW FIRM.
FIRM LAW.

COAT OVER.
OVER COAT.

HIGHER SCORE.
SCORE HIGHER.

PATIENCE EXTENDED.
EXTENDED PATIENCE.

OUT MATCH.
MATCH OUT.

MILITARY SALUTE.
SALUTE MILITARY.

ELECTRIC CURRENT.
CURRENT ELECTRIC.

MACHINES MANUFACTURE.
MANUFACTURE MACHINES.

DIVORCE COURT.
COURT DIVORCE.
BUTTER BETTER.
BETTER BUTTER.

DRIVERS LICENSE
LICENSE DRIVERS.

HALTING SPEECH.
SPEECH HALTING.

CARBON COPY.
COPY CARBON.

COLLISION CAR.
CAR COLLISION.

GENEROUSLY CREDIT.
CREDIT GENEROUSLY.

DESTRUCT BUILDINGS.
BUILDINGS DESTRUCT.

NOTHING MORE.
MORE NOTHING.

COLD FREEZING.
FREEZING COLD.
PLEASURE COSTS.
COSTS PLEASURE.

DUPLICATE PEOPLE.
PEOPLE DUPLICATE.

SKIM MILK.
MILK SKIM.

FAKE CHIEF.
CHIEF FAKE.

COMPANY FAMILY.
FAMILY COMPANY.

MINK SKIN.
SKIN MINK.

DOWN SHAKE.
SHAKE DOWN.

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CREDIT CRUNCH.
CRUNCH CREDIT.

WRITING AUTHORS.
AUTHORS WRITING.
UP FUCK.
FUCK UP.

BOLT SHUT.
SHUT BOLT.

SOUR CREAM
CREAM SOUR.

SPARE CHANGE.
CHANGE SPARE.

ENEMY FIRE.
FIRE ENEMY.

FREE LUNCH.
LUNCH FREE.

CONGESTION PRICING.
PRICING CONGESTION.

ADDICTION DEPENDENCY.
DEPENDENCY ADDICTION.

ANGEL HEAD.
HEAD ANGEL.
FUNNY MOVES.
MOVES FUNNY.

SLIGHT SOCIETY.
SOCIETY SLIGHT.

DOMESTIC WORKING.
WORKING DOMESTIC.

BARE BONES.
BONES BARE.

PARTY ANIMAL.
ANIMAL PARTY.

MUSIC CHAMBER.
CHAMBER MUSIC.

AUTHORITY CONTROL.
CONTROL AUTHORITY.

JOHN FLUSH.
FLUSH JOHN.

DEGREE HIGH.
HIGH DEGREE.
FEELING BLUE.
BLUE FEELING.

COSTUME PERIOD.
PERIOD COSTUME.

DEBT FREE.
FREE DEBT.

CIRCLE ROUND.
ROUND CIRCLE.

SHOPPING MALL.
MALL SHOPPING.

UNCERTAIN FUTURE.
FUTURE UNCERTAIN.

SKY BLUE.
BLUE SKY.

LAST SHOE.
SHOE LAST.

FILM FEATURE.
FEATURE FILM.
SLOVENLY THINKING.
THINKING SLOVENLY.

DUST SILVER.
SILVER DUST.

MINOR MUSIC.
MUSIC MINOR.

TELLING FORTUNE.
FORTUNE TELLING.

PROMISE FULFILLING.
FULFILLING PROMISE.

BIRD SONG.
SONG BIRD.

BAD HABITS.
HABITS BAD.

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HIGHEST FINISH.
FINISH HIGHEST.

INDEPENDENT CLUB.
CLUB INDEPENDENT.

HEAD FAT.
FAT HEAD.

CRAZY LOVE.
LOVE CRAZY.

CHEAP STUFF.
STUFF CHEAP.

HEAT RESTORATIVE.
RESTORATIVE HEAT.

TRADE FAIR.
FAIR TRADE.

HIDDEN TRUTH.
TRUTH HIDDEN.

DRUGS BANNED.
BANNED DRUGS.

MOVING SLOWLY.
SLOWLY MOVING.

FAKE ART.
ART FAKE.

FILE SINGLE.
SINGLE FILE.

DEAD DRUNK.
DRUNK DEAD.

UNDERCOVER SPY.
SPY UNDERCOVER.

SAVES JESUS.
JESUS SAVES.

DOOR FRONT.
FRONT DOOR.

CHOICE GAME.
GAME CHOICE.

LIGHT HOUSE.
HOUSE LIGHT.

ACTING GOOD.
GOOD ACTING.

HOURS LONG.
LONG HOURS.

REASON RULES.
RULES REASON.

FLUID LUBRICANT.
LUBRICANT FLUID.

CRAZY GIRL.
GIRL CRAZY.

FEAR STRIKES.
STRIKES FEAR.

FIGURES PROFIT.
PROFIT FIGURES.

ESTIMATE COSTS.
COSTS ESTIMATE.

CARE FREE.
FREE CARE.

ROCK SOLID.
SOLID ROCK.

CLEARs THROAT.
THROAT CLEARs.

FUCKING JERK.
JERK FUCKING.

FACE LIFT.
LIFT FACE.

TEST PILOT.
PILOT TEST.

ART OUTSIDER.
OUTSIDER ART.

THREATENING EXPERIENCE.
EXPERIENCE THREATENING.

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LABOR SLAVE.
SLAVE LABOR.

ASSURED REST.
REST ASSURED.

PARDON EXCUSE.
EXCUSE PARDON.

ALARM SCREAMING.
SCREAMING ALARM.

INSANE LOOK.
LOOK INSANE.

BEGIN AGAIN.
AGAIN BEGIN.

PARK AVENUE.
AVENUE PARK.

STUFFED SHIRT.
SHIRT STUFFED.

FRUIT JUICE.
JUICE FRUIT.

TIGHT TIE.
TIE TIGHT.

DOWN WIND.
WIND DOWN.

HANDLE EMPLOYEES.
EMPLOYEES HANDLE.

DEAD END.
END DEAD.

FALL DOWN.
DOWN FALL.

TOWN SQUARE.
SQUARE TOWN.

SWITCH LIGHTS.
LIGHTS SWITCH.

MEN SHOOT.
SHOOT MEN.

FLY FISHING.
FISHING FLY.

PARTING SHOTS.
SHOTS PARTING.

COMPANY PARTY.
PARTY COMPANY.

JUMP SUITS.
SUITS JUMP.

TICKETS BOOK.
BOOK TICKETS.

STANDING ARMY.
ARMY STANDING.

BUSINESS INSURANCE.
INSURANCE BUSINESS.

FUNNY TURNS.
TURNS FUNNY.

VALUE LITTLE.
LITTLE VALUE.

GOOD COOKING.
COOKING GOOD.

NONSENSE WRITING.
WRITING NONSENSE.

IT IS.
IS IT?

EYE SORE.
SORE EYE.

DOWN PILLOW.
PILLOW DOWN.

STANDING OFFER.
OFFER STANDING.

ISN'T IT?
IT ISN'T.

HELP POLICE.
POLICE HELP.

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PRISONERS FREE.
FREE PRISONERS.

TRASH NEIGHBORS.
NEIGHBORS TRASH.

DEAD DROP.
DROP DEAD.

FALL DOWN.
DOWN FALL.

WORSHIP FAMILY.
FAMILY WORSHIP.

SEVERAL EFFECTS.
EFFECTS SEVERAL.

BACK TALK.
TALK BACK.

HOURS AFTER.
AFTER HOURS.

AGENT ORANGE.
ORANGE AGENT.

INTRODUCTION BUSINESS.
BUSINESS INTRODUCTION.

BRIEF CASE.
CASE BRIEF.

COMPLEX GENIUS.
GENIUS COMPLEX.

PRIVILEGED CLASS.
CLASS PRIVILEGED.

ANGER MANAGEMENT.
MANAGEMENT ANGER.

BIG SHIT.
SHIT BIG.

LESS HAIR.
HAIR LESS.

WOOD CHUCK.
CHUCK WOOD.

SOUND MACHINE.
MACHINE SOUND.

SHOP JUNK.
JUNK SHOP.

OUT GOING.
GOING OUT.

LOVE TOUGH.
TOUGH LOVE.

DISAPPEARING LEGERDEMAIN.
LEGERDEMAIN DISAPPEARING.

ME ROB.
ROB ME.

UP SHOT.
SHOT UP.

OUT RUN.
RUN OUT.

AWFUL SOMETHING.
SOMETHING AWFUL.

INSIDE OUT.
OUT INSIDE.

SCHOOL DANCING.
DANCING SCHOOL.

IDEAL INTELLECTUAL.
INTELLECTUAL IDEAL.

PROGRESS SKEPTICS.
SKEPTICS PROGRESS.

OUT PLAY.
PLAY OUT.

SCORE BIG.
BIG SCORE.

DONE SOMETHING.
SOMETHING DONE.

CREAM COMPLEXION.
COMPLEXION CREAM.

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BORE DEEP.
DEEP BORE.

LONG SHOT.
SHOT LONG.

TOUCH SOFT.
SOFT TOUCH.

WASH CLEAN.
CLEAN WASH.

WOOD CHIPS.
CHIPS WOOD.

BRIEFLY WRITING.
WRITING BRIEFLY.

WARMING HEART.
HEART WARMING.

CLASS ATTENDING.
ATTENDING CLASS.

HOG TIED.
TIED HOG.

GOOD EATS.
EATS GOOD.

GIRLS PARTY.
PARTY GIRLS.

COUNTER OFFERING.
OFFERING COUNTER.

CHOP LAMB.
LAMB CHOP.

CRAP SHOOT.
SHOOT CRAP.

FIRE WORKERS.
WORKERS FIRE.

POLE VAULTING.
VAULTING POLE.

RICH POOR.
POOR RICH.

WIDE WORLD.
WORLD WIDE.

ROUGH GOING.
GOING ROUGH.

STAMP POSTAGE.
POSTAGE STAMP.

UP STUCK.
STUCK UP.

OUT TAKES.
TAKES OUT.

HEAVEN ABOVE.
ABOVE HEAVEN.

WANTING MORE.
MORE WANTING.

OUT FAKE.
FAKE OUT.

FOOD STORE.
STORE FOOD.

HUNGER ARTIST.
ARTIST HUNGER.

ERRANT KNIGHT.
KNIGHT ERRANT.

HER BED.
BED HER.

FIRE WOOD.
WOOD FIRE.

KNOWS NOT.
NOT KNOWS.

FAT CHICKEN.
CHICKEN FAT.

WELL BORN.
BORN WELL.

FLUID BODY.
BODY FLUID.

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LOWER LOVER.
LOVER LOWER.

CLOTHES WARM.
WARM CLOTHES.

JUNK YARD.
YARD JUNK.

WELL DONE.
DONE WELL.

POWER MOVE.
MOVE POWER.

CLEAN BRUSH.
BRUSH CLEAN.

TREE LIGHT.
LIGHT TREE.

DUMP DILEMMAS.
DILEMMAS DUMP.

TREES SCULPTING.
SCULPTING TREES.

GREETINGS SEASONS.
SEASONS GREETINGS.

RARE AIR.
AIR RARE.

OUT EATS.
EATS OUT.

WORKED UNDER.
UNDER WORKED.

EQUATION DIVIDE.
DIVIDE EQUATION.

FAIR SHARE.
SHARE FAIR.

HEAD STONE.
STONE HEAD.

SPEED KILLING.
KILLING SPEED.

AROUND ABOUT.
ABOUT AROUND.

DAY PAY.
PAY DAY.

DONE OVER.
OVER DONE.

FOLK MUSIC.
MUSIC FOLK.

BANK SAVINGS.
SAVINGS BANK.

JUST ONLY.
ONLY JUST.

HIGH RAISE.
RAISE HIGH.

GARBAGE BAG.
BAG GARBAGE.

BOOK TRAVEL.
TRAVEL BOOK.

SECOND RATE.
RATE SECOND.

FINE LIBRARY.
LIBRARY FINE.

ALCOHOLICS ABUSE.
ABUSE ALCOHOLICS.

SEASONS GREETINGS.
GREETINGS SEASONS.

BLOW LOW.
LOW BLOW.

SECRET SPY.
SPY SECRET.

BLAME FRIENDS.
FRIENDS BLAME.

SALUTE OFFICERS.
OFFICERS SALUTE.

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SLOW GO.
GO SLOW.

CLUTCH HIT.
HIT CLUTCH.

LAW PRACTICE.
PRACTICE LAW.

BEACH SWIMMERS.
SWIMMERS BEACH.

MUSIC BOX.
BOX MUSIC.

COWS CREAM.
CREAM COWS.

SINGERS NOTES.
NOTES SINGERS.

SMART LOOKING.
LOOKING SMART.

SAFE MONEY.
MONEY SAFE.

LOVE SWEET.
SWEET LOVE.

SUNK SKUNK.
SKUNK SUNK.

BEHOOVES HORSES.
HORSES BEHOOVER.

HIGH JUMP.
JUMP HIGH.

FELT CLOTH.
CLOTH FELT.

ARRESTING IMAGE.
IMAGE ARRESTING.

EXPRESSED FEELING.
FEELING EXPRESSED.

GLASS STAINED.
STAINED GLASS.

HATCH ESCAPE.
ESCAPE HATCH.

CLEAR CRYSTAL.
CRYSTAL CLEAR.

COLLEGE JUNIOR.
JUNIOR COLLEGE.

JUNKET CELEBRITY.
CELEBRITY JUNKET.

CRIMSON UNIFORM.
UNIFORM CRIMSON.

ANNOYING PRACTICE.
PRACTICE ANNOYING.

PREGNANT THOUGHT.
THOUGHT PREGNANT.

TRICK CARD.
CARD TRICK.

GALLERY ART.
ART GALLERY.

HEAD STRONG.
STRONG HEAD.

HOUSE APARTMENT.
APARTMENT HOUSE.

LEVEL GUT.
GUT LEVEL.

STILL LIFE.
LIFE STILL.

FLOWS OVER.
OVER FLOWS.

POWER FLOWER.
FLOWER POWER.

HAPPY LOVE.
LOVE HAPPY.

JUNIOR MISS.
MISS JUNIOR.

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POINT BLANK.
BLANK POINT.

SECOND SPLIT.
SPLIT SECOND.

MEAN WORDS.
WORDS MEAN.

OPINION EXPERT.
EXPERT OPINION.

PERCEPTION FAKE.
FAKE PERCEPTION.

PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT.
INVESTMENT PRINCIPAL.

WHOLE NOTE.
NOTE WHOLE.

CREAM COFFEE.
COFFEE CREAM.

SCHOOL CLOWN.
CLOWN SCHOOL.

SOLVENT SOLUTION.
SOLUTION SOLVENT.

COMEDY SHOW.
SNOW COMEDY.

HOKUM SELLS.
SELLS HOKUM.

FEELING SEXUAL.
SEXUAL FEELING.

DANCE PARTNER.
PARTNER DANCE.

FRENCH KISS.
KISS FRENCH.

OFFICER CUSTOMS.
CUSTOMS OFFICER.

PICTURE PAINTING.
PAINTING PICTURE.

APPROPRIATED LANGUAGE.
LANGUAGE APPROPRIATED.