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A palindrome is a kind of word play in which a word, phrase, or even a whole sentence is spelled the same way forwards as it is backwards. The word palindrome was coined by the poet and playwright Ben Jonson in the early 1600s. It is a combination of two Greek root words: *palin*, which means "again," and *dromos*, which means "direction." Palindromes appeared in magic spells in ancient times. Religious texts contain many palindromes.