

# A MAXIMUM MONO- AND DI-SYLLABARY

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This is an attempt to list the longest English-language words of one or two syllables, beginning with each letter of the alphabet, according to listings and pronunciations in Webster's Second or Third editions. The -ED ending is permitted for verbs, and the -S ending for nouns, even when permission to pluralize is not explicitly given in Webster (as, for example, in various word lists in Webster's Second). However, hyphenated words have been excluded.

The suffix -PROOF presents an interesting problem. Webster's Second states that many such words are usable as verbs, but does not specify which. In particular, the doubtful MOOSETONGUES can be replaced by MOUSEPROOFED if the latter is a verb -- which it probably is. Other improvements are, no doubt, possible.

arched	archfriends
broughams	breakthroughs
clinched	clotheshorse
draughts	draughtboards
earthed	earthtongues
flinched	flameproofed
grouched	greatmouthed
haunched	hearthstones
itched	inthralled
jounced	Juneteenths
knetched	knickknacks
launched	lightmouthed
mooched	moosetongues
naughts	nightclothes
oinked	outstretched
preached	ploughwrights
quetched	quickthorns
reached	roundmouthed
scaunched	scratchbrushed
thoughts	throatstraps
umphed	unstretched
vouched	versewrights
wreathed	wherethrough
xysts	xanthines
yearned	yourselves
Zouaves	Zeitgeists