In the May 1978 Kickshaws, I pointed out that five-letter words still have unexplored logological aspects. For example, I showed that all 130 possible combinations of each alphabetical letter in each position exist as words, nearly all common enough to be in the Pocket Webster.

The next plateau is to consider two letters at a time. I still retain the condition that the required letters may not be repeated elsewhere in the word. There are now 13,000 words required, and a full listing would bore the reader. To demonstrate the concept, I exhibit below the first and last of 130 subsets: 100 words containing A in the first position and another letter in each of the remaining positions, and 100 words containing Z in the last position and another letter in each of the remaining positions.

For the A---- subset, the vast majority are common words. Those not in Webster's Collegiate are coded in the priority order *(Webster's Third), § (Random House Unabridged), # (Webster's Second), and $ (Oxford English Dictionary). Capitalized or usually capitalized words are underlined.

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ABout ACon A Dios AEgis AFire AGent A Hind*
Album As Cot ALDer AGEnt AWful AE Gis Ac Hed
AliBli AmuCk AboDe AsTer ALoFt AllGa AugHt
AcerB AntIC AlKyD AllvE AlooF AlonG AlopH
Aides AJmer* AKe bi A Lbum Ample ANgel AOtes*
Abide An Jou§ AsKed AbLeR AlMed AcNes ABode
AerJe AgoJo* AIlKe A ddLe A luMs AeOAs ABbOt
ApodI* A--J AmucK AfouL A bUM AcorN AmigO
APhid AQuoy§ AArgue AScot AToll AUght AVoid
AmPle Ae Qui* A cRid AIsle AcTor A cUte AnVil
AdePt A--Q- AboRt A buSe A buTs A buT AboVe
AdroP* A--Q AdDeR A dioS AfooT A dleU A---V
AWful AXiom AYins AZure
AIWay AuXin ABYss ADZes
AvoWs AzoXy* AlkYd A muZes#
AlloW AffiX AlleY ArroZ*
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The ----Z subset, as expected, is not only highly incomplete but replete with uncommon words, including many capitalized.
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AroZ* BlitZ CafiZ* DrowZ* E---Z FritZ* GheeZ* 
wAltZ -B-Z sChiZ§ D-E-Z hEjaZ* F- -Z 5GhuZ* 
franZ§ jaBeZ§ -C-Z --D-Z cLenZ* haFlZ* G-Z 
TopAZ ---BZ ---CZ ---DZ jahBZ§ ---FZ ---GZ 
HafiZ* I- -Z JemeZ* KafiZ# LopeZ§ MainZ* NamaZ* 
gHeeZ# TwaZ# -J-Z uKnaZ# 5LitZ -M- -Z kNiAZ# 
gHuZ* BlitZ heJaZ* MaKaZ# waLtZ naMaZ* mUNz* 
---HZ haFiZ* ---JZ ---KZ souLZ# ---MZ maINZ* 
OghuZ* PereZ§ Q---Z R--Z SchiZ§ TopaZ UkaNZ# 
tOpaz wPhaZ# -Q- -Z fRitZ --S- Z T- -Z mUNz* 
bloWZ* toPaZ --Q- -Z boRtZ* --S- Z --T- Z soULZ# 
arrOZ* ---PZ --QZ --RZ --SZ bliTZ oghUZ* 
VejoZ* WaltZ X---Z Y---Z 
---V- Z tWeeZ# --X-Z --Y- Z 
---V- Z tiWaZ# --X- -Z knYaZ# 
---V- Z bloWZ# ---XZ ---YZ 

One then asks if there exists any subset which is complete. The answer is "no"; for the only five-letter word ending in J known to me is SAMAJ -- a no-no for letters other than initial S, third M, and final J. These quickly cause impossibilities for words ending in V or Q other than STRUV, which itself leads to many problems.

Since each word occurs in two subsets (for example, ArroZ in the Second and ---Z subsets), only 6500 different words need to be found. Actually, one can get by with far fewer, but the theoretical minimum is not known.