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Editor's Note: In "Word Ways Challenges" in the February 1979 issue, Philip Cohen and the editor asked "Can any form (diamond, pyramid) contain all 26 letters?" This well-nigh-impossible challenge has now fallen, with the double nine-diamond presented below.

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Definitions:

BUROWED, past tense of 'burow', an early form of the verb 'borrow' (Oxford English Dictionary)

JAGAL, a populated place in Pakistan (Times Index-Gazetteer)

JUICK, a variant of 'jeuk', a duck (Scottish National Dictionary)

KAXES, plural of 'kax', variant of 'kex', the stem of certain umbelliferous plants (Oxford English Dictionary)

LEOVS, found under the verb 'leave' (English Dialect Dictionary)

MIR, a chief or head in India and Persia (Webster's Second)

PARNHAM, an English surname, also appearing in 'Parnham House' in Dorset (Bartholomew's Gazetteer of the British Isles)

PYT, an early form of 'pit' (Oxford English Dictionary)

QUINTFOIL, a variant of 'cinquefoil', an architectural ornament having five points or cusps (Webster's Second)

SCHAIVE, a 17th-century spelling of 'shave' (Oxford English Dictionary)

TAWFIER, comparative form of 'tawfy', soft (English Dialect Dictionary)

ZYGOTAXIS, the attraction between two zygophores, or between two suspensors, causing conjugation (Webster's Second)