

A PANGRAMMATIC SIX-SQUARE?

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A large number of 4x4 word squares have been devised containing 16 different letters of the alphabet, a 5x5 square with 22 letters has also been constructed, and a 6x6 square with all but Q, X and Z (see **Word Ways**, February 1980). If a square containing every letter of the alphabet (a pangrammatic square) is ever found, it will almost certainly be at the 6x6 level.

To demonstrate the possibility of achieving this feat, here is a pseudo-pangrammatic example. The square contains all 26 letters of the alphabet, but is sadly flawed, because 4 'made-up' words are used. Can you identify them? See Answers and Solutions.

S	K	J	I	M	P
Q	U	A	T	C	H
U	R	B	I	F	Y
D	W	O	L	E	S
G	A	V	A	Z	I
E	N	I	X	E	S

SKJIMP	joking or satirical mockery on the Shetland Islands
QUATCH	to tell a secret
URBIFY	to cause to have the characteristics of a city
DWOLES	errors, delusions, frauds (an obsolete term)
GAVAZI	a locality in Russia
ENIXES	brings forth
SQUDGE	to slosh around in ooze or mud
KURWAN	Post Office in the Bihar State of India
JABOVI	a Polish heavy-rock group
LTILAX	patent anti-constipative drug developed in Italy
MCFEZE	a rare Scottish surname (variant of McPhee)
PHYSIS	something that grows or becomes