

# TYPEWRITER WORDS: ALL FINGERS USED

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In "Typewriter Words" in the November Word Ways, Mike Keith defines isofinger words as those in which each finger is used at most once (for eight-letter words, each finger used exactly once). I find the term isofinger unfortunate, since iso- means "equal" when the opposite is intended. As possible alternatives, I propose heterofinger (somewhat ungainly), heterodigital (hybrid components), or pandigital (in my opinion the best).

In any event, here is a much larger collection of such words. These have been drawn from the Oxford English Dictionary, Webster's Second The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary, Chambers 20th Century Dictionary, or Stedman's Medical Dictionary except when otherwise labeled.

L4: aethiops, anopectics, antipose, aphorise, apomicts, aposthic, autopsic

L3: wainrope, wakeup to, warp line, wingclap, work camp, saponite, saporine, satinpod, scalping, scarpino, scoparin, scorpion, scripula, sea point, septimal, Serapion (Dorland's Medical Dictionary), shagpile, shiproad, slatepin, slipband, spalding, spandril, speakful, speak-out, spicular, spignale, spirulae, Spongiae, Spongida, sporadin (Pulliam & Carruth, Complete Word Game Dictionary), sprackly, sprankle, stampido, stenopia, stiphado, stipulae, superial

L2: earlship, elapsing, epigamos, epistoma, epularis, esophagi, dasiphor(?), displant, dystopia, caprious, captions, captious, clasping, Claypits (placename)

L1: fplasmid(?), tapsimel, toadship, top whack, typicals, gladship, backshop, bakeshop, biplanes, black spy

R1: yak corps, haplites, harelips, hipocras, jackpost(?), jackpots, jackstop(?), malt-skep, meropias, metopias, mist-pale, modiwarp

R2: impalers, impastod, impearls, implates, in pastel

R3: outspeak, Oxenpark (placename), land-spit, lateship, lempiras, lifespan

R4: packshot, pactions, paisyble, palmiest (Pulliam & Carruth), panelist, pantiles, parosmic, parsonic, pasty-lid, pationes, paysible, pearlins(?),



pearlish, Pelagius, penalist, Pensilva (placename), pen-stalk, perisoma, petatism (Pulliam & Carruth), philaser, pie-wagon, pile arms, Pileatus, Pindaros, pintados, piroques, pistacho, placings, plainest, plaisir, plan view, plashier, plastein, plasticity, plaudits, plausible, playsire, pleasing, plenitas, plurasie, poniards, Pontiacs, postique, post-jack, pralines, prankles(?), pre-Islam, premisal, prosequi, proximad (Pulliam & Carruth), pytalise, puckarow, pyralids, pyrexial

In the following, each finger is allowed to type one or more letters in succession, but once it is replaced by another finger it cannot be reused.

L4: afterfellowship, aspergillum

L3: slopadding(?), speedy trial (U.S. legal right), wool-packing, scalloping, sciography, sharp-piled, shipladder, Sierra plum(?), skillet pan, solpugidea (biology), spinulated, spool-knave, spoonbrake(?), spoonmaker, spur-tailed, Stapenhill (placename), stylopized, suppedital, wading pool

L2: callithumps, collapsing, departison, despairful, diastrophy, diplograms, dollarship

L1: trikephalos, flappiness(?), gillshaped(?), bisaumple, bryopsida (OOPC), fallsnipe(?), gamolepis(?), gippsland(?), graplines, reaphooks, redisplay, reexplain(?), repassion, rippanels(?), roapiness, tadpolism, took shape(?), topazines(?), tophaikes(?), trap-lines, trash pile(?), tricuspal, triplanes, tripos day

R1: haplologics, haplologies, hypervolias, unpolarised

R2: ideographs, infraposed, ingrapples(?)

R3: laapinsect(?), lexigraphy

R4: pass unnoticed, pedestrially, passing-bell, passion-tree, patronymics