

UOIEA WORDS

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This is a companion article to *AEIOU in Order* (Word Ways 98037 with additions in 98115 and 99262). It lists words in which the five vowels each occur once, in reverse alphabetical order. A few of these words have appeared in Dmitri Borgmann’s *Language on Vacation* and/or in Word Ways, but the majority of them will be new to readers.

REFERENCES

ABDF = Ainsworth and Bibby’s Dictionary of the Fungi 7th Ed., Hawksworth, Sutton & Ainsworth, Commonwealth Mycological Society 1983  
BT = Bloomsbury Thesaurus 1993  
DFPF = A Dictionary of the Flowering Plants and Ferns by J.C.Willis, 7th Ed. CUP 1966  
EP = The Encyclopedia of Paleontology ed. Rhodes and Jablonski, Dowden, Hutchinson & Ross Inc. 1979  
GALE = Grzimek’s Animal Life Encyclopedia vol. 13 1972  
NZ = Nomenclator Zoologicus  
OED = Oxford English Dictionary 2nd Ed., headwords, variant forms and text words including citations  
Sted = Stedman’s Medical Dictionary  
Web2/3 = Webster’s 2nd /3rd Editions

A greater percentage of both AEIOU, and UOIEA, words is to be found in NZ than in any other single source. Of these, UOIEA words form the larger absolute percentage. Conversely, the percentage of the AEIOU words found in the OED is twice that of the UOIEA words. Both sets of words have a limited number of different endings, -US and -ELLA being the most common endings for AEIOU, and UOIEA, words, respectively. This limited number of endings is reflected in the small number of different final letters to be found in both sets of words.

FIG 1	AEIOU words	UOIEA words
Total no. of words found	170 See 98037, 98115 and 99262	104 See list of UOIEA words below
Sources of words	- NZ 37% of total words - OED 34% - other 29% (25 different sources)	61% of total words 16% 23% (8 different sources)
Word endings	- US 44% (excluding -OUS) - OUS 21% - OUN 11% - UM 11% - OUSLY 7% - other 6%	- ELLA 52% - EA 21% - AL 6% other 21%
Final letters	H(1), M, N, S, U and Y	A, L, N, S and Y



## LIST OF UOIEA WORDS

## 7 LETTERS

SUOIDEA - a superfamily of pig-like mammals (GALE)

## 8 LETTERS

CUBOIDEA (Sted)

GRUOIDEA - birds (EP)

MUROIDEA - mammals (Web3)

SULOIDEA - birds (EP)

FUSOIDEA - mollusc (NZ)

JULOIDEA - millipedes (Web2)

PUPOIDEA - mollusc (NZ)

TUBOIDEA - graptolite (NZ)

## 9 LETTERS

BULBOIDEA (Sted)

CUBOTINEA - moth (NZ)

MUSCOIDEA - flies (Web3)

QUOTIDEAN (OED - see 'miserere')

UMBOIELLA - bug (NZ)

CRUROIDEA (OED - see 'attachment')

LUDOVICEA - family Olacaceae (DFPF)

PRUNOIDEA - (OED - see 'prunoid a.')

TURBOIDEA - mollusc (NZ)

## 10 LETTERS

CRUSTOIDEA - graptolite (EP)

CUDONIGERA - moth (NZ)

DUOMITELLA - butterfly (NZ)

DUSORMIDEA - crustacean (NZ)

FUSOIDEA - mollusc (NZ)

JUDOMIELLA - trilobite (NZ)

LUZONIELLA - bug (NZ)

PRUNOIDEAN (OED - see 'prunoid')

PUTONIELLA - a bug and a fly (NZ)

RUFOGRISEA (OED - see 'brush' n.)

TUBOMIXDEA - mite (NZ)

USSOVIELLA - mollusc (NZ)

CUDONIELLA - fungus (ABDF)

DUOLITERAL (OED)

DURONIELLA - grasshopper (NZ)

DUTOITELLA - crustacean (NZ)

HURONIELLA - mollusc (NZ)

JULOIDEA - beetle (NZ)

MUSONIELLA - orthopteran (NZ)

PUNGOIELLA - daddy-long-legs (NZ)

PUTONIESSA - bug (NZ)

TSUGO-PICEA - family Pinaceae (DFPF)

UNORIENTAL (OED)

## 11 LETTERS

BRUNONIELLA - family Acanthaceae (DFPF)

BUTOVICELLA - mollusc (NZ)

CRUNOBIELLA - caddis fly (NZ)

DUPONTIELLA - beetle (NZ)

HUTTONIELLA - millipede and crustacean (NZ)

PULMONIFERA (OED - see 'pulmoniferous a.')

QUODLIBETAL (OED)

RUDOLFIELLA - family Orchidaceae (DFPF)

RUSPOLIELLA - bug and fungus (NZ and ADBF)

SUFFODIENDA (OED - see 'sow' n.)

UROCICLELLA - mite (NZ)

UROPLITELLA - mite (NZ)

BUBOMYIELLA - neuropteran (NZ)

BUXTONIELLA - bug (NZ)

DUMONTIELLA - fly (NZ)

FURONICERAS - mollusc (NZ)

KRUKOVIELLA - family Ochnaceae (DFPF)

PUZOCIGELLA - mollusc (NZ)

RUBZOVINEMA - nematode worm (NZ)

RUGONIPHELA - mite (NZ)

SUBHYOIDEAN (Sted)

SUTTONIELLA - fungus (ABDF)

URODISCELLA - mite (NZ)

UROSKINNERA - fam. Scrophulariaceae (DFPF)

## 12 LETTERS

BUBNOFFIELLA - bryozoan (NZ)

BUHROMYIELLA - fly (NZ)

CUSTODIENDAS (OED - see 'tally' n.)

HUMBLLOTIELLA - family Lindsaeaceae (DFPF)

JULODISCHEMA - beetle (NZ)

LUBBOCKIELLA - springtail (NZ)

PLUMOSINELLA - springtail (NZ)

QUODLIBETARY (OED)

SUBPOPLITEAL (Sted)

TURBONITELLA - mollusc (NZ)

UNOCCIDENTAL (Web2)

BUCKTONIELLA - bug (NZ)

BUYSSONIELLA - orthopteran (NZ)

DURCHONIELLA - protozoan (NZ)

HUTTONINELLA - fly (NZ)

KLUKOVICELLA - echinoderm (NZ)

LUPPOVICERAS - mollusc (NZ)

PRUVOSTIELLA - mollusc (NZ)

RUDOLPHIELLA - tapeworm and flatworm (NZ)

SULCORINELLA - mollusc (NZ)

UNNOTICEABLY (OED)



*13 LETTERS*

CRUSSOLICERAS - mollusc (NZ)  
 HUMBOLDTIELLA - family Leguminosae (DFPF)  
 SCHUBOTZIELLA - annelid worm (NZ)  
 SULCOMITRELLA - mollusc (NZ)  
 UNCONTINENTAL (OED)  
 UNPOLICEMANLY (OED)

CULTRORIBELLA - mite (NZ)  
 RUTKOWSKIELLA - sponge (NZ)  
 SUBCOCCINELLA - beetle (NZ)  
 SUNDHOLMIELLA - wasp (NZ)  
 UNFORGIVEABLY (OED)

*14 LETTERS*

HUGHSCOTTIELLA - caddis fly (NZ)  
 SUBCONTINENTAL (OED)

PULCHROPPIELLA - mite (NZ)  
 SUBPOPLITEALLY (Sted)

*15 LETTERS*

UNCOMPLIMENTARY (OED)

*16 LETTERS*

SUBCONTINENTALLY (BT)

The prize for the longest UOIEA word goes to the 17-letter PUNCTOSCHMIDTELLA, a crustacean and, purists note, it does NOT have a letter Y!