

## DIAGONAL-LETTER WORDS

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The letters AKMNVWXYZ are the only ones containing diagonal lines. Here are some of the longer words with runs of these letters (not including variants using -s, -ness, -ed, -ing, -ly, etc.).

### 5 in a row

akvavit Amman ananke awayness awkward axman banana banyan Boltzmann bonanza  
Brazzaville brinkmanship Canaan caravan Cayman Chinaman cinnamyl cockamamie Cyanamid  
didynamy drayman enzymatic flyaway Havana haymaker Hazzan hogmanay holidaymaker  
hootenanny junkman Kamaaina katakana kayak lawmaker lawman layman linkman Mahayana  
mamma mammal mammary mammate mammy manakin manmade manna manward Mayan  
Maynard mazzard nanny navy nonnaval Panama pavanne paxwax pizzazz Pollyanna razzmatazz  
Rockaway runaway sannyasi Santayana skyman skywave skyway snazzy stowaway Sunnyvale  
swanky tanaka Tananarive Tanzania taxman throwaway tokamak towaway tramway trunkway  
twanky unawakened unmanageable unmanned unmannerliness vanward wakanda walkaway  
walkaways wayward Wyman zanza

### 6 in a row

anyway breakaway funnyman highwayman jazzman Kankakee layaway Manama manana  
mannan manzanita Panamanian railwayman savannah Tammany vanman zanana

### 7 in a row

zyzzyva

### 8 in a row

Nakayama

Here is a collection of words that consist exclusively of diagonal letters:

Amman anna anyway away awny axman azan kaka kana kava kayak ma'am mama mamma  
mammy mana Manama manana Mann manna mannan Manx many mawn Maya mazy myna  
Nakayama nana nanny navy navy vanman wank wany wavy waxy Wyman Wynn yank yawn  
zanana zany zanza zyzzyva

The longest words without any diagonal letters include:

bioelectricities bloodthirstiest butterscotches clothespresses coproprietorships corruptibilities  
depressibilities destructibilities distributorship electrologists electrophoresis electrosurgeries  
flibbertigibbet fluoroscopists forethoughtful herpetologists heterostructure horticulturists  
illegibilities irreducibilities irreproducible osteosclerosis perfectibilities pressoreceptor  
professorships proprietorships proprietresses pseudohistoric reducibilities repressibilities  
scrupulosities spectroscopists stereospecific subdirectories supersecrecies superstructures  
supersuccessful susceptibilities troubleshooters