

AEIOU(Y) TOGETHER

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The reader might be forgiven for thinking that the subject of AEIOU(Y) words had been exhausted. There exists, however, at least one aspect of AEIOU(Y) which remains incomplete. There appears to have been no specific search for words in which the 5(6) vowels AEIOU(Y) occur as an *unbroken group*, in any order. In an attempt to remedy this omission, I found words representing 10 of the 720 AEIOUY permutations and 30 of the 120 AEIOU permutations. In this instance, extraneous vowels are admitted, so not all the examples are true AEIOU words.

Most of the words are capitalised locations taken from the United States Board on Geographic Names and these are populated places unless stated otherwise. The remainder can be found in Hodge's Handbook of American Indians (Hodge), the Oxford English Dictionary, Second Edition (OED), Cooper's An Archaic Dictionary (cad), Nomenclator Zoologicus (nz), A Dictionary of the Flowering Plants and Ferns by J.C. Willis, CUP 1966 (dfpf), and Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 5th Edition (WebC5).

Below, I offer one word for each vowel permutation where possible. The actual number of words found per permutation varies from a single word (permutation marked with an asterisk*) to many words (10 or more words marked with +). The lists read across the page.

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A large percentage of the AEIOUY words have the permutation AOUIYE and, strangely, this is the only permutation beginning with A for which I found words. One such is AANNZAOUUIYE (Syria) with the added distinction of beginning with two doubled letters. No words were found for any of the 120 permutations beginning with E.

AOUIYE+	<u>RAOUUIYE</u> (Syria)	IAOUYE*	<u>TIAOUYE</u> (Chad)
IAOYUE	<u>XIAOYUE</u> (China)	IOUAYE	<u>EDIUOAYE</u> (depression in Chad)
OUIAYE+	<u>SOUAIYE</u> (Syria)		
OUIAYEI*	<u>AOUAYEILLES</u> (Avoyelles tribe - Hodge)		
OUEIYA*	<u>SOUEIYAUNG</u> (Ban Phoun Soueiyaung - a destroyed populated place in Laos)		
OUIAYE*	<u>KOUIAYE</u> (Guinea)	UIEAYO*	<u>NAGUIEAYO</u> (Ivory Coast)
YEOUAI*	<u>AYEOUAI</u> (Iowa tribe - Hodge)		

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In *On Location With AEIOU* (2002314), I included the word TAEIOUIHRA which can be found in *An Archaic Dictionary* by W.R. Cooper. It has an unbroken AEIOU group in which the five vowels occur **in alphabetical order**. Is this unique?

AEIOU*	TAEIOUIHRA (cad)	AEOIU*	JUDAEIOIULUS (a millipede - nz)
AEUIO*	PRAEUIOUS (OED - previous)	AIEOU*	BAIEOUA (Ivory Coast)
AIOUE+	AIOUEZ (Iowa tribe - Hodge)	AOUEI+	LAOUEI (Niger)
AOUIE+	CHAOUIE (Lebanon)	AUOIE	AUOIED (OED incursion 1555cit)
EAOUI*	BEAOUINE (stream-CA Republic)	EAUOI*	BEAUOIR (OED vail v. 1600 cit)
EIAOU	TIMEIAOUIINE (Algeria)	EIOUA	TEIOUALT (mountain - Algeria)
EOAIU*	TEOAIUA (mt. - Fr. Polynesia)	EOUAI	TEOUAILE (mountain - Djibouti)
EOUIA	TEANDEOUIATA (Toanche, a Huron village - Hodge)		
IAOUE+	MIAOUED (WebC5)	IEAOU*	MIEAOU (OED miaow int. & n.)
IEOUA+	NIEOUA (wadi - Mauritania)		
IOUAE	AOUENTSIOUAERON (Winnebago tribe - Hodge)		
IOUEA	IOUEA (a fossil sponge - nz)	OAEUI*	POAEUI (an inlet - Papua NG)
OAUEI*	POAEUI (an inlet - Papua NG)	OIAUE*	GOIAUE (stream - Mozambique)
OIEAU*	BOIEAU (stream - Belgium)		
OUAEI*	KOUAEIR (Sidi Abd el Kader Moul Kouaeir is a shrine in Algeria)		
OUAIE+	DJERBOUAIE (Syria)		
OUEIA	KISHKANKOUEIAK (the Bear band of the Ottawa - Hodge)		
UEIAO	KUEI-AO (China)	UEOIA*	MUEOIA (Mozambique)
UIEOA*	SEGUIEOA (Ivory Coast)		

As well as IOUEA (above), the permutations AOUIE and OUAIE are words in their own right. For more on these words, the reader is referred to the Kickshaws item *Iouea Is Not Unique* (2003048).

A few words have two overlapping AEIOU groups. In the first three words below, this is made possible because the *6-vowel groups* begin and end with the same vowel.

AIOUEA (a laurel genus - dfpf): AIOUE and IOUEA

BAIEOUA (Ivory Coast): AIEOU and IEOUA

KICHAOUEIAK (another word for the Bear band of the Ottawa - Hodge): AOUEI and OUEIA

Finally, there is one amazing word which has four overlapping groups. This is because the first three letters of the *8-vowel group* are repeated as the last three letters of the group. The word, OUEPERIGOUEIAOUEK (an Algonquian tribe - Hodge), contains the overlapping groups OUEIA, UEIAO, EIAOU and IAOUE.