

# A TYPE COLLECTION OF CVCCVCCVC WORDS

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Among nine-letter words of the vowel-consonant pattern CVCCVCCVC, can one find all 125 possible vowel selections? Elsewhere in this issue, Hugo Brandt Corstius in "Battus in Wonderland" has constructed a story in which 125 Dutch words of this nature are featured. In English, it is possible to find 121 words in Webster's Second, as given in the table below (the numbers following some words indicate the number of occurrences in Kučera and Francis's million-word corpus *Computational Analysis of Present-Day American English* (1967)).

Manhattan 20	cathedral 8	baptismal 1	patrolman	mamlutdar
canvassed 1	passenger 14	barrister	landowner	hamburger 6
fantastic 20	Sanhedrin	ballistic 17	pansophic	Walpurgis
rascaldom	magnetron	badminton 1	parsondom	
Parnassus	masterful 14	narcissus	barrowful	balductum
mercaptan	yesterday 83	centigram	betrothal	pertussal
recharter	September 56	bedridden	personnel 74	bespurred
lethargic	metheglin	verdigris	Celtophil	centumvir
detractor 1	bedfellow	persimmon	reblossom	percussor
retractus	regretful	lemniscus	retroflux	Vertumnus
birlawman	dispersal 5	milligram 5	bifrontal	bismuthal
kidnapper 1	dissected	distiller	bishoplet	discussed 25
bilharzic	finger tip	mistigris	discomfit	bismuthic
dishallow	tinderbox	millicron	discommon	disbutton
discantus	jitterbug	cinnannus	bishopful	discursus
collarman	horseplay 2	committal	concordat	nocturnal 3
commander 28	concerned 135	convinced 50	forgotten 38	conducted 55
nostalgic 6	horsewhip	sophistic	hobgoblin	nonpublic
colcannon	connector	monsignor	noncompos	conductor 25
somnambul	wonderful 53		doctordom	concurus
jummahdar	butterfat 1	Kurdistan	subnormal 1	Mussulman
cubmaster	suggested 105	published 85	supporter 3	rumrunner
fundatrix	judgeship	hubristic	subfossil	Cuchullin
dulcarnon	successor 16	multiflow	turboprop	
	bucketful	pulpitful	subconsul	mundungus

Rex Gooch has kindly supplied dictionary examples for the four others: HARBURROW, an obsolete form of harbour in the OED; COLPISMUS, another name for vaginismus in Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary (24th edition); MUSSASCUS, an obsolete form of musquash in the OED; MUNDUNGOS, plural of mundungo, foul-smelling tobacco, in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary. Interestingly, BALTUSROL is the name of a well-known golf course about ten miles from Morristown!