

# PINPOINTING LETTERS

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PINPOINTING can be defined as locating, fixing or directing with extreme precision.

Below, I offer a selection of phrases, each of which pinpoints a specific letter of the alphabet A - Z.

This is accomplished by using a word which targets the required letter:

**1. words which indicate that the required letter is at the beginning of a word**

HEAD FRONT BEGIN BEGINNING LEFT FIRST FORE START STARTING OPENER  
OPENING LEADER ENTRANCE

**2. words which indicate that the required letter is at a specific position inside a word**

CENTER EYE MID MIDDLE. SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH etc.

**3. words which indicate that the required letter is at the end of a word**

TAIL BACK END RIGHT LAST HIND FINISH CLOSE CLOSED CLOSING  
TERMINAL TERMINUS FINAL BEHIND

## AN A - Z OF LETTER LOCATION

A. THE BEGINNING OF THE ALPHABET THE FIRST OF APRIL FIRST OF ALL  
THE SECOND BALL (cricket) THE END OF AIDA (the opera)

B. STARTING BLOCKS BAND LEADER LEFT BANK OPENING BAT (cricket)  
HEAD BOY THIRD RUBBER (bridge) HIS LAST JOB BACK COMB (hair)

C. CAN OPENER THE FIRST CUCKOO THE OPENING CHORUS CCHEER LEADER  
CCOLD FRONT THE FIRST CHAPTER FIRST CCLASS THE OPENING CCEREMONY  
THE SECOND ACT THE THIRD OF DECEMBER THE FOURTH OF MARCH  
THE END OF THE TTITANIC

D. THE OPENING DEALE THE OPEN DOOR THE FIRST OF DECEMBER  
IN THE MIDDLE OF INDIA SECOND EDITION THE END OF THE WORLD  
THE LAST ROUND D DEAD END RIGHT HANDED D THE LAST WORD D

E. THE BEGINNING OF THE END FIRST EDITION IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN / SEA  
THE FOURTH DIMENSION THE END OF THE LINE THE LAST IN LINE LAST MINUTE E  
THE END OF THE VOYAGE E FINAL SCORE E LAST DANCE E LAST CHANCE E LOOSE END

F. FIRST FOOTING FIRST FLOOR FIRST FINGER MID OFF (in cricket) A SECOND OFFER  
FINISH OFF

G OPENING GAMBIT FIRST GLIMPSE HEAD GIRL THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT  
MIDDLE AGE THE EYE OF THE TIGER THIRD DEGREE LAST LEG RIGHT WING  
FINAL FLING THE END OF SPRING

H FIRST HAND LEFT HANDED SECOND CHANCE SECOND THOUGHTS  
IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE THE END OF THE MATCH THE CLOSING SPEECH

I IN THE FIRST INSTANCE THE FIRST IN (to bat) SECOND SIGHT SECOND FIDDLE  
CENTRE Point

J. JANUARY THE FIRST A THIRD OF THE MAJORITY THE END OF THE RAJ

K. HER FIRST KISS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SKY THE FOURTH TICKET  
KICK BACK LAST LOOK THE END OF THE BOOK

L THE FIRST IN LINE THE FRONT LINE FIRST LIGHT SECOND FLOOR  
SECOND CLASS MIDDLE ENLAND LAST OF ALL HIS LAST MEAL

M THE FIRST OF THE MONTH THE FIRST MEMBER THE FIFTH COLUMN  
THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER TRAM TERMINUS TERM END

N THE START OF THE NEW YEAR THE OPENING NIGHT THE THIRD IN LINE  
THE FOURTH AMENDMENT MID MORNING CLOSING DOWN THE THIRD MAN

O STARTING OUT LEFT OUT START OVER THE SECOND IN COMMAND  
THE EYE OF THE STORM THE MIDDLE OF THE PELOTON GOES SOLO

P A POOOR START FIRST POST HEAD PORTER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PAPER  
END UP THE LAST DROP THE LAST STOP THE CUP FINAL LAST LAP  
LAST GASP

Q THE HEAD OF THE QUEUE THE QUEEN'S HEAD THE FIRST QUESTION  
THE THIRD INQUEST THE LAST OF THE CINQ PORTS

R THE FIRST ROUND FRONT RUNNER THE SECOND FRONT MIDDLE EARTH  
THE MIDDLE OF THE AFTERNOON THE END OF THE AFFAIR LAST YEAR  
THE FINAL FRONTIER THE LAST SUPPER THE LAST OVER (cricket)

S SEA FRONT THE OPENING SPEECH IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MISSISSIPPI  
THE CENTRAL MASSIFF (in France) BUS TERMINUS LANS END JOURNES END  
THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS HOWARDS END

T THE FIRST TIME THE BEGINNING OF TERM TIN OPENER CENTRAL STATION  
THE MIDDLE OF THE MATCH THE LAST ACT THE LAST POST

U START UP OPEN UP LET US BEGIN INSIDE OUT THE THIRD ROUND  
MIDDLE STUMP (cricket) THE END OF YOU

V FIRST VISIT THE FIRST VOYAGE SECOND OVER (cricket) THE SECOND EVENT  
FIFTH ANNIVERSARY TV CLOSE DOWN

W WARM FRONT LEFT WING CENTRE FORWARD THE END OF THE RAINBW  
THE LAST STRAW THE THIRD IN A ROW

X THE BEGINNING OF XMAS THE SECOND EXTRA (in the match)  
A FINAL SIX (ended the cricket match)

Y THE START OF THE YEAR YOU'RE FIRST THE THIRD ROYAL THE THIRD LAYER  
THE FOURTH PLAYER THE END OF THE DAY TERMINAL VELOCITY  
RAILWAY TERMINUS THE END OF THE STORY THE RIGHT OF WAY

Z THE ZOO'S ENTRANCE THE THIRD AND FOURTH PUZZLES THE LAST WALTZ

### Phrases having a choice between 2 pinpointed letters

START AT THE BEGINNING START AT THE BEGINNING

LEFT BEHIND LEFT BEHIND

### SINGLE WORDS

In some cases a single word pinpoints a letter within itself:

A. FRONTAL MIDDAY

B. FOREBEARS FOREBODE

C. CONFRONT

D. ENDED

E. STARTED DOVETAIL BEHIND

F. OFFEND

G. WAGGTAIL MIDNIGHT

H. FOREHEAD BACKLASHH

I. FRONTICE

J. HEADJOGS - a hairdresser in Ilford, UK

K. BACKK

L. HEADLINE FORELOCK LOGGERHEAD (turtle)

M. HEADMASTER

N. FANNTAIL

O. MIDDLELETON

P. UPPEND

Q.

R. TAILORR MIDDLEMARCH

S. ENDLESSS WALLSEND (in UK)

T. HINDSIGHTT

U. UPSTART

V. VIVEND (a company name)

W. HEADWAY

X. OXTAIL

Y. ENDERBY

Z.

Sometimes the meaning of a whole word pinpoints a letter, without ‘attaching’ a word indicating the beginning, middle or end:

PENULTIMATETE and ANTIPENULTIMATEATE are prime examples of this.