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 CHEER LEADER
   COLD FRONT THE FIRST CHAPTER FIRST CLASS THE OPENING CEREMONY
   THE SECOND ACT THE THIRD OF DECEMBER THE FOURTH OF MARCH
   THE END OF THE TITANIC

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

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
   THE END OF THE VOYAGE FINAL SCORE LAST DANCE LAST CHANCE LOOSE END

F. FIRST FOOTING FIRST FLOOR FIRST FINGER MID OFF (in cricket) A SECOND OFFER
   FINISH OFF
W  WARM FRONT  LEFT WING  CENTRE FORWARD  THE END OF THE RAINBOW  
   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. WAGTAIL  MIDNIGHT

H. FOREHEAD  BACKLASH

I. FRONTICE

J. HEADJOGS - a hairdresser in Ilford, UK

K. BARK

L. HEADLINE  FORELOCK  LOGGERHEAD (turtle)

M. HEADMASTER

N. FANTAIL
O. MIDDLET\text{O\text{N}}

P. UP\text{E\text{N\text{D}}}

Q.

R. TAILOR  MIDDLEMARCH

S. ENDLESS  WALLSEND (in UK)

T. HINDSIGHT

U. UPSTART

V. VIVEND (a company name)

W. HEAD\text{\text{W}}\text{\text{A\text{Y}}}

X. O\text{T\text{X\text{T\text{A\text{I\text{L}}}}}}

Y. END\text{ER\text{B}}\text{Y}

Z.

Sometimes the meaning of a whole word pinpoints a letter, without ‘attaching’ a word indicating the beginning, middle or end: PENULTIMATE and ANTIPENULTIMATE are prime examples of this.