

BICONSONANTAL WORDS

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Extending Darryl Francis's discourse upon monoconsonantal words in the February 1979 *Word Ways*, I list below a type collection of biconsonantal words. A biconsonantal word is defined as a word which contains two different consonants, each one appearing once or more, and with no restrictions on its vowels (selected from AEIOUY).

In compiling this list, I have taken boldface words from NI2 or NI3, including plurals of nouns and past tenses of verbs, but I have not allowed words containing hyphens or apostrophes (such as O'NYONG - NYONG, an east African viral illness), and I have also avoided NI3 place-name lower-case adjectives (such as FUKUOKA or OUAGADOU-GOU). In each case, I listed the longest-known example.

BC bocaccio	CP Papayaceae	FH huffy
BD bedaubed	CQ cacique	FJ Feijoa
BF bouffe	CR Araucariaceae	FK feikie
BG bugaboo	CS couscousous	FL filially
BH hubbuboo	CT cytotoxic	FM mummify
BJ biajaiba	CV Cayuvava	FN infeoff
BK Kaibab	CW cove	FP puppify
BL Bellabella	CX Ixiaceae	FQ quaife
BM amoebaeum	CZ Aizoaceae	FR fourrier
BN Anabaena		FS sissifies
BP (Little) Bopeep	DF diffided	FT affatuate
BQ aquabib	DG aedoeagi	FV foveae
BR bearberry	DH deadheaded	FW waffie
BS babesiasis	DJ jaded	FX fixfax
BT autoboot	DK dekkod	FZ effuze
BV above	DL idolodulia	
BW bawbee	DM omoideum	GH hoggie
BX Bayeux (tapestry)	DN adenodinia	GJ geejee
BZ abbozzo	DP Upupidae	GK yokeage
	DQ Equidae	GL illegally
CD Cycadeoidea	DR reordered	GM Gogmagog
CF cofeoffee	DS assiduous	GN ungaining
CG coccagee	DT diaetetae	GP Papagayo (wind)
CH Chihuahua	DV voodooed	GQ Guayaqui
CJ Cacajao	DW waddywood	GR arrearage
CK cockeye	DX oxyiodide	GS eisegesis
CL celiocele	DZ Zeoidei	GT tattooage
CM Eucommiaceae		GV gavage
CN uninnocence	FG giffgaff	GW gewgawy

GX	exigi (facias)	KV	kavakava	PT	tautotype
GZ	zigzaggy	KW	kaikawaka	PV	Yavapai
HJ	hajji	KX	kexy	PW	peeweep
HK	kohekohe	KZ	zeekoe	PX	oxyopia
HL	halleluiah	LM	memorially	PZ	piazza
HM	hahahim	LN	nonillion	QR	quarrier
HN	ahaaina	LP	lillypilly	QS	quisquous
HP	pahoehoe	LQ	alloquial	QT	etiquette
HQ		LR	Euryaleae	QV	equivoque
HR	urorrhea	LS	soullessly	QW	quaw
HS	hasheeshes	LT	tattletale	QX	exequy
HT	ahuehuete	LV	valvulae	QZ	quizzee
HV	hoovey	LW	Wallawalla		
HW	ehuawa	LX	axillae	RS	reassesses
HX	hoaxee	LZ	azalea	RT	irritatory
HZ	heezie			RV	rearrive
		MN	monoammonium	RW	reaware
JK	Kojiki	MP	pyaemia	RX	Xiraxara
JL	alleluja	MQ	qaimmaqam	RZ	zeroize
JM	mumjuma	MR	myriorama		
JN	Junonian	MS	isoosmosis	ST	tautoousious
JP	jipijapa	MT	myomotomy	SV	assuasive
JQ	jiqui	MV	Ameiva	SW	Woyaways
JR	Jirajara	MW	immew	SX	auxesis
JS	Jussiaea	MX	myxomyoma	SZ	asseizes
JT	jetteau	MZ	Zamzummim		
JV	avijja			TV	totitive
JW	Awaji	NP	anapanapa	TW	outwait
JX	jixie	NQ	quinquennia	TX	eutaxite
JZ	jazzy	NR	arenariae	TZ	azotate
		NS	insanenesses		
KL	Koolooly	NT	nonannuitant	VW	weave
KM	kaimakam	NV	novenae	VX	exuviae
KN	kinnikinnik	NW	Owenian	VZ	Zouave
KP	epieikeia	NX	annexion		
KQ	quokka	NZ	unionize	WX	waxy
KR	kookeree			WZ	zowie
KS	kouskouses	PQ	opaque		
KT	kotukutuku	PR	puerperia	XZ	oxyazo
		PS	pyopoesis		

The only one of the 190 consonant-pairs without a Websterian solution is HQ (the Oxford English Dictionary lists HOOQQA as a variant of 'hoo-kah'). A few non-NI solutions that are longer have also been uncovered. SEQUOIOSIS is a pulmonary allergic condition related to inhalation of products growing on sequoia (Lewis and Elvin-Lewis, Medical Botany, 1977). UNILLILLION is a number-name suggested by Rudolf Ondrejka in the August 1976 Word Ways. GILLYGALOO, a mythical bird that lays square eggs, and KAIVAKUKU, Papuan police hired to protect the crops, appear in Mrs. Byrne's Dictionary. Finally, in the spoken vocabulary of electrophysiologists is the word NONATTENUATION, which is not found in any dictionary.