This is an attempt to list the longest English-language words of one or two syllables, beginning with each letter of the alphabet, according to listings and pronunciations in Webster's Second or Third editions. The -ED ending is permitted for verbs, and the -S ending for nouns, even when permission to pluralize is not explicitly given in Webster (as, for example, in various word lists in Webster's Second). However, hyphenated words have been excluded.

The suffix -PROOF presents an interesting problem. Webster's Second states that many such words are usable as verbs, but does not specify which. In particular, the doubtful MOOSETONGUES can be replaced by MOUSEPROOFED if the latter is a verb -- which it probably is.

Other improvements are, no doubt, possible.

arched broughams elicited draughts earthed flinched grouched haunted latched mouched naughts oinked preached quetched reached scraunched thoughts umphed vouched wreathed ystes yearned Zouaves

archfriends breakthroughs clotheshorse draughtboards earthtongues flameproofed greatmoutherd hearsthones inthralled Juneteenth knickknacks lightmouthed moosetongues nightclothes outstretched ploughwrights quickthorns roundmouthed scratchbrushed throatstraps unstretched versewrights wherethrough xanthines yourselves Zeitgeists