AEIOU Words, those which contain just one each of the 5 major vowels, have always held a fascination for logologists, especially those words in which the 5 vowels appear in alphabetical order (AEIOU), and reverse alphabetical order (UOIEA), respectively. FACETIOUS and SUBCONTINENTAL are examples. Below, I offer a substantial addition to the collections of these words which have already appeared in Word Ways. Most of them are the names of locations taken from The United States Board on Geographic Names (BGN). These are populated places unless stated otherwise. Let us begin by taking a brief look at the current state of affairs.

**HISTORY**

A handful of items concerned with these two special categories of AEIOU words have featured in Word Ways. For an overview of the current situation, the reader is directed to:

*AEIOU in Order* (98037), in which I offered 145 words. These were supplemented in the Colloquies of 98115 and 99262, bringing the total to 170 where it currently stands.

*UOIEA Words* (2001313) in which I listed 104 words.

### AEIOU IN ORDER - 88 LOCATIONS

**7 letters**

- ABEINOU (Morocco)
- ANETIOU (Irhzer A... a wadi in Algeria)
- ALEILOU (hill in Djibouti)

**8 letters**

- ABERIOUN (mountain in Algeria)
- AKEINOUN (dune in Mauritania)
- ALEXIKOU (Moutti Tou A... a hill in Cyprus)
- ASKEIOUR (fort in Morocco)
- DAHEIGOU (China)
- DAMEIGOU (China)
- KAREIROU (stream in Djibouti)
- NAVEISOU (N... Creek is a stream in Fiji)
- TA-LEI-T'OU (China)
- TA-PEI-KOU (China)

**9 letters**

- ACHERITOU (Cyprus)
- AGBEDINOU (Togo)
- AKERJIOUM (mountain in Morocco)
- ADERDIOUF (In A... a dune in Mali)
- AGBENINOU (Togo)
- AMBEILOUL (dune in Mali)
Let us take a closer look at a few of these locations:

With its letters in alphabetical order, ABEINOU is an alphomic word.

In KAPELIMORU and QALEH-I-GOKUN consonants and vowels alternate.

ASKEIOUR is the only word having 4 of the 5 vowels together in a group.

Other than the 5 vowels, ALEILOU only contains one different letter of the alphabet (L).

Both BANESHTI-NOUY and MARENI-NOUY have A,E,I,O,U and Y in order.
With 18 letters, SKARPHEDHINSJOKULL is the longest word. In length, it is matched by PHRAGELLIORHYNCHUS (a protozoan) listed in AEIOU in Order. It might, however, be considered superior to the protozoan in not having a letter Y.

AEIOU IN ORDER - OTHER

These 3 AEIOU in order words are from Hodge’s Handbook of American Indians:
GANNEIOUS (also spelt GANEIOUS) - a former Iroquois village on the north shore of Lake Ontario (note the group of 4 vowels).
NADSNESSIOUCK = Dakota

The 91 (88 + 3) words above, together with the running total of 170, increase our ‘AEIOU in order’ word total to 261.

UOIEA WORDS - 19 LOCATIONS

8 letters
MUODIELA (wetland in Mozambique)

9 letters
TUOMIPERA (Finland)

10 letters
BURROTIETA (Ecuador) KUNOGIDELA (mountain in S. Afrika)
L’UBORIECKA (Slovakia) SUPRONIETA (Belarus)
VUORISELKA (section of lake in Finland)

11 letters
KULOY-PINEGA (canal in Russia) KUROHIME-SAN (mountain in Japan)
MURTOINPERA (house in Finland) PUTNOWIECKA (Wolka P...)
RUSSOGIELAS (hill in Norway) TUCHIVEHMAS (house in Finland)
VUCKOVICEVA (hut in Bosnia-Hertzegovina) VUOSSISELKA (hill in Finland)

12 letters
BUTOVICHEVKA (Ukraine) SUOR-DZHIYETA (Khrebet S... are mountains in Russia)

13 letters
UST’-KOLIK-YEGAN (Russia)

15 letters
SJUKOVSKIFJELLA (mountain in Svalbard, Norway)

The 19 words above, together with the running total of 104, increase our ‘UOIEA’ word total to 123.

Finally, I would draw your attention to a word in which the 5 vowels A, E, I, O and U occur in alphabetical order but which is precluded from being an ‘AEIOU Word’ because it contains two extraneous vowels. TAEIOUIHRA is a truly remarkable word in having the 5 major vowels in alphabetical order in an unbroken group! It resides in An Archaic Dictionary by W.R. Cooper, 1876.

TAEIOUIHRA A priestess of Amen Ra. She was the daughter of Khons-mes, a male spondist of Amen, and the lady Tent-amen, who was also a priestess of the same divinity.