DIAGONAL-LETTER WORDS

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The letters AKMNVWXYZ are the only ones containing diagonal lines. Here are some of the longer words with runs of these letters (not including variants using –s, –ess, –ed, –ing, –ly, etc.).

5 in a row
akvavit Amman ananke awayness awkward axman banana banyan Boltzmann bonanza Brazzaville brinkmanship Canaan caravan Cayman Chinaman cinnamyl cockamamie Cyanamid didynamy drayman enzymatic flyaway Havana haymaker Hazan hogmanay holidaymaker hootenanny junkman Kamaaina katakanca kayaker lawmaker lawman layman linkman Mahayana mamma mammal mammatory mammary mammate mammy manakin manmade manna manward Maynard mazzard nancy navvy nonnaval Panama pavanne paxwax pizzazz Pollyanna razzmatazz Rockaway runaway sannyasi Santayana skyman skywave skyway snazzy stowaway Sunnyvale swanky tanaka Tananarive Tanzania taxman throwaway tokamak towaway tramway trunkway twanky unawakened unmanageable unmanned unmanly unmanliness vanward wakanda walkaway walkways wayward Wyman zanza

6 in a row
anyway breakaway funnyman highwayman jazzman Kankakee layaway Manama manana mammam manzanita Panamanian railwayman savannah Tammany vanman zanana

7 in a row
zyzzyva

8 in a row
Nakayama

Here is a collection of words that consist exclusively of diagonal letters:

Amman anna anyway away awny axman azan kaka kana kava kayak ma’am mama mamma mammy mana Manama manana Mann manna mannan Manx many mawn Maya mazy myna Nakayama nana nanny navy vanman wank wany wavy waxy Wyman Wynn yank yawn zanana zany zanza zyzzyva

The longest words without any diagonal letters include:

bioelectricities bloodthirstiest butterscotches clothespresses coproprietorships corruptibilities depressibilities destructibilities distributorship electrogaster electrologists electrophoresis electrosurgeries flibbertigibbet fluoroscopists forethoughtful herpetologists heterostructure horticulturists illegibilities irreducibilities irreproducible osteosclerosis perfectibilities pressoreceptor professorships proprieties psychoplastic psychosomatic psychosomatic psychosomatic psychosomatic psychosomatic psychosomatic psychosomatic psychosomatic psychosomatic psychosomatic psychosomatic psychosomatic psychosomatic psychosomatic psychosomatic psychosomatic psychosomatic psychosomatic psychosomatic psychosomatic psychosomatic