

LEXI'S ALPHABET

THE ALPHABET OF AWESOME SCIENCE

I hope you enjoyed the smorgasbord of wonderfully crunchy, curly words that I selected to be part of **The Alphabet of Awesome Science**. With so many brilliant rare, archaic and obsolete words to choose from, it really was a tremendously tough job trimming the feast down to this delectable alphabetical meal!

During our stage show, I rattled through all of the words super speedily (after all, *it was a race!*). So, below you'll find a complete list of all my words – that you can graze upon at your leisure...

Each word is accompanied by a definition (sometimes more than just the one!). These were chiefly taken from the following sources:

Oxford English Dictionary
Merriam-Webster Dictionary
Collins English Dictionary
Wiktionary

www.oed.com
www.merriam-webster.com
www.collinsdictionary.com
www.en.wiktionary.org

Happy Word Nerding!

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A is for... **ANNULAR**

Adjective

Of or pertaining to a ring or rings; ring-like, ring-formed, ringed.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary

B is for... **BRUMOUS**

Adjective

Foggy, wintry.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary

C is for... **CORYBANTIC**

Adjective

Wild, frenzied.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Merriam-Webster Dictionary

D is for... **DEDOLEATE**

Verb

To end one's sorrow or grief.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary

E is for... **ERUMPENT**

Adjective

1. Bursting forth.

2. (*of fungi or algae*)

Prominent; projecting from or bursting through host tissue.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Collins English Dictionary

Adjective

That bursts forth.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary

Noun

A huge African magical beast, which resembles a rhinoceros.

DEFINITION SOURCE: The Harry Potter Lexicon

F is for... **FLOCCINAUCINIHIPIPILIFICATION**

Noun

The action or habit of estimating as worthless.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary

The word is derived from four Latin words:

Floccus, meaning... Tuft, wisp of wool.

Naucum, meaning... A nutshell. A trifle, something slight or trivial.

Nihil, meaning... Indefinite nothing.

Pilus, meaning... A hair, an insignificant amount.

SOURCE: www.etymologeeek.com



G is for... **GUMFIATE**

Verb

To puff up, cause to swell.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary

H is for... **HORRESCENT**

Adjective

Shuddering; expressive of horror.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary

I is for... **IDEOPRAXIST**

Noun

A person who is impelled to carry out an idea.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Collins English Dictionary

J is for... **JOCOSERIOUS**

Adjective

Half jocular, half serious; partly in jest and partly in earnest; blending jokes and serious matters.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary

K is for.. **KYRIOLEXY**

Noun

The use of literal expressions.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary

L is for... **LUCIFEROUS**

Adjective

1. That brings, conveys, or emits light.

2. *Figurative.* Affording illumination or insight; luminous, illuminating.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary

M is for... **METAGROBALISE**

Verb

1. To puzzle, mystify, confound.

2. To puzzle out.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary

N is for... **NEPHELOCOCYGIA**

Noun

The act of seeking and finding shapes in clouds.

The word comes from the play "The Birds" by the Greek playwright Aristophanes.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Wiktionary



O is for... **OBTURATE**

Adjective and Verb

1. *Adjective*: Stopped, obstructed. Also (*figurative*): impervious.
2. *Verb*: To block or stop up; to close or obstruct.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary

P is for... **PLENISPHERE**

Noun

A perfect sphere.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary

Q is for... **QUICQUIDLIBET**

Noun

Whatever one pleases, anything whatsoever.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary

R is for... **REVIVISCENCE**

Noun

1. Return to animation or life following dormancy or death.
2. Revival; restoration to a flourishing or vigorous condition.
3. DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary

S is for... **SPUMESCENT**

Adjective

Having the appearance of foam or froth.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary

T is for... **TENE BROUS**

Adjective and Noun

1. *Adjective*:
 - a. Full of darkness, dark.
 - b. (*figurative*) Obscure, gloomy.
2. *Noun*: Darkness.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary

U is for... **ULLAGE**

Noun

The amount that a container (such as a tank or cask) lacks of being full.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Merriam-Webster Dictionary

V is for... **VERTIGINATE**

Verb

To turn round, spin, or rush dizzily.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary



W is for... **WIRBLE**

Verb

To turn around and round; to whirl; to eddy.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary

X is for... **XANTHIC**

Adjective

1. a. Of, relating to, or tending toward a yellow colour.
b. (*of a flower*) Coloured with some tint of yellow.
2. Of or relating to xanthin or xanthine.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Collins English Dictionary

Y is for... **YEPSEN**

Noun

The two hands placed together so as to form a bowl-shaped cavity; as much as can be held in this.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Oxford English Dictionary

Z is for... **ZEPHYR**

Verb

Of a wind: to blow gently or mildly.

DEFINITION SOURCE: Collins English Dictionary

