

The Vowel-Family Game

The A, E, I, O, U, and Sometimes Y-Family Game, KEY

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Instructions: Given the first letter and the first vowel of five English words, complete each of the fifteen sequences below using five of the six vowels in English. Here's a poor example: "pag, peg, pig, pog, pug." This fails the test because Google says "pag" is not in any English dictionary; the other four pass muster: a "peg" is something to hang your hat on; "pig" is a swine; "pog" is a cardboard milk cap; and a "pug" is a boxer or dog breed. Slang, dialect, and names of all kinds are acceptable; abbreviations are not.

1. ³bad, bed, bid, bod [dad bod], bud
2. ³bag, beg, big, bog [swamp], bug
3. ³pat, pet, pit, pot, put
4. ⁴pack, peck, pick, pock, puck [hockey]
5. ⁴mass, mess, miss, moss, muss [tousle]
6. ⁴last, lest, list, lost, lust
7. ⁴band, bend, bind, bond, bund [bond, union]
8. ⁴ball, bell, bill, boll [seed-bearing capsule], bull
9. ³bat, bet, bit, bot [larva of botfly], but
10. ³Dan, den, din [noise], ^{Don}Dun [demand payment]
11. ³gat [early machine gun], get, git [dialect], got, gut
12. ⁴mate, mete [distribute], mite, mote [speck], mute
13. ³tan, ten, tin, ton, tun [barrel]
14. ⁴pant, pent, pint, pont [ferryboat], punt
15. [†][6 words possible using "y."] Dane, dene [deep, wooded valley], dine, done, dune, dyne - unique!

[unit of force/power in physics. Only one I know. There are also **six-letter words**: patter, petter, pitter, potter, putter. **Seven-letter words** include: blander, blender, blinder, blonder, blunder;]

Notes: What's unique in Engl. about § acc x i o u s i s & a u s t r i n i d i c t i o n e s?

(All 6 vowels in order, all used 1x!)

DAN, DEN, DIN, ~~DON~~^{Fr.}, DUN (NOT ENGL.)

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