

# 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](http://www.oed.com)  
[www.merriam-webster.com](http://www.merriam-webster.com)  
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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](http://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

