

# The Time's Come: Proof-of-Concept Study Discussing Linguistic-Cognitive Influences Supporting the Deletion of the Letter "A"

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## BRIEF

From “arachnid” to “abscess,” people do not enjoy words with the letter A.<sup>1</sup> Spiders plus infections spell trouble. Don’t get us going on “aardvark”—some double-dog dose of *absurdity*. In this proof-of-concept, mixed-methods study, we show, not only is the letter “A” purely superfluous fluff, but its use is wholly unneeded to write cohesively, completely, or succinctly. Creeping into our common colloquium without permission, we describe multiple evidences for deleting this troublesome letter, we then provide some much needed solutions. Is there some people listening out there? Future work involves removing other unneeded letters, like C, X, Y, or Z, which bring words like “concatenate” (Nobody believes or uses string theory!), “Xerox” (Who uses tools from the 1980s?), or “zillion” (Billion isn’t enough, people?). The time is here, my friends! We were told when we were young, “Just s@y no!”

## KEYWORDS

everything but “A”

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<sup>1</sup> No “A”s were used in the writing of this study, besides from quoting in the Brief section, plus the one in this footnote. Couple of ‘em show up in cited box picture plus references too, due to required requirements involving proper referencing, but those writers weren’t yet enlightened by the benefits described in this meticulous/mellifluous study.

## 1 Introduction

Since the beginning of time, people thought everything beginning needs ended. Every sunrise, needs sunset. Every yes, needs no. Bright, oppressively humid summers need dimly light, foggy winters. However, people love progress. Why do we need beginning to our letter system? Beginnings imply endings. We shine light on the huge issue. Who doesn’t like to touch their lips or tongue? Figure 1 shows some common ulternatives.



Figure 1. Common words beginning with the offending letter, which could be switched with the following terms (from left to right, up to down): doctor repeller, cute hog with long snout, fish biotope, trophy, respectively.

Upon questioning others on the concept of deleting the useless letter, divided experts tell us two sides of congruent stories. The optimist tells us, “No good comes from w@r, c\$sh, c@lories, or c@lculus. Let’s destroy this useless letter to free ourselves from overuse.” The pessimist, non-supporter yells, “We need this letter so we will be together in concerted efforts to write useless scripts.” We purpose the deletion of the useless letter, providing numerous testimonials of when this letter ruined lives and provided inconveniences worthy of noting.

We hope that this effort will resonate with the millions of innocent students whose monikers begin with the letter that must not be mentioned, because of which they were forced to reply to roll call first and turn in their tests before others.

## 2 B for Effort

History shows nobody enjoys fellow students who perform better than others. Therefore, previous experience plus work shows B is the new high score. From this point on, the highest score students will receive in school will be the B. Yes, the highest score received will be B.

REPORT CARD		
Reading	B+	A+
Writing	B+	A+
Mathematics	B+	A+
Science	B+	A+
History	B+	A+
Art	B+	A+
P.E.	F	A+

Figure 2. One student’s excellent report card showing near perfect scores, except in P.E., or gym. This is a common occurrence of techy-computer students excelling in math and not so much PE.

Type B persons will unite, then nobody will perform better than others. Everyone gets B’s, then B’s will get degrees. 3.0 here we come! Figure 2 below shows one pupils report card expressing B is the new “it” letter.

## 3 Method

We counted the number of uses of the letters used in English words, showing them in figures with wide lines on it. We counted the number of uses of the letters used in this document. We will then determine the frequency distribution of both entire English words used with the letters used to write this document.

We collect surveys, interviews, focus groups, describing the vile issues of this letter. We run our own experiments combining mixed methods from everything listed to collect info supporting the deletion of the letter. Here is lists of expert experimenters giving user opinions:

- Postdoc, former middle school instructor describes one terrible experience she witnessed upon receiving the following pieces in Words with Friends-like bored exercise. She tells us, “How will I configure words with these letters? This is so disappointing.”



- Software engineer notes, “Binuhry computerwords definitively be the most efficient computerwords when tested next to other computerword collections, plus every other computerwords collection compiles to binuhry unyhow, so just use 0/1 to be the best with computers.”
- Product chief did not contribute to this work, citing too busy. We suspect his left pinky finger is too tired from typing too much, hitting the terrible letter while writing lengthy e-letters. We feel you. Your coworkers completed the job of contributing for you. You’re welcome.
- Product person suggests (with obviously limited prerequisite study of biology) the idea of not having blood groups of the offending letter’s typer, resulting in more people of blood group B, making it easier to find donors for everyone.
- Hed of partnerships for tutoring program & former straight @ student who wuz bullied her entire childhood for being uh nerd. Now she finally h@s the opportunity to get b@ck at her childhood bullies and cl@im her new identity @s @str@ight B student with @ Type B person@lity.
- Software explorer constructs the best chicken recipe with no @’s in sight: Chicken veggie stir fry is quick to cook plus requires no useless

letters, good for your body. 1. Put cooking oil in wok till it's hot. 2. Put in chopped green onion & ginger to stir until they're soft with scented smell. 3. Put in diced chicken, stir till color turns white. 4. Put in diced veggies to stir until they're soft. Here're few good choices of veggies: broccoli, celery, cucumber, turnip, lotus root, bok-choy & zucchini. 5. Put in Shoyu with hot pepper for condiments. You will surely enjoy this! Check me out on Twitter (@wedon'tneedno) for more how-to recipes.

- Senior Inquiry Developer plus frequent speeding ticket receiver cites, *“Driver of vehicles that cruise beyond speeds exceeding permissible limits, desire to substitute their OWdi for the most recent BMW.”* She got a new vehicle with no @’s.

## 4 Results

We document from reel-life experience no good comes from this letter. Numerous interviews plus countless confessions confirm its deletion. This work proves the letter is not needed to write completely and succinctly. Fig. 3 shows the frequency of letter usage in the English. The letter was the third highest used letter. Fig. 4 shows the letter distribution of this work.

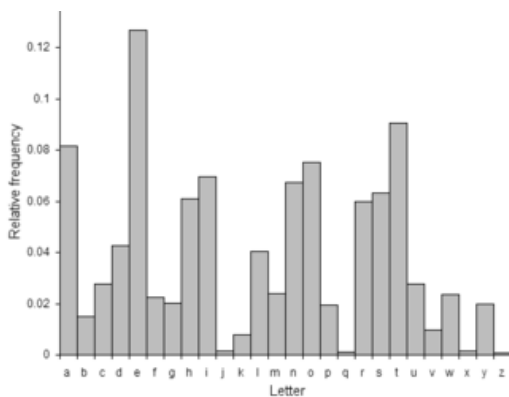


Figure 3. Frequencies of letters used in English<sup>2</sup> from the entirety of the letters.

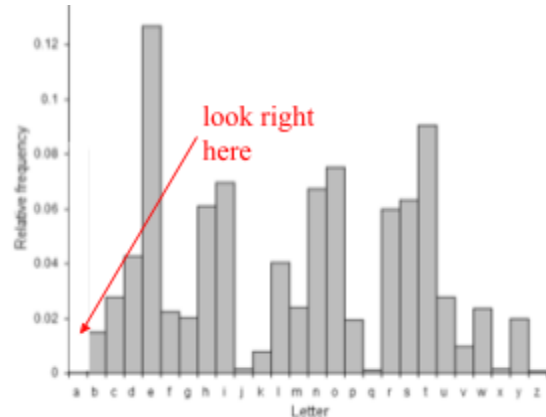


Figure 4. Frequencies of letters in English<sup>2</sup> within this document, further proving the use of the letter is unneeded, plus it is purely overkill. See on the left side there is one teeny tiny little line, very very teeny.

## 4 Discussion & Conclusion

The purposes of this study were two fold: (1) to show the world using other letters other then the horrific first letter will still get the job done, plus (2) to show the cynics it is possible to write some completely upsurd, ridiculous conscription of which people will follow until the very end. Yes, this is the end, my friends. By perusing this entire proof-of-concept mixed-methods monstrosity you’ve proven to the world, we don’t need useless letter.

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