

DVS Grammagrams

Here is my collection of some common words and phrases formed by speaking the names of letters and numbers in sequence. For example 4FR sounds like 'forever' when the characters are read individually. Professor Don Colton calls these [DVS words](#) or grammagrams. He gives some brief 'rules' as to what is and is not a DVS word, which I have tried to follow here. Words followed by an asterisk (*) are near-misses -- at least for US West-Coast English speakers.

DVS words are a class of homonyms - words that sound the same.

Words and Phrases:

1 – one, won, wan
2 – two, too, to
4 – four, for, fore
6 – six, sex,
8 – eight, ate
A – a, hey, eh
B – be, bee
C – see, sea
D – the*
F – if
G – gee
H – edge*, age*
I – I, eye, aye
K – okay
L – hell, will*, well*
M – am, them*, him*, ham*, hymn*
N – an, in, and*
O – oh, owe
P – pea, pee
Q – cue, queue
R – are, or, our
S – is
T – tea, tee
U – ewe, you, hew*
X – eggs*
Y – why

Two-Character Grams

2A – two-way
2L – tool
2N – tune*
2R – tour*
4A – foray
4C – foresee
4D – forty
4M – forum
4N – foreign
4T – forty
6D – sixty
6E – sexy
6S – success
6T – sixty
7D – seventy
7T – seventy
8D – eighty
8T – eighty
9D – ninety
9T – ninety
AD – eighty
AL – ale, ail
AR – air
AT – eighty
B4 – before
B9 – benign
BD – beady
BG – busy
BH – bitch*
BN – bean, being*
BZ – busy
CD – seedy
CL – seal, ceil
CN – seeing*
CQ – seek you
CR – seer
CT – city
D5 – defy
D9 – denying*
DK – decay
DL – deal
DR – dear, deer

DZ – dizzy
EA – yea!, yay
EL – eel, yell
ER – ear*, your*
ES – yes
EZ – easy
FR – ever
FX – effects
GR – jeer*
IC – icy
II – Aye-aye
IL – aisle, isle
IV – ivy
JL – jail
K9 – canine
KG – cagey
KL – kale
KR – care
L8 – elate
LO – hello
ME – Emmy
MT – empty
N2 – into
N8 – innate
NE – any
NR – inner
NS – anise*, anus*
NT – auntie*
NV – envy
NX – annex
OK – okay
OL – oil, oh well
PL – peel, peal
PR – peer*, pier*
PP – pee pee
QP – Kewpie
QT – cutie
R8 – orate*, rate*, aerate*
RG – orgy*
RT – arty
S6 – Essex
SA – essay
SX – Essex

TL – teal
TP – teepee
U8 – you wait
UA – you weigh
UH – you wage*
UL – you will, you well, yule
UR – your*, you're*
VL – veal
VU – view
XL – excel
XM – exam
XS – excess
YL – while
ZL – zeal

Three-Character Grams:

2BS – dubious
4CR – foreseer
4FR – forever
4N6 – forensics
4NR – foreigner
6SR – successor
6UL – sexual*
8ND – attendee
10S – Tennis
AGN – Agean
AV8 – aviate
BUT – beauty
DV8 – deviate
DVS – devious
JMN – jammin'*
KRN – caring
LMO – Alamo
LOG – elegy
MN8 – emanate
MR8 – emirate
N4S – enforce*
NDN – Indian
NE1 – anyone
NME – enemy
NRG – energy
NTT – entity
NVS – envious

ODS – odious
OP8 – opiate
OPM – opium
PNO – piano
R8R – orator
SKP – escapee
SN9 – asinine
TDS – tedious
VDO – video
XLN – excellent*
XMN – examine
XP8 – expiate
XTC – ecstasy
2M8O – tomato*
10SE – Tennessee
AV8R – aviator
DV8R – deviator
DVNC – deviancy
EDBD – itty-bitty
U4EA – euphoria*
LMN8 – eliminate
MSRE – emissary
N4SR – enforcer*
NMNE – anemone
NVDS – invidious
QS10 – question*
RKDN – Arcadian
XLNC – Excellency
XLR8 – accelerate, exhilarate
XMNR – examiner
XP8R – expiator
YLU8 – while-you-wait
CNMNE – sea anemone
LMN8R – eliminator
NSTZA – anesthesia
OBDNC – obediency*
SNTLE – essentially*
XFSEO – ex officio
XLR8R – accelerator
XPDNC – expediency

Proper Names:

B – Bea
D – Dee
J – Jay
K – Kay, Kaye
Z – Zee
BL – Beale, Bill
EN – Ian
EV – Evie
GG – Gigi
IV – Ivy
JC – JaiCi
JN – Jane
KC – Casey
KN – Cain
KT – Katie
LC – Elsie
LE – Ellie
LS – Alice, Ellis
LX – Alex
ME – Emmy
MN – Ammon
NE – Annie
NS – Innes
OB – Obi
OP – Opie
PT – Petey
RT – Artie
UG – Yugi
KRN – Karen
LSN – Allison, Ellison
MLE – Emily
MNM – Eminem
OB1 – Obi-Wan
UGO – Yu-Gi-Oh
XAVR – Xavier

Some longer phrases:

I12BA6S – I want to be a success.

4FRNFR – Forever and ever.

4U2PN – For you to pee in. (written on outhouse wall)

I1NME – I won an Emmy.

OICURMT - Oh, I see you are empty. (classic)

OICUR2MT4T – Oh, I see you are too empty for tea. (british version)