

The Quick Brown Fox Jumps over the Lazy Dog

"The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" is known as a "pangram" – a sentence that contains all the letters of the alphabet. The phrase is commonly used for:

- typing practice;
- testing computer keyboards;
- displaying examples of fonts;
- other applications where all the letters of the alphabet are desired to be shown.

The earliest known appearance of the phrase was in The Boston Journal on February 9th, 1885. The phrase is mentioned as being "good practice for writing".

As the use of typewriters grew in the late 19th century, the phrase also started to appear in typing lesson books as a recommended practice sentence.

In the age of computers, this pangram is commonly used to display font samples and for testing computer keyboards.

With 35 letters, this is not the shortest pangram. Shorter examples include:

- Quick brown foxes jump over the lazy dog. (32 letters)
- Pack my box with five dozen liquor jugs. (32 letters)
- Jackdaws love my big sphinx of quartz. (31 letters)
- The five boxing wizards jump quickly. (31 letters)
- How vexingly quick daft zebras jump. (30 letters)
- Sphinx of black quartz, judge my vow. (29 letters)
- Waltz, bad nymph, for quick jigs vex. (28 letters)

If abbreviations and non-dictionary words are allowed, it is possible to create a perfect pangram that uses each letter only once. For example:

- Mr. Jock, TV quiz PhD, bags few lynx.

English isn't the only language for which pangrams have been created. For example, the "Thousand Character Classic" is a Chinese poem which is used for teaching Chinese characters to children. It contains exactly one thousand characters, each used only once, arranged into 250 lines of four characters each, and grouped into four-line rhyming stanzas, to facilitate easy memorization:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9zQoo9Ug9Q> (15 mins)

Portuguese Pangrams (Pangramas Portugueses)

Pangrams which don't use the letters 'k', 'w' e 'y' (before the "Novo Acordo Ortográfico"):

- Jovem ex-quenga picha frase da Blitz. (30 letters)
- Blitz prende ex-vesgo com cheque fajuto. (33 letters)
- Jovem craque belga prediz falhas no xote. (34 letters)
- Um pequeno jabuti xereta viu dez cegonhas felizes. (42 letters)
- Gazeta publica hoje breve nota de faxina na quermesse. (46 letters)

Pangrams which use all 26 letters of the alphabet (after the "Novo Acordo Ortográfico"):

- Quem traz CD, LP, fax, engov e whisky JB? (29 letters)
- Jane quer LP, fax, CD, giz, TV e bom whisky. (30 letters)
- TV faz quengo explodir com whisky JB. (30 letters)
- Vejo xá gritando que fez show sem playback. (35 letters)
- Todo pajé vulgar faz boquinha sexy com kiwi. (36 letters)
- Vi que ex-janota gordo fez show com playback. (36 letters)
- Já fiz vinho com toque de kiwi para belga sexy. (37 letters)
- Bancos fúteis pagavam-lhe queijo, whisky e xadrez. (41 letters)

Pangrams which include accented letters:

- Juiz faz com que whisky de malte baixe logo preço de venda. (47 letters, includes cedilla)
- Dê já multa ao punk sexy que fez viação chegar à web. (41 letters, includes examples of each accent, but not examples of all accented letters)
- Só juíza chata não vê câmara frágil e dá kiwi à ré sexy que pôs ações em baú. (59 letters, includes all accented letters)

Other languages

Spanish: El veloz murciélago hindu comia feliz cardillo y kiwi.

Italian: Pranzo d'acqua fa volti sghembi. (*the letters j, k, w, y and x are not native to Italian*)

French : Portez ce vieux whisky au juge blond qui fume.

German: Zwölf Boxkämpfer jagen Viktor quer über den großen Sylter Deich.

Polish: Stróż pchnął kość w quiz gędźb vel fax myjń.