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The quick brown fox jumps over a lazy dog

Kids—a **pangram** is a sentence that uses every letter in the English alphabet at least once. The word *pangram* comes to us from Greek and means “all letters.” “The quick brown fox jumps over a lazy dog” pangram first appeared with the invention of the typewriter in the 1870’s. It was used in typing and stenography books as a practice sentence and in other skills that required learning an action for each letter such as sign language, Braille, and signaling.

Today this pangram is used for type face examples, and to display fonts that are installed on our computers. Using all the letters in a sentence gives people a better impression of how the letters of a font work together rather than just a list of the alphabet in order from A to Z.

Constructing a sentence that contains all the letters of the alphabet is challenging. People who like to have fun with words add to the challenge by using the fewest repeat letters possible. “The quick brown fox jumps over a lazy dog” is by far the best known pangram. Often however, it is misquoted by changing “jumps” to “jumped.” The past tense version lacks an “s” and is not a pangram. It is also misquoted as “the lazy dog” rather than “a lazy dog.” While this version remains a pangram, it is a slightly longer one.

Have some fun with the “quick brown fox” pangram.

- How many letters are in this pangram?
- Which letters are repeated?
- How many times are they repeated?
- Write a pangram of your own!



a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

There are 33 letters in the “brown fox” pangram. Repeated letters are a2 e2 o4 u2 r2



2009 Lincoln Bicentennial One Cent Program

Kids—be on the look-out for the 3rd design in the Lincoln penny series, “**Professional Life in Illinois.**”

This coin image shows Abraham Lincoln standing outside the Illinois legislature, reminding us of his career in law and politics before he ran for the presidency.

Hawai’i

KIDS Here are some cool facts about Hawai’i. **Amaze** your friends with your knowledge of our 50th State.

Hawai’i is

- the southernmost state in the U.S.
- from east to west it is the widest state



It is the only state that

- is not geographically located in North America
- grows coffee
- is completely surrounded by water
- has a royal palace
- does not have a straight line in its state boundary



Hawai’i is

- the most isolated population center on the face of the earth
- provides more than 1/3 of the commercial supply of pineapples



Language

There are only 12 letters in the Hawai’ian alphabet. Vowels are very important. Each one is pronounced distinctly.

vowels A E I O U
consonants H K L M N P W