

20 facts about the Scrabble word list

NWL2023 is the word list used in North American Scrabble tournaments and clubs. We counted through all 196,601 words.

196,601 words in the list, from AA to ZZZ.

1,085 three-letter words.

9.0 letters: the average word length.

139 words have no A, E, I, O or U:
C₃ W₄ M₃ N₁ T₁ H₄

2,248 words use all five vowels. The shortest:
S₁ E₁ Q₁₀ U₁ O₁ I₁ A₁

9.55% of all letters are S, but the bag has only 4 S tiles.

12 words from the letters of SPARE, the biggest family:
S₁ P₃ A₁ R₁ E₁
S₁ P₃ E₁ A₁ R₁

4,671 words start with UN-.

14,081 words end in -ING.

30 points for Z₁₀ Z₁₀ Z₁₀ at face value, the top three-letter word (it needs blanks).

107 two-letter words, such as Q₁₀ I₁
Z₁₀ A₁ X₈ U₁

31,736 8-letter words: the biggest group of all.

64 words have a Q with no U after it:
Q₁₀ I₁ Q₁₀ A₁ T₁

115 palindromes of 3+ letters. The longest have 7: R₁ E₁ V₄ I₁ V₄ E₁ R₁

11.46% of all letters are E, the most common letter.

0.16% of all letters are Q, the rarest.

7,340 words start with RE-.

25,043 words end in -ES: about one in eight.

11 points each for Q₁₀ I₁ and Z₁₀ A₁, the best two-letter words.

51 points for RAZZAMATAZZES at face value: the highest-scoring word in the list.

Scores are face values with standard tile values, no premium squares. Counts: UnscrambleX analysis of NWL2023. More: unscramblex.com/nwl-dictionary-statistics