



## Brain teasers

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3. What is the longest word that is typed with only one hand?
4. Name a word that contains the letter combination “uu”, other than “vacuum.”

## Answers

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WiFi = Wireless + Fidelity

Netizen = Internet + Citizen

Goodbye = God + Be (with) + Ye

Chortle = Chuckle + Snort

Emoticon = Emotion + Icon

Fort night = Fourteen + Night

Ginormous = Giant + Enormous

Glitz = Glamour + Ritz

2. Which letter of the alphabet does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of elements?

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3. What is the longest word that is typed with only one hand?

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4. Name a word that contains the letter combination “*uu*”, other than “vacuum.”  
Muumu, Continuum, Duvirate, and Residuum