

Something you may not know...

What Is the Longest Word in English?

Source: Reader's Digest

Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolc

The longest word in the Oxford English Dictionary is 45 letters long. According to the OED, this synonym for silicosis was coined in the 1930s as a jab at overly-complicated medical terms.

45 letters long

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

The longest well-known nonsense word is 34 letters. According to Oxford the fanciful adjective means "extraordinarily good."

34 letters long

Antidisestablishmentarianism

The longest non-coined, non-technical word published in multiple dictionaries is 28 letters long. It used to refer a 19th-century political party opposed to the disestablishment of the Church of England.

28 letters long

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